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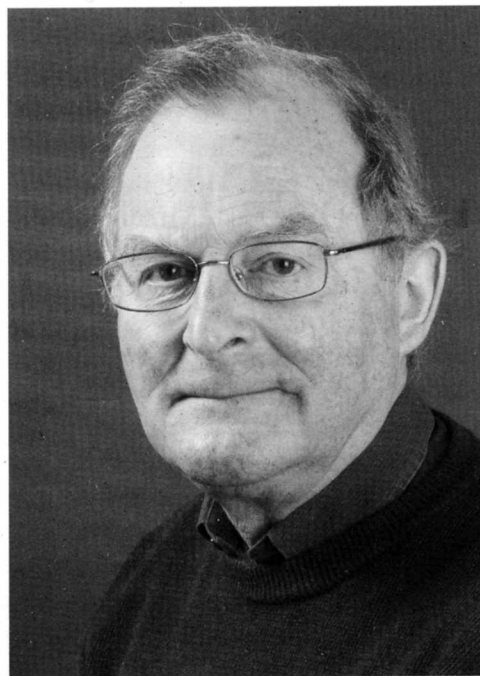
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## Tom Garvin Named Burns Scholar

Professor Tom Garvin is the Burns Library Visiting Scholar in Irish Studies for the 2006-2007 academic year. Professor of Politics in the School of Politics and International Relations at University College Dublin, Garvin is a fellow of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Washington D.C. and a member of the Royal Irish Academy. Garvin has authored a number of critically acclaimed books and articles on nationalism as an international phenomenon as well as Irish political history and economic development. His books include *1922: The Birth of Irish Democracy* (1996), *Nationalist Revolutionaries in Ireland* (1987) and *The Evolution of Irish Nationalist Politics* (1983). His most recent book, the bestselling *Preventing the Future: Why was Ireland so poor for so long?* (2004), examines the economic stagnation and cultural repression that characterized Ireland from the mid 1930s to 1960. Garvin argues that while external factors contributed to the malaise of the period, internal circumstances and choices were the principal cause of Ireland's social and economic drift.

While at Boston College he will teach an undergraduate seminar on the comparative politics of nationalism and a graduate colloquium. The undergraduate course looks at some major political events and processes over the past three centuries in Ireland; an underlying theme will be the dialectic



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tic between violent and non-violent ways of approaching the solution of problems in Ireland. The graduate course examines the worldwide phenomenon of nationalism. Garvin begins by tracing the development of nationalist political thought from the eighteenth century onward, with some backward looks at classical and biblical precedents with particular attention to recent theories of nationalism, neo-Marxist theories, dependency theory and theories of nation-building.

