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UST Presents Former University of St. Thomas President Joseph McFadden speaking on "The Celtic Tiger"

WHAT: The Center for Irish Studies Cultural Outreach Forum and The Irish Society present Dr. Joseph McFadden, UST professor of history and president emeritus, discussing "The Celtic Tiger."

WHEN: 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 1, 2007

WHERE: Cullen Hall, 4001 Mt. Vernon
University of St. Thomas
Parking: Moran Center, 3807 Graustark at W. Alabama

BACKGROUND: The Celtic Tiger was an economic boom for the Irish state, as well as an economic revolution precipitated by Ireland's induction into a globalized economy. McFadden's presentation will focus on the most important factors that account for the success of the Celtic Tiger, as well as highlight the extent of economic improvement under the Celtic Tiger. McFadden also will present a "micro" study of just how the Celtic Tiger works today. Ireland has targeted shipping/logistics as a new industry. Through interviews with those involved in maritime development and prospective clients in that industry, McFadden will illustrate how the factors that led to Ireland's success operate in the transnational market. The lecture will conclude with McFadden's suggestion that the success of the Irish Celtic Tiger provides a model for other developing nations.

A reception will follow in Doherty Library, hosted by the Friends of Doherty Library.

COST: Free and open to the public. No RSVP or tickets sold; first-come, first-served.

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