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Ian Shapiro to Head the Yale Center for International and Area Studies

March 5, 2004. New Haven, CT ◆ Yale University President Richard C. Levin has announced the appointment of Ian Shapiro as the Henry R. Luce Director of the Yale Center for International and Area Studies (YCIAS), for a term of five years, beginning July 1, 2004.

Shapiro is The William R. Kenan, Jr. Professor of Political Science and the current chair of the department.

"Professor Shapiro brings to his new position twenty years of experience in the University as scholar, teacher and senior administrator," Levin said.

A native of South Africa, Shapiro received his undergraduate degree in 1978 from Bristol University in England. He earned M.Phil. (1980) and Ph.D. (1983) degrees in political science from Yale University and a J.D. from the Yale Law School in 1987. An expert on distributive politics, he joined Yale's faculty in 1984 and became a full professor in 1992. His research interests include the methodologies of the social sciences, theories of justice and democracy, the relations between democracy and the distribution of income and wealth and the prospects for sustainable democracy in the post-communist world and sub-Saharan Africa. He is the author of "The Evolution of Rights in Liberal Theory," "Political Criticism," "Democracy's Place," "Democratic Justice," "The Moral Foundations of Politics" and "The State of Democratic Theory." With his Yale colleague Donald Green, he co-authored "Pathologies of Rational Choice Theory."

A Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, Shapiro has also been a Fellow of the Carnegie Corporation, the Guggenheim Foundation and the Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences in Palo Alto. He has held visiting appointments at Nuffield College, Oxford, and the University of Cape Town. He has lectured in many parts of the world and his scholarship has been translated into nine languages.

After serving as Director of the Program in Ethics, Politics and Economics for seven years, he assumed the chairmanship of Political Science in January, 1999. Shortly after becoming chair, Shapiro and his colleagues in the political science department made major changes in the structure of the department, leading to a number of new appointments and substantially increased course offerings.

"He has led the department with exceptional distinction," noted President Levin.

In announcing Shapiro's appointment, President Levin also announced that William Foltz, H. J. Heinz Professor of African Studies and Political Science, had been named Acting Chair of the

Department of Political Science for the 2004–2005 academic year, serving out the remainder of Shapiro's term, which was to have run through June 30, 2005,

Shapiro replaces Gustav Ranis as the Henry R. Luce Director of YCIAS, a position he has occupied for eight and a half years.

"He has encouraged YCIAS to become a vital hub of activity and vastly increased the resources available for its support," Levin said of Ranis's tenure. "For his tireless efforts and his university citizenship, we owe Gus Ranis an immense debt of gratitude," he added.

The Yale Center for International and Area Studies is the University's principal agency for encouraging and coordinating teaching and research on international affairs and societies and cultures around the world. The Center seeks to make understanding the world outside the borders of the U.S., and America's role in the world, an integral part of the liberal education and professional training at Yale University. It provides opportunities for scholarly research and intellectual innovation; encourages interchange between faculty and students; brings international education and training to teaching professionals, the media, businesses and the community at large; sponsors more than 500 lectures, conferences, workshops and other activities each year; and produces a range of academic publications.

YCIAS includes 25 research and educational affiliates specializing in interdisciplinary and comparative studies of world regions. The Center also administers six undergraduate majors and four Master's degree programs enrolling roughly 250 students a year and supports additional courses across the University.

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