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Two Named Distinguished Service Professors

Two faculty members at the University at Buffalo School of Law, Thomas E. Headrick and Virginia A. Leary, have been named Distinguished Service Professors. The highest rank in the State University of New York system — above full professorship — these special professorships are awarded by the SUNY Board of Trustees.

The rank is bestowed “for outstanding service to the community, state or nation through the application of intellectual skills drawn from scholarly and research interests of public concern.” Headrick’s and Leary’s are the only two Distinguished Service Professorships awarded at UB this year.

Now associate dean for academic affairs in the Law School, Headrick served as Law School dean for nine years, from 1976 to 1985. He also served as dean of the Faculty of Arts and Letters, senior member of the Undergraduate College Faculty and chair of the General Assembly of the Undergraduate College.

He teaches World Civilization to undergraduates and Corporations and Corporate Finance in the Law School. His most recent articles focused on securities markets. He was co-editor of the prestigious national journal *Law and Policy*.

A resident of Amherst, N.Y., Headrick received a bachelor’s degree in government from Franklin and Marshall College; a bachelor of letters degree in politics from



Virginia A. Leary



Thomas E. Headrick

Oxford University, where he was a Fulbright scholar; a law degree from Yale University and a doctorate in political science from Stanford University.

Virginia A. Leary has been a member of the UB faculty since 1976. She directs the Law School’s Geneva Internship Program, which awards stipends for a 10-week summer internship with international organizations in Geneva, Switzerland. She also co-directs the UB Human Rights Center, which sponsors interdisciplinary conferences and lectures on the protection and advancement of human rights around the world.

She has written and lectured extensively on the international protection of human rights and has undertaken missions to Sri Lanka, the Philippines and Pakistan on behalf of the International Commission of Jurists and Amnesty International.

Leary is a member of the board of directors of Asia Watch and the Labor Rights and Education Foundation. A resident of the West Side of Buffalo, she received her law degree from the University of Chicago; a doctorate in political science from the University of Geneva, Switzerland; a bachelor’s degree from the University of Utah; diplomas from the Hague Academy of International Law, in The Netherlands, and from the International Institute of Human Rights, in Strasbourg, France. ■