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Keller Easterling Awarded Gustav Ranis International Book Prize by The MacMillan Center

May 17, 2006. New Haven, CT – Keller Easterling, Assistant Professor of Architecture, has been awarded the Gustav Ranis International Book Prize by The MacMillan Center for her book, *Enduring Innocence: Global Architecture and Its Political Masquerades*.

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 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.

Keller Easterling's *Enduring Innocence: Global Architecture and Its Political Masquerades* provides a stunning account of many new "spatial products" built in the late-20th and early-21st centuries, including golf courses, greenhouses, cruise ships, airports, information technology campuses, and other sites frequently ignored by critics or depicted in only the most general terms. A skilled analyst and a scholar of global culture attuned to labor migrations, political debates, and patterns of consumption, Easterling forces readers to grapple with distant locales from North Korea to Sarajevo, and from Southern Spain to the People's Republic of China. In the process, she assembles a theoretically-engaged portrait of contemporary conflicts driven by both government officials and non-state actors.

"We are very pleased to honor Keller Easterling with the Gustav Ranis Prize," said Ian Shapiro, the Henry R. Luce Director of The MacMillan Center. "The MacMillan Center established the book prize to stimulate scholarship in international fields by honoring outstanding accomplishments. Professor Easterling's convincing account of a world created by bureaucrats, pirates, international investors, migrant workers, and others deserves wide attention."

In fall 2005, The MacMillan Center awarded the Gustav Ranis International Book Prize to Robert Harms for *The Diligent: A Voyage Through the Worlds of the Slave Trade*.

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