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### ***UNIVERSITY PRESS BOOKS OFFER ILLUMINATING PERSPECTIVES ON TAXES***

#### **AAUP Publishes "Books for Understanding Taxes" Bibliography**

*New York (July 9, 2003)*— *Books for Understanding*, a free online project of the Association of American University Presses, has launched a new bibliography of books on tax policy and the history of taxation.

Taxes are a perennial topic of debate—one of the most powerful tools of governance, and a devastating weapon of political rhetoric. The debate shows no signs of abating, neither in the United States nor elsewhere around the world.

*Books for Understanding Taxes* (<http://aaupnet.org/booksforunderstanding.html>) provides a bibliographic guide for librarians, teachers, journalists, public officials, and concerned readers. By providing this resource, AAUP hopes to help readers form knowledgeable opinions on this important public policy issue.

The list includes such books as:

\* *Wealth and Our Commonwealth: Why America Should Tax Accumulated Fortunes*, by William H. Gates, Sr., and Chuck Collins (Beacon Press)

\* *Taxing Ourselves: A Citizen's Guide to the Great Debate over Tax Reform*, by Joel Slemrod and Jon Bakija (The MIT Press).

\* *The Worst Tax? A History of the Property Tax in America*, by Glenn W. Fisher (University Press of Kansas)

*Books for Understanding* is a one-stop, easy-to-use online resource for anyone looking for in-depth background and expertise on today's news. Sponsored by AAUP, *Books for Understanding* features subject-specific bibliographies on the critically important topics in the headlines. It is a dynamic resource, new bibliographies are compiled when a major news story breaks or heated public debate takes place.

*Books for Understanding* was sparked by Sanford Thatcher, Director of Pennsylvania State University Press. Immediately after September 11, he noticed a surge of requests for two backlist titles on terrorism and approached AAUP with a request to compile a field-wide listing for people looking for information and insight. The Association of American University Presses is the world's largest organization of not-for-profit scholarly publishers. Formally established in 1937, AAUP promotes the work and influence of its 124 university press members.

