

The Annual Steine Lecture sponsored by the Department of Economics at Vanderbilt was held October 4, 2010.

This year's speaker, **Professor Francois Bourguignon** from the Paris School of Economics, gave a presentation entitled "**Global Inequality**". GPED Students (pictured above) met informally with Professor Bourguignon earlier in the day.

A video of this event will be available at [news.vanderbilt.edu](http://news.vanderbilt.edu), after the event.

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**François Bourguignon** (born May 22, 1945) is the former [Chief Economist](#) (2003-2007) of the [World Bank](#). He is the Director of the [Paris School of Economics](#).

Francois Bourguignon, a global authority on the economics of growth and development, played a vital role in placing economic growth and its relationship with inequality and income distribution and poverty at the center of the World Bank's agenda.

Bourguignon is a French national and studied at the [École Nationale de la Statistique et de l'Administration Économique](#) (ENSAE) and the [University of Paris VI](#), where he earned a post-graduate degree in [Applied Mathematics](#) (1973). He went on to earn a Ph.D. and the Merrit Brown Award for the best thesis at the [University of Western Ontario, Canada](#) (1975), and a Doctorate in Economics at the [University of Orleans](#) in [France](#) (1979).

He was also the professor of Economics at the [École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales](#) in Paris, and founded and directed the [Département et laboratoire d'Économie Théorique et Appliquée](#) (DELTA), a research unit in theoretical and applied economics.

As World Bank's Senior Vice President for Development Economics and Chief Economist (often just referred to as the *Chief Economist*), he contributed to placing economic growth and its relationship with inequalities, and evaluation of the development impact of programs and policies at the center of the Bank's research agenda.

**GPED Students at the Steine Lecture with speaker  
Francois Bourguignon, Director of the Paris School of Economics  
and former Chief Economist  
for the World Bank  
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