Greenspan recipient of new TJF Medal

Economist Alan Greenspan, architect Zaha Hadid, and international relations expert Anne-Marie Slaughter are the 2007 recipients of the Thomas Jefferson Foundation Medals presented by the University of Virginia.

Greenspan is the recipient of the inaugural Thomas Jefferson Foundation Medal in Citizen Leadership, created to honor personal leadership and lasting influence on our common culture. The award joins the medals in architecture, first awarded in 1966, and law, first awarded in 1977, in recognizing enduring contributions in fields that deeply interested Jefferson. The medals are the highest outside awards bestowed by UVa, which grants no honorary degrees.

The awards, sponsored jointly by the Foundation and UVa, are presented each year on April 13, the anniversary of Jefferson’s birth in 1743.

“We again are pleased to join the university in honoring outstanding figures in the fields of law and architecture,” said Jeffrey C. Walker, chairman of the TJF Board of Trustees. “But we are especially pleased this year to introduce the Medal in Citizen Leadership and present it to an individual with such exceptional qualities and accomplishments as Alan Greenspan.”

Greenspan was appointed chairman of the board of the Federal Reserve in 1987 by President Reagan and he helped guide the U.S. economy through numerous financial crises, changes, and challenges until his retirement in 2006. Prior to being Fed chairman, he served...
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as chairman of President Ford’s Council of Economic Advisors and President Reagan’s Commission on Social Security Reform. His public service followed a three-decade career in the private sector.

Greenspan, who earned bachelor’s, master’s, and doctoral degrees from New York University, received the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the highest civilian award in the United States, in 2005.

Hadid, recipient of the 42nd TJF Medal in Architecture, is a native of Iraq whose practice is based in London. Among her best known projects are the Hoenheim-Nord Car Park and Terminus in Strasbourg, France; BMW Central Building in Leipzig, Germany; and Rosenthal Center for Contemporary Art in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Hadid, who received a mathematics degree from the American University of Beirut before studying at the Architectural Association School of Architecture in London, in 2004 became the first woman to receive the Pritzker Prize in architecture.

Slaughter, the 31st recipient of the TJF Medal in Law, is the Bert G. Kerstetter ’66 University Professor of Politics and International Affairs at Princeton University and dean of the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs. A recognized authority on global governance, international criminal law, and international affairs, she is the author of numerous books and articles.

Slaughter, who grew up in Charlottesville, holds a bachelor’s degree from Princeton, master’s and doctoral degrees from Oxford University and a law degree from Harvard University. Prior to joining the Princeton faculty, she taught law at Harvard and the University of Chicago.

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