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Donald F. Kettl: Robert A. Fox Leadership Professor

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Dr. Donald F. Kettl, professor in the department of political science, has been named the Robert A. Fox Leadership Professor, SAS Dean Rebecca W. Bushnell has announced. Dr. Kettl is also director of Penn's Fels Institute of Government. His research primarily focuses on public policy and public management. He previously held the Stanley I. Sheerr Endowed Term Professorship in the Social Sciences.

Dr. Kettl has written and edited a dozen books and monographs, including *On Risk and Disaster: Lessons from Hurricane Katrina* and *The Global Public Management Revolution*. He has appeared on national television shows ranging from *Good Morning America* to public television's *News Hour*, and he has contributed to op-ed pages in major newspapers, including *The New York Times* and *The Chicago Tribune*. Since 1998 he has written a regular column for *Governing* magazine called "Potomac Chronicle," which is read by leading state and local government officials around the country. Dr. Kettl has also consulted for a broad array of public organizations and has advised the White House during both Republican and Democratic administrations.

Two of Dr. Kettl's books, *System under Stress: Homeland Security and American Politics* and *The Transformation of Governance: Public Administration for the 21st Century*, have been co-winners of the Louis Brownlow Book Award of the National Academy of Public Administration. He is also the recipient of the Warner W. Stockberger Achievement Award from the International Public Management Association for Human Resources and the Donald C. Stone Award and Charles H. Levine Memorial Award from the American Society for Public Administration.

Prior to his appointment at Penn, Dr. Kettl taught at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Vanderbilt University, the University of Virginia and Columbia University. He received his bachelor's and doctorate degrees from Yale University and is a fellow of Phi Beta Kappa and the National Academy of Public Administration.

The Robert A. Fox Leadership Professorship is one of three chairs established by Robert A. Fox, C '52, and his wife Penny Grossman Fox, Ed '53, in association with the Robert A. Fox Leadership Program. Mr. Fox is the chairman and CEO of R.A.F. Industries Inc., a private investment company that owns and manages a diversified group of operating companies and venture capital investments. He is an emeritus trustee at Penn and serves on the Penn Medicine Board of Trustees and the Athletics Board of Overseers. In 1999, he received the Alumni Award of Merit, the highest award presented by Penn Alumni, given in recognition of outstanding service to the University. Mrs. Fox serves on the boards of the Philadelphia Museum of Art, the Moore College of Art and Design and the Pennsylvania Ballet. In addition to founding and endowing the Fox Program, the Foxes support a variety of areas of the

University, including Penn Medicine, athletics, undergraduate financial aid, and student life with the establishment of the Bob and Penny Fox Student Art Gallery in Logan Hall.

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