**European Union Studies Association awards Stein ‘Lifetime Prize’**

Eric Stein, ’42, the Hessel E. Yntema Professor of Law Emeritus, has become the first law professor to be awarded the Lifetime Contribution to the Field prize from the European Union Studies Association (EUSA). He is to receive the prize at EUSA’s biennial international conference in Texas in 2005.

“Your work has meant a great deal to us and, more importantly, has been fundamental for EU [European Union] studies by alerting us to an essential dimension of the new Europe, that Europeans are peoples of the law who have assiduously and fastidiously insisted that the rule of law must lie at the very foundations of the construction of the EU,” George W. Ross, EUSA chair, wrote to Stein.

Ross said the executive committee noted that Stein:

- Was the first to observe that the European Court of Justice’s (ECJ) actions were constitutionalizing the Treaty of Rome, in 1951 published the first article on the ECJ in English, and in 1981 published an article that “launched the expansive scholarship focusing on the European Court of Justice.”
- Was “one of the pioneers in the field of EU [European Union] law, established one of the first European law (then ‘common market law’) courses taught in a U.S. law school,” and built up “a major and renowned center of EU law study at the University of Michigan.”
- Co-wrote a casebook that “was a standard for years,” and authored several articles that became “very widely known and used.”

“You have been described as a ‘master comparativist,’ and in addition to establishing European law as a subject worthy of study in North America, your work on comparative federalism and comparative law has been important and influential,” Ross wrote Stein.

“You are the first law recipient of this award, but the committee noted that your influence has transcended disciplines and that your work has frequently been cited by political scientists and others. Beyond your work, your continued intellectual engagement is an inspiration and model to all.”

Stein is the fourth recipient of the prize. Previous winners include Stanley Hoffmann (2003), Harvard University; Leon Lindberg (2001), University of Wisconsin-Madison; and Ernst B. Haas (1999), University of California at Berkeley.