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### Frank Snowden Awarded Gustav Ranis International Book Prize by The MacMillan Center

May 1, 2007. New Haven, CT – Frank Snowden, Professor of History and History of Medicine, has been awarded the Gustav Ranis International Book Prize by the MacMillan Center for his book, *The Conquest of Malaria: Italy, 1900-1962* (Yale University Press, 2006).

Established in spring 2005, the MacMillan Center awards the Gustav Ranis International Book Prize each year for the best book on an international topic by a member of the Yale ladder faculty. Gustav Ranis, the Frank Altschul Professor Emeritus of International Economics, is the former Henry R. Luce Director of the MacMillan Center. Award recipients receive a research appointment at the MacMillan Center, and a \$10,000 research award over two years.

In *The Conquest of Malaria*, Professor Snowden demonstrates how important malaria was to modern Italian history, including the two world wars, the fascist period and its aftermath. He also shows how approaching malaria with an eye to its entangled social, biological, and environmental roots illuminates the course of the disease, its surges and eventual eradication in Italy in 1962. The story that he tells remains thoroughly relevant today, amid the ongoing struggle against malaria worldwide.

“The MacMillan Center established the book prize to stimulate scholarship in international fields by honoring outstanding accomplishments,” said Ian Shapiro, the Henry R. Luce Director of the MacMillan Center. “Elegantly written and grounded in rigorous original research, Professor Snowden’s book traces the complex political and cultural processes by which Italy developed an anti-malaria campaign that became a model for the rest of the world.”

Previous Gustav Ranis International Book Prize winners include (2006) Keller Easterling, Assistant Professor of Architecture, for *Enduring Innocence: Global Architecture and Its Political Masquerades* and (2005) Robert Harms, Professor of History, for *The Diligent: A Voyage Through the Worlds of the Slave Trade*.

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