Distinguished Fellow Citation

Professor Donald E. Moggridge is a Fellow of Trinity College, member of the Graduate Faculty and Professor of Economics at the University of Toronto. After receiving his B.A. (Hon.) from Toronto, he undertook his graduate study at the University of Cambridge where we received his M.A. and his Ph.D. Working under the supervision of Richard Kahn, he completed his dissertation in economic history and began a distinguished career as a monetary historian and historian of financial crises. His first book, The Return to Gold, 1925: the Formulation of Economic Policy and its Critics was published before he received his doctorate.

Working in a long and distinguished tradition of economists at the University of Toronto, Professor Moggridge would ultimately bridge the disciplines of economic history and the history of economic thought. Working largely, although not exclusively, in the interwar period in Britain, Professor Moggridge has published more than 25 refereed articles, numerous chapters and essays in books, and has edited 30 books, including The Collected Papers of James Meade, volume IV, The Cabinet Office Diaries, 1944-46 and The Wartime Diaries of Lionel Robbins and James Meade, both with Susan Howson. He is also the biographer of Harry Johnson. Perhaps drawing from his conjoined interests in economic history, economic policy, and the history of economic thought, Professor Moggridge has become our most eloquent advocate of the importance of the art of biography to understanding the work and ideas of economists. His early, "small" biography of John Maynard Keynes, first published in 1976, has run to three editions and has been translated into five languages. His later, "large" biography of Keynes, published in 1992, remains the definitive account of Keynes's work as an economist.

But above all else, Professor Moggridge is known for his work as an editor of John Maynard Keynes's Collected Writings. He served for twenty one years as a joint editor of the Collected Writings, thirteen years as the joint managing editor. He was responsible for the production of twenty four of the thirty volumes, including the editions of the Tract, the Treatise, and the General Theory. There is no modern edition of the works of an important economist that is so large, so thorough, or so well-produced. The thirty volumes of the Collected Writings are the premier editorial edition produced in our field in the twentieth century and will be the definitive primary source for scholars of Keynes for many generations. The several volumes of correspondence and papers from Keynes's policy work will, likewise, be resources for historians of twentieth century Britain for many generations. Professor Moggridge's work in this area is unparalleled.

It is with great pleasure that we name Donald E. Moggridge a Distinguished Fellow of the History of Economics Society.

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