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2012 Macebearer

JAN SIMEK

The 2012 Macebearer is Jan Simek, president emeritus and distinguished professor of anthropology. Simek's contributions to the university are beyond measure. He has served as chancellor of our campus and president of the UT system. He also has served as interim dean of the College of Architecture and Design and head of the Department of Anthropology. His roles have been varied, but one thing is consistent: when he's called upon to serve, he has always answered the call and served the university well. Simek leads with skill and humility, but his true passion lies in his scholarship. Even while serving in administrative positions, he continued his research on caves and cave art. Last fall he returned to his first calling by teaching Prehistoric Anthropology, a general-education course. This spring he is leading two advanced seminars: The Archeology of Religion and North American Rock Art.

The **Macebearer** is the highest faculty honor at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, symbolic of the faculty's commitment of service to students, to scholarship, and to society. The Macebearer is awarded to a faculty member who has exhibited longstanding commitment and service to the university community.

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