Scholars honor James Boyd White: ‘With this prize . . .’

James Boyd White, widely recognized for his deep interdisciplinary thinking on the relationship of law and culture, has been honored by his academic colleagues with the creation of a special award in his name.

At its annual meeting in March, the Association for the Study of Law, Culture, and the Humanities announced the creation of the James Boyd White Prize “to be presented annually for distinguished scholarly achievement.” The first James Boyd White Prize will be presented at the society’s upcoming annual meeting in March 2006.

The society presented White with a commemorative plaque in conjunction with announcing the new award. The plaque reads:

“With this prize we recognize and honor the originality and excellence of your contribution to the field and acknowledge our indebtedness to you for your commitment to the interdisciplinary study of law, culture, and the humanities.”

White is the Law School’s L. Hart Wright Collegiate Professor of Law and also is a professor of English and an adjunct professor of classical studies. He chairs the Michigan Society of Fellows and served in 1997–98 as a Phi Beta Kappa Visiting Scholar, a role in which he lectured at many U.S. colleges and universities. A graduate of Amherst College, Harvard Law School, and Harvard Graduate School, where he earned an M.A. in English, White taught at the University of Colorado Law School and the University of Chicago before joining the Law School faculty.

He is the author of numerous books, including The Legal Imagination (1973); Constitutional Criminal Procedure (with James Scarboro, 1976); When Words Lose