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MEDIA ADVISORY: UNH Professor To Present New England Economic Forecast Nov. 9

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WHAT: New England Economic Forecast presented by Ross Gittell, UNH's James R. Carter Professor and professor of management, at the New England Economic Partnership fall conference. Gittell is the forecast manager for the New England Economic Partnership. The theme of the conference is "Reinventing the New England Economy: What Role for Higher Education?"

WHEN: Wednesday, Nov. 9, 2005, 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

WHERE: The Wyndham Westborough Hotel, Westborough, Mass. Located at the junction of I-495 and U.S. Route 9, just north of the Massachusetts Turnpike (exit 11A). From Route 495 north or south, take exit 23B, which is Route 9 West, then first exit onto Computer Drive/Research Drive. Bear right off ramp. The hotel is 1/2 mile on the left hand side.

BACKGROUND: As New England grapples with the increasing economic pressures brought about by global competition and rapid technological change, it appears that the regional economy faces another period of adaptation and reinvention. The New England Economic Partnership's fall economic outlook conference will focus on higher education and the evolving role this vital economic sector and source of scientific and technological innovation will play as the New England economy evolves to meet the challenges presented by a rapidly changing world. In addition, the conference will provide a comprehensive analysis of current and future economic conditions, featuring:

- New economic forecasts for the United States, the New England region, and each of the six New England states.
- An analysis of the current U.S. economic outlook by Gus Faucher, senior economist, [Economy.com](#).
- Keynote speaker Evan Dobelle, president, New England Board of Higher Education, followed by a panel discussion moderated by Michael Goodman, director of economic and public policy research, University of Massachusetts Donahue Institute and NEEP director. Panelists include Peter Francese, director of demographic forecasts, New England Economic Partnership; Yolanda Kodrzycki, senior economist and policy advisory, Federal Reserve Bank of Boston; William Guenther, president, Mass Insight Corporation; and Roger Mandle, president, Rhode Island School of Design.