Prewitt Rejoins CASBS Board

Kenneth Prewitt, Carnegie Professor of Public Policy at Columbia University, has been appointed to the board of trustees of the Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences (CASBS), effective September 1, 2007. He was a CASBS Fellow in 1983-84, and was formerly a trustee from 1985–1991.

He has taught at the University of Chicago, Stanford University, Washington University, the University of Nairobi, and Makerere University (Uganda). In 2001-2002 he was also the dean of the Graduate Faculty at the New School University.

Prewitt has had a long professional career outside the classroom. Previous positions include director of the United States Census Bureau, director of the National Opinion Research Center, president of the Social Science Research Council, and senior vice president of the Rockefeller Foundation. He is a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the American Academy of Political and Social Science, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and the Russell-Sage Foundation. He has received a Guggenheim Fellowship, honorary degrees from Carnegie Mellon and Southern Methodist University, a Distinguished Service Award from the New School for Social Research, various awards associated with his directorship of the Census Bureau, and in 1990 he was awarded the Officer’s Cross of the Order of Merit from the Federal Republic of Germany.


“We are delighted that Ken will again be part of our leadership team,” said Claude Steele, CASBS director. “His rich and varied career makes him an outstanding resource for the Center.”

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