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MANDEL SCHOOL OF APPLIED SOCIAL SCIENCES PROFESSOR AWARDED FOR SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO SOCIAL WORK EDUCATION

CLEVELAND - Merl C. "Terry" Hokenstad, the Ralph S. and Dorothy P. Schmitt Professor at the Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences at Case Western Reserve University, received the 2004 Katherine Kendall Award from the International Association of Schools of Social Work (IASSW) to acknowledge significant contributions to the development of social work education at the international level. Hokenstad, who also serves as a professor of international health at the Case School of Medicine, was presented the award at the Global Social Work Congress in Adelaide, Australia earlier this month.

The Katherine A. Kendall Award was introduced in 1992 to honor the IASSW Honorary President, Katherine A. Kendall. She has played a significant role in promoting excellence in social work education and in the expansion of social work internationally.

"I am proud that Terry Hokenstad is being honored by IASSW with the prestigious Katherine Kendall Award," said Grover C. Gilmore, dean of the Mandel School. "Terry's distinguished career as a social work educator and innovator is unparalleled. The Mandel School is fortunate and honored to have him as a colleague, mentor, researcher and teacher."

Long active in international organizations, Hokenstad has served as a consultant to the United Nations and was a member of the U.S. delegation to the U.N. World Assembly on Aging in 2002. He has been president of the North American and Caribbean Region of the IASSW and has served as both treasurer and membership secretary of the organization. At the national level, Hokenstad has been president of the Council on Social Work Education and chair of the International Committee for the National Association of Social Workers. His board of trustees memberships have included the National Council on Aging and the National Council on Social Welfare.

His research focuses primarily on comparative social welfare, care of the elderly and social work practice and education. Doctoral program development has been a special focus of Hokenstad's career. He has worked closely with governmental agencies and universities in Canada, Hungary, the Philippines

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and Sweden, as well as the U.S. in the establishment and evaluation of doctoral programs in social policy and social work.

Hokenstad has also served as a Fulbright research scholar at the Institute of Applied Social Research in Oslo, Norway; as a visiting scholar at the National Institute of Social Work in London; and as a senior Fulbright lecturer at Stockholm University in Sweden. He taught and performed research as a Canterbury fellow at the University of Canterbury in New Zealand, and as an academic visitor to the London School of Economics. He has led delegations of social workers and social work educators to China, Cuba, Japan, Russia and South Africa.

Hokenstad received his doctoral degree from Brandeis University's Florence Heller Graduate School for Advanced Studies in Social Welfare.

Kendall, 94, has been closely identified with major development in social work education, over the past 40 years. Kendall's leadership in international social work education led to the formation of regional organizations within the IASSW, acknowledging the importance of indigenous curriculum development and the diversity of local contexts.

The only other American recipient of this award was Herman Stein, a former dean and the John Reynolds Harkness Professor Emeritus of Social Administration at the Mandel School, former Case provost and holder of the title University Professor.

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