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UNCG Economist Named to United Nations Commission

GREENSBORO – Dr. Albert N. Link, professor of Economics at the Bryan School of Business and Economics at The University of North Carolina at Greensboro, is to serve on a United Nations Commission.

Link will be the U.S. representative on the U.N. Economic Commission for Europe where he will join a team of experts to evaluate the innovation and competitiveness policies of the European Union. He will also be the spokesperson for U.S. innovation policy.

In addition to the U.N. appointment, Link has been named vice-chairperson for the Commission's policy initiative. He will assist in formulating an agenda of international policy issues.

The Commission's meetings will be held at the U.N. Mission in Geneva, Switzerland, beginning this summer.

Link is an accomplished researcher in the field of innovation policy that uses economic theory and empirical analyses to evaluate the implications of science and technology. He has been an advisor to the National Academy of Sciences and has served as an advisor on science and technology to the governments of Austria, Canada, France, Germany, Korea and New Zealand.

Link is the author of more than 100 academic publications and close to 30 books. His most recent book, "Innovation, Entrepreneurship, and Technological Change," will be published in July by Oxford University Press.

Link came to UNCG in 1982 and received the University Research Excellence Award in 2000. He has served as both head of the Department of Economics and director of the MBA Program.

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