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Princeton Professor David Billington Receives ACEC Distinguished Award of Merit

WASHINGTON, D.C.— Princeton University Professor David P. Billington has received the Distinguished Award of Merit—the highest honor bestowed upon an individual by the engineering industry.

The award was presented by the American Council of Engineering Companies at its Fall Convention in Montreal, Canada.

Calling Billington “a national treasure,” ACEC President David A. Raymond recognized the life-long educator for his “outstanding contributions to the field of engineering, pioneering achievements in social and artistic aspects of engineering design, and exemplary accomplishments in engineering education.”

Since 1952, the Distinguished Award of Merit has recognized leaders from government, education, science and business for their exemplary contributions. Past recipients include former Presidents Herbert Hoover and Dwight D. Eisenhower, Astronaut Neil Armstrong, Admiral Hyman G. Rickover, Carl Sagan, W. Edwards Deming, and 44 other luminaries.

Billington, who has taught at Princeton University’s School of Engineering and Applied Science since 1961, is considered to be one of the top engineering educators of the past century

In his classes and many published books, including *Power, Speed, and Form: Engineers and the Making of the Twentieth Century*, Billington speaks of “the grand tradition of modern engineering and the transformation of American society by engineering.”

The American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) is the business association of America’s engineering industry, representing approximately 5,700 independent engineering companies throughout the United States engaged in the development of America’s transportation, environmental, industrial, and other infrastructure. Founded in 1909 and headquartered in Washington, D.C., ACEC is a national federation of 51 state and regional organizations.