Two members of the Law School faculty, Professors Mathias W. Reimann, LL.M. '83, and Merritt B. Fox, have been appointed to endowed professorships.

Reimann, a leading scholar of comparative law and a member of the Law School faculty since 1985, has been named the Hessel E. Yntema Professor of Law. Established in 1976, the professorship is named after one of the pioneers in the study of comparative law. Yntema served on the Law School faculty from 1933-61.

A frequent contributor to U.S. and German journals, Reimann began his legal work in Germany and received his Doctor iuris utriusque from the University of Freiburg summa cum laude. He has been a visiting professor at the universities of Münster, Freiburg, and Frankfurt in Germany, and at the University of Paris I. He also was Professor of Private Law, Legal History and Comparative Law at the University of Trier from 1996-99.

Co-editor of The Reception of Continental Ideas in the Common Law World 1820-1920 and author of Conflict of Laws in Western Europe: A Guide through the Jungle, Reimann has done research at the European University Institute in Florence and received the L. Hart Wright Outstanding Teaching Award for 1993-94; the award is based on a student vote. Reimann also is a member of the Board of Editors of the American Journal of Comparative Law, which Yntema founded.

Fox, a member of the Law School faculty since 1988, has been named the Alene and Allan E. Smith Professor of Law. The professorship recognizes the contributions of Professor Smith and his wife during their 35-year association with the Law School and the University of Michigan. Smith joined the Law School faculty in 1947, served as dean from 1960-65, then served as the University's vice president for academic affairs from 1965-74 and as interim president in 1979. The Law School's underground library addition also is named for Alene and Allan Smith.

A scholar of corporate and securities law and international private law, Fox is director of the Law School's Center for International and Comparative Law and co-director for corporate governance studies at the William Davidson Institute at the University of Michigan. Fox earned his bachelor's degree, J.D., and Ph.D. in economics from Yale and worked in private practice in New York, where he specialized in corporate and securities law. He taught at Indiana University School of Law before coming to Michigan.