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Ian Shapiro appointed Sterling Professor of Political Science

May 19, 2005. New Haven, CT ◆ Ian Shapiro, newly named as Sterling Professor of Political Science, is an expert on distributive politics and serves as the Henry R. Luce Director of the Yale Center for International and Area Studies (YCIAS).

The Sterling Professorship is one of the University's highest faculty honors.

Shapiro's research interests include the methodologies of the social sciences, theories of justice and democracy, the relations between democracy and the distribution of income and wealth, and the prospects for sustainable democracy in the post-communist world and sub-Saharan Africa.

He is the author of "The Evolution of Rights in Liberal Theory," "Political Criticism," "Democracy's Place," "Democratic Justice," "The Moral Foundations of Politics" and "The State of Democratic Theory." The latter two are being published in other languages, including Chinese, Russian, Spanish, Portuguese, Czech and Indonesian.

Shapiro has co-authored two books with Yale colleagues: "Pathologies of Rational Choice Theory" (with Donald Green) and, most recently, "Death by a Thousand Cuts: The Fight Over Taxing Inherited Wealth" (with Michael Graetz). He has several other books under contract: "Democracy and Distribution," "Revisiting Democracy's Place" and "The Flight from Reality in the Human Sciences." He served as editor of the American Society of Political and Legal Philosophy's NOMOS series 1992-2000 and has edited the Cambridge University Press series on Contemporary Political Theory since 1998, as well as numerous other collections.

Shapiro was named director of the YCIAS last year. He previously served for five years as chair of the Department of Political Science and, prior to that, as director of the Program in Ethics, Politics and Economics for seven years. As chair of the political science department, Shapiro worked with colleagues to restructure the department, hire new faculty and expand the breadth of course offerings.

A native of South Africa, Shapiro received his undergraduate degree from Bristol University in England. He earned three degrees from Yale -- an M.Phil. in 1980, Ph.D. in 1983 and J.D. in 1987. He joined the Yale faculty in 1984 and became a full professor in 1992. In 2000, he was appointed the William R. Kenan Jr. Professor of Political Science.

Shapiro has held visiting appointments at the University of Cape Town and Nuffield College, Oxford. He was elected a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in 2000, and has been a fellow of the Carnegie Corporation, the Guggenheim Foundation and the Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences in Palo Alto, California.

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