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### INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER

**James Neal**

I have the honor of introducing our opening speaker today. He is Patrick O'Meara, PhD, Indiana University Political Science. He is currently Dean of International Programs at Indiana University. He has served in that position since 1993; previously he was Director of the African Studies Program. He is also Professor of Political Science and Professor in our School of Public and Environmental Affairs. He has published extensively on the African continent. His books include, African Independence: the First 25 Years, edited with Gwendolen Carter, published by Hutchinson Press and IU Press in 1985. He also edited with Gwendolen Carter, International Politics in Southern Africa, and most recently he edited with Phyllis Martin, the third edition of the textbook, Africa; 1995 is the new edition. It has been adopted by more than 70 universities and colleges across the United States. He is called upon frequently to participate in nationwide television programs. He has appeared on the McNeil-Lehrer News Hour, CBS, the Voice of America, and National Public Radio among others. He has testified before the House Foreign Relations Committee of the US Congress on African affairs. He was the project director for the film, Living Africa: A Village Experience. This film about life in a Senegalese village was funded by NEH and was a finalist at the New York Film Festival. He also co-chaired my search committee. Dr. O'Meara is a distinguished international scholar. He is an outstanding academic administrator, and perhaps most importantly, he is a library friend and advocate. It is an honor to introduce and welcome my colleague and friend, Dean Patrick O'Meara.