



# THE PATRICK O'MEARA INTERNATIONAL LECTURE

Honoring Indiana University's first  
Vice President for International Affairs  
for his distinguished service to IU  
in support of international engagement

## INAUGURAL LECTURE

**November 9, 2011**

4 p.m.

Whittenberger Auditorium  
Indiana Memorial Union  
IU Bloomington

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from Indiana, U.S. ambassador  
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## THE LECTURE

The Patrick O'Meara International Lecture honors and celebrates Patrick O'Meara's service to IU and continues his legacy of enriching international engagement on campus, by bringing international thinkers and scholars of note to IU to share their ideas with the university community.

## PATRICK O'MEARA

Patrick O'Meara is Indiana University's ambassador to the world. First as a faculty member in the Department of Political Science and Director of the African Studies Program, then as Dean of International Programs, and finally as IU's first Vice President for International Affairs, O'Meara has raised the caliber of international studies at IU, supported IU's impressive range of Title VI-funded language and culture centers, administered numerous international assistance programs, and expanded opportunities for international engagement by IU faculty and students abroad. More than anyone else at IU, O'Meara has ensured that, as Herman B Wells insisted, "the campus of Indiana University . . . encompasses the four corners of the globe."

While Vice President for International Affairs, O'Meara provided a capstone for his years of work at IU with the university-wide International Strategic Plan. This was a call for recruiting international students and faculty, expanding opportunities for IU students abroad, increasing research and exchange agreements with universities around the world, and heightening global literacy among the citizens of Indiana.

O'Meara personifies the international scholar. The author and editor of numerous books and articles about African politics, globalization, and international education, O'Meara has been honored with awards from Spain, Poland, Thailand, and Hungary, and has received several of IU's highest honors, including the Thomas Hart Benton Medal and the IU Distinguished Service Award.