Herzog named Edson R. Sunderland Professor of Law

Donald J. Herzog, who holds professorships in both the Law School and the Department of Political Science, has been named the Edson R. Sunderland Professor of Law. The University of Michigan Board of Regents approved the appointment this summer.

A member of the Law School faculty since 1991, Herzog began teaching at the University of Michigan in the Political Science Department in 1983. He earned his A.B. summa cum laude from Cornell University and M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from the Harvard University Department of Government. He also has been associated with the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton, New Jersey. During the 1995-96 academic year he and fellow Law School professor William I. Miller were fellows at the University of Michigan Humanities Institute.


The Edson R. Sunderland professorship was established at the Law School in 1967. Sunderland, who taught at the Law School from 1901-44, was one of the leading procedural scholars in the Anglo-American legal world.

Previous holders of the chair include Francis A. Allen and Terrance Sandelow. Both professors also served as deans of the Law School.

Alain Boureau visits to share expertise on Middle Ages

Alain Boureau, a distinguished scholar of the history of the Middle Ages who is based in France, is spending part of fall term with faculty and students as the Thomas E. Sunderland Fellow and Visiting Professor of Law.

Boureau began his visit in September and remains through mid-October. He did his undergraduate studies at the University of Lyon and earned his doctorate in history from the Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales in Paris. He currently is director d'études des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales and director of its Centre de Recherches Historiques.

One of the world's foremost scholars of the history of the Middle Ages, Boureau is the author of numerous books and articles. He has taught at Johns Hopkins University, the University of California at Berkeley, and the University of Michigan. His presence at the Law School "will provide a special opportunity for scholarly exchange on the medieval roots of the law," Dean Jeffrey S. Lehman, '81, and Provost Nancy Cantor told University of Michigan regents in recommending Boureau for the fellowship/visiting professorship. "He is a distinguished addition to a fine Law School tradition."

The Sunderland Fellowship in Law was established 15 years ago, according to the Law School's recommendation to the regents, "to bring to the Law School scholars in a wide range of disciplines other than law to work with the members of the Law School faculty and other faculties throughout the University."

Past fellows have included psychologists such as Lee D. Ross, philosophers such as Judith Jarvis Thomas, historians like Gordon S. Wood and Eugene D. Genovese, and economists like Roger E. Noll and Donald N. McCloskey.