

NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS

DISTINGUISHED FELLOW OF THE HISTORY OF ECONOMICS SOCIETY

WARREN J. SAMUELS

Professor Warren J. Samuels was made a Distinguished Fellow of the History of Economics Society on June 22, 1997 at the twenty-fourth annual meeting at Charleston, South Carolina. Samuels is a teacher, mentor, co-author and friend of many members of the History of Economics Society. Educated at the University of Miami and the University of Wisconsin, he taught briefly at the University of Missouri, Georgia State College, and the University of Miami, then spent most of his career at Michigan State University.

Professor Samuels's numerous scholarly contributions include four books, 20 edited collections, and some 200 articles on subjects spanning the discipline of economics. Among these works a substantial share treat the history of economic thought. Here his writings range from his seminal work on Physiocratic economic theory to the Chicago School. He has written on the contributions of various individual economists, including Smith, Malthus, Marx, Jevons, Edgeworth, Pareto, Weiser, Marshall, Knight, Keynes, Joan Robinson, Schumpeter, and Hicks, with special attention paid to American Institutionalists—Ayres, Commons, Means, and Veblen. He has published on the classical theory of economic policy, the historiography and sociology of the economics, and economic thought and discourse in the twentieth century. Two nominators remarked that "the sheer breadth of his work is perhaps unsurpassed among contemporary historians of economics. As impressive as the range of his contributions is their richness and breadth of perspective. Warren brings to bear on his work an enormous arsenal of accumulated human capital from subjects including sociology, political theory, discourse analysis, legal theory, history and philosophy."

Samuels was one of the founders of the History of Economics Society and served as our President in 1981-82. He has also been president of the Association for Social Economics (1988) and the Economics Society of Michigan (1972-73). In 1995, the Association for Evolutionary Economics conferred their highest honor on him, the Veblen-Commons Award, and Michigan State University recognized him with the Distinguished Faculty Award in 1993.

But Warren Samuels is more than a list of entries on his curriculum vitae. Those who know him best, understand that he “has always made it his personal responsibility to encourage and nurture those who had an interest in and a commitment to the history of economic thought. This is important to any field but especially important in the history of economic thought and methodology.” Yet it must be emphasized “that Warren’s contribution and service to younger scholars is not just motivated by his deep interest and involvement in the history and nature of economic ideas. It is ultimately a reflection of the decency and humanity of this particular individual. Time and encouragement given to young scholars comes from Warren, because he is an unselfish and kind person.” Who better to be named a Distinguished Fellow of the History of Economics Society than “the rare, caring individual who can be both scholar and friend?”

James P. Henderson, Chair
Distinguished Fellow Nominating Committee

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HISTORY OF ECONOMICS SOCIETY
ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE
TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING
AND CALL FOR PAPERS

The twenty-fifth annual meeting of the History of Economics Society will be held June 19-22, 1998 at the University of Quebec at Montreal in the heart of Montreal, Canada. Proposals on all aspects of history of economic thought and methodology are invited. All persons wishing to organize a session or present a paper should submit a proposal and a short abstract of less than 200 words, preferably by e-mail, by February 1, 1998, to President Elect David Colander:

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When submitting proposals for complete sessions, full abstracts of papers, as distinct from a short description of the session theme, are not necessary. The titles will suffice. To encourage maximum interaction, whenever possible individual paper presenters are encouraged to suggest a discussant whom they believe will be attending the meetings, or to contact that person themselves.