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US STUDIES CENTRE APPOINTS CEO

Chairman of the Board of Directors of the US Studies Centre at the University of Sydney, Mr Malcolm Binks today announced the appointment of Dr Geoffrey Garrett as its Chief Executive Officer.

“Dr Garrett brings an extraordinary depth and breadth of knowledge and experience to the US Studies Centre. In a Presidential election year, we will have at the Centre a leading political scientist and commentator to interpret the outcomes for Australians” said Mr Binks.

Dr Garrett, a distinguished academic with strong policy and business links in the United States, Australia and Asia is currently President of the Pacific Council on International Policy and Professor of International Relations, Business Administration, Communication and Law at the University of Southern California. Dr Garrett’s previous positions include founding Dean of the UCLA International Institute, professorships at Stanford and Yale universities, and fellow in politics at Oxford University.

Former US Secretary of State, Mr Warren Christopher said “Dr Garrett has made tremendous contributions in his important leadership roles in the US. He leaves a host of friends and admirers here, and we expect to remain in close and regular contact with him”.

An expert on the causes and consequences of globalisation, Dr Garrett is one of the most cited political scientists of his generation. He has been widely interviewed on radio and television and his opinion pieces have appeared in newspapers around the world.

Mr Kim Beazley, US Studies Centre Board Member and former Deputy Prime Minister of Australia, said “the Centre is extremely fortunate to have attracted such a high calibre academic who is so deeply involved in American intellectual and public life and who brings to Australia great expertise on China-US relations”.

Born in Australia, Dr Garrett completed his undergraduate studies in political science at the Australian National University before completing his Masters and PhD at Duke University, North Carolina.

“After living in America for the past 20 years, it is an honour and privilege for me to return to Australia to lead one of the most important initiatives ever undertaken in Australia-US relations” Dr Garrett said.

The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Sydney, Professor Gavin Brown, said “Dr Garrett will provide important leadership and direction in building the Centre’s reputation for academic excellence, cutting edge research, independence and objectivity in the broad field of US studies”.

From this year the Centre is offering a range of postgraduate studies at the Masters and PhD levels, as well as facilitating academic exchanges and undertaking further research on Australian-US relations.

Dr Garrett is expected to take up the appointment in March. Until then, Professor Alan Dupont will continue to serve as US Studies Centre Acting Chief Executive Officer in addition to his duties as Director of the Centre for International Security Studies at the University of Sydney.

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The aim of the United States Studies Centre is to deepen understanding of the United States by creating new knowledge on American culture, politics, business, government and society. The Centre’s goal is to be the prime Australian source of information and commentary on the US, especially with respect to US-Australian relations.

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