Eric Stein, ’42, wins University of Michigan Press Award

Eric Stein, ’42, the Hessel E. Yntema Professor Emeritus of Law, has been won the 2001 University of Michigan Press Book Award.

This is the second time that Stein has won the award. The first was for Diplomats, Scientists and Politicians: The United States and the Nuclear Test Ban Negotiations (1966), which he wrote with the late Harold K. Jacobson.

This year, the University of Michigan Press honored Stein for “his literary accomplishments, particularly Thoughts from a Bridge: A Retrospective of Writings on New Europe and American Federalism, and the breadth and depth of his scholarly contributions to international law.”

“The essays collected here cover a generation of scholarship,” New York University School of Law Professor Joseph H.H. Weiler writes in the foreword to Thoughts from a Bridge (University of Michigan Press, 2000). “Each essay has the power to assault our present day sensibilities with their abiding relevance to the most current debates . . . Unfolding in this volume is the intellectual life of a master Europeanist, internationalist, and comparatist.” Weiler is a former member of the University of Michigan Law School faculty.

A young lawyer at the time, Stein fled from his native Czechoslovakia in 1939 to escape the Nazis. He earned a second law degree at the U-M Law School in 1942 and worked for the U.S. Department of State before joining the Law School faculty in 1955. He has served as an adviser to the U.S. delegation to the UN General Assembly and Security Council and to the U.S. counsel at the International Court of Justice. He has lectured widely in the United States, Europe, Japan, and China. He is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and the International Law Association and an associate member of the International Academy of Comparative Law.