FIRST JOAN N. HUBER FACULTY FELLOWS NAMED AT OHIO STATE

COLUMBUS -- The Ohio State University College of Social and Behavioral Sciences has named three Joan N. Huber Faculty Fellows in the inaugural year of a program designed to reward the college's strongest scholars.

Fellows receive an annual cash award of $5,000 for three years to further their research programs. The fellowship program is named in honor of Huber, dean of the college from 1984 to 1992 and senior vice president for academic affairs and provost until 1993.

"Joan Huber set the highest standards for our faculty, and we strive to maintain those standards," said Randall Ripley, dean of the college. "These fellowships acknowledge first-rate scholarship by professors who deserve extra recognition for the significant contributions they have made to their disciplines and to Ohio State."

The inaugural Huber fellows are:

-- Lawrence L. Feth of WESTERVILLE, professor in the Department of Speech and Hearing Science. Feth joined the department in 1988. An accomplished psychoacoustician, Feth concentrates on understanding the way human listeners perceive the pitch of complex tones and the problems that listeners with hearing impairment have in identifying sound. A recipient of grants from the National Institutes of Health, the National Science Foundation and the Air Force Office of Scientific Research, Feth has published most of his findings in the two most respected and prestigious journals in his field. Feth earned a doctorate in an interdisciplinary bioacoustics program at the University of Pittsburgh in 1969.

-- Dan Levin of BEXLEY, professor in the Department of Economics. Levin, who joined Ohio State in 1995, is considered exceptional in the field because he produces work on both applied

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and experimental economics in addition to purely theoretical papers. His publications -- including articles in top economic journals -- have covered such topics as bidding and auctions, international trade, industrial organization and mergers, and the demand for cigarettes. He is most widely known for contributions to literature on auctions. Levin has received NSF grants continuously since 1984; his current grant runs until 2001. Praised as an effective teacher of graduate students and undergraduates, he received his Ph.D. from MIT in 1982.

-- Richard H. Steckel of UPPER ARLINGTON, professor in the Department of Economics. Steckel also holds an appointment in anthropology and is a research associate of the National Bureau of Economic Research. He is noted for research on living standards, inequality and demographic issues of health, mortality, migration and fertility. The centerpiece of his work is the development of auxology -- the study of human growth -- a discipline uniting economics, history, human biology and demography. Widely published in a variety of top journals, Steckel has received funding from the NSF and several foundations. His most recent edited book is Health and Welfare during Industrialization. Steckel earned his Ph.D. from the University of Chicago and joined Ohio State in 1974.

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Three Ohio State faculty members named Huber Fellows Program honors scholars with monetary awards for research.

COLUMBUS -- The College of Social and Behavioral Sciences (SBS) has selected three Joan N. Huber Faculty Fellows for 2005, the seventh year of the program.

This year's Huber Faculty Fellows are John P. Bruno, professor in the Department of Psychology, Mei-Po Kwan, professor in the Department of Geography, and David Jacobs, professor in the Department of Sociology. Each will receive an annual cash award of $5,000 each year for three years to further their research programs.

The program acknowledges and rewards the strongest scholars on the SBS faculty who don't already hold named chairs or haven't received University Distinguished Scholar or Distinguished University Professor awards. It is named in honor of Joan Huber, former dean of SBS (1984-1992), who set the highest standards for faculty in SBS.

Below is information about this year's recipients.
- **John P. Bruno**, who joined the Department of Psychology in 1986, has made significant contributions to several areas of psychobiological research. Early in his career, he examined how age can influence the capacity of the nervous system to recover after trauma to the brain. His research demonstrated that the developing brain could recover from certain types of brain damage better than a mature or aged brain could. Recently, his work has focused on the neurobiological and cognitive dysfunctions associated with disorders such as Alzheimer's disease, drug addiction and schizophrenia. Throughout his career, Bruno has written more than 100 peer-reviewed journal articles. His reputation in the field has been acknowledged in many ways, including 28 years of continuous federal funding for his research and his election as president of the International Behavioral Neuroscience Society. He holds joint appointments in the departments of Neuroscience, Cell Biology and Neuroanatomy.

- **David Jacobs**, who joined the Sociology faculty in 1997, is a renowned contributor in the areas of criminology and political sociology. He has focused on studying how political factors and politically motivated attempts to control crime affect a variety of criminal justice outcomes, such as support for capital punishment, law enforcement strength, the use of deadly force, correctional expenditures, and incarceration rates. He has an outstanding record of publication in the most highly visible journals in sociology, with 22 publications in the discipline's flagship general journals alone. His current research on "Survival on Death Row" is sponsored by a multi-year National Science Foundation grant in collaboration with Professor Zhenciao Qian. Professor Jacobs is also a faculty affiliate of the Criminal Justice Research Center and of the John Glenn Institute, and he holds a courtesy appointment in the Department of Political Science.

- **Mei-Po Kwan** joined the Geography faculty in 1995. Her research addresses questions in geographical information systems (GIS) for transportation. She is particularly concerned with individual accessibility, telecommunications and information technologies, human activity patterns, and gender and racial issues in urban transportation. Her research emphasizes the need to bridge different subfields of the discipline, and she has made important contributions to the development of innovative geographical methods. Her work appears in major journals, including a recent paper in the Annals of the Association of American Geographers. Her influence on contemporary geographical research was recognized through her invited presentation in the Presidential Plenary Session at the 2004 AAG Centennial Meeting. This year, Kwan will be recognized with the Ullman Award at the Association of American Geographers meeting in Denver. Professor Kwan is a faculty associate of the Department of Women's Studies, and a faculty affiliate of the Center for Urban and Regional Analysis, the Center for Human Resource Research, the Initiative in Population Research, and the John Glenn Institute.