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Campbellsville University KHIPP speaker to discuss ‘The State of the United Nations’

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CAMPBELLSVILLE, Ky. – Dr. John D. Stempel, senior professor of international relations at the University of Kentucky’s Patterson School of Diplomacy and International Commerce, will speak at Campbellsville University Thursday, Sept. 16 at 5 p.m. in the Banquet Hall of the Badgett Academic Support Center, 110 University Drive, Campbellsville.

Stempel will speak on “The State of the United Nations: The Relevancy of its Role in Today’s World.”

Stempel’s speech is a part of the Kentucky Heartland Institute on Public Policy (KHIPP) established by John Chowning, vice president for church and external relations and executive assistant to the president.

Chowning said KHIPP focuses its attention on “facilitating public policy study and issues debate, while encouraging the involvement of Christian leaders in the public and civic arenas.”

He said KHIPP is committed to preparing Christian civic and political leaders for the 21st century.

“KHIPP invites you, the concerned citizen and student of the American political process, to attend one or more events to be presented this fall on the campus of Campbellsville University,” he said.

Stempel was director of UK's Patterson School of Diplomacy and International Commerce from 1993 to 2003. He served as associate director from 1988 to 1993, coming to UK following a 24-year career in the United States Foreign Service.

Author of the 2008 book, "Common Sense and Foreign Policy," he also consults on cross-cultural negotiation and homeland security issues.

Focusing on political and economic affairs, he had overseas assignments in Africa (Guinea, Burundi, Zambia), Iran and India, concluding with three years as U.S. Consul General in Madras, where he quadrupled United States commercial collaboration with South India.

His Middle East service (1975-79) in Tehran provided much of the material for his book, "Inside the Iranian Revolution," just republished in a second edition.

His Washington assignments featured duty for both the State and Defense Departments, including a two-year tour as director of the State Department's Crisis Center.

He had two teaching stints at George Washington and American Universities, plus two years as "Diplomat in Residence" at the United States Naval Academy, Annapolis.

He was a member of the New York Council on Foreign Relations and the Georgetown College Board of Trustees.

Stempel can be found in Who's Who in America and Who's Who in the World.

His bachelor of arts degree is from Princeton University with his master of arts and Ph.D. from the University of California at Berkeley.

Stempel is married to Susan Hodgetts Stempel of Lexington; they three daughters, Amy, Alix and Jill.

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