April 15-17, 2002

Alan Blinder, professor of economics at Princeton University, will present the 2002 Arthur M. Okun Lecture Series Monday-Wednesday, April 15-17.

He will discuss his views on monetary policy from his perspective as a leading economic theorist and as former vice chair of the Federal Reserve Board under Alan Greenspan. The series of three lectures will be held 4-6 p.m. in Rm. 114 in Sheffield-Sterling-Strathcona Hall, corner of Grove and Prospect streets. A reception will follow each lecture in the Economics Common Room, 28 Hillhouse Ave.

Blinder is the Gordon S. Rentschler Memorial Professor of Economics and co-director of the Center for Economic Policy Studies at Princeton, where he has taught since 1971. He is also vice chair of the G7 Group, a political and economic advisory firm.

Before serving on the Federal Reserve Board 1994-1996, Blinder was a member of President Clinton’s original Council of Economic Advisers 1993-1994. He was in charge of the administration’s macroeconomic forecasting and worked on budget, international trade and health care issues.

Blinder is the author or co-author of 12 books, including the textbook "Economics: Principles and Policy," now in its seventh edition. He has also written scores of scholarly articles on such topics as fiscal policy, monetary policy and the distribution of incomes, and was a monthly columnist for Business Week magazine.