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CLEVELAND STATE UNIVERSITY'S INSTALLATION OF JEFFREY L. BRUDNEY, PH.D. AS THE ALBERT A. LEVIN CHAIR

Cleveland State University's Maxine Goodman Levin College of Urban Affairs will install Jeffrey L. Brudney, Ph.D. as its fourteenth Albert A. Levin Chair of Urban Studies and Public Service on Wednesday, January 31 at 4:00 p.m. The title of his address is "Cleveland in January: No Place I Would Rather Be." The installation and reception following the ceremony will be held in the College's Glickman-Miller Hall, 1717 Euclid Avenue.

"Dr. Brudney is a recognized scholar in the area of public administration, nonprofit sector studies and volunteerism," said Mark S. Rosentraub, Dean of Levin College. "He has received several national and international awards for his extensive publication record and the critical contributions of his research to the advancement of the study of public administration. He is a gifted teacher, scholar and community activist. His contributions to this region will be tremendous."

The Levin Chair was the first endowed professorship in America combining classroom teaching with direct public service to cope with the problems of the urban environment. "The Levin Chair has served as one of the College's major assets attracting to Cleveland State University distinguished individuals recognized for their contributions as urban scholars and practitioners," said Rosentraub. "The Chair endowed us with greater visibility and depth, as it brought to the city fresh insights on how to solve its problems."

As the Levin Chair, Dr. Brudney will focus on issues related to nonprofit administration and volunteerism, public service delivery and management and government-nonprofit relations. He will teach graduate courses in public administration, nonprofit management, volunteerism and research methods and statistics.

"It is a great pleasure and honor to join the Levin College as the Albert A. Levin Chair of Urban Studies and Public Service," said Brudney. "I look forward to working with faculty, students and staff to build on the high quality, reputation and impact achieved by the College.

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“The Levin College has excelled at uniting applied work with teaching and publication. I hope to contribute to this enviable tradition and to help make Cleveland State University a leading 21st century urban research university.”

Dr. Brudney has published widely in the areas of public administration, the nonprofit sector and volunteerism. According to a study in the January 2005 issue of the *Journal of Public Administration Education*, he ranks tenth in research productivity among scholars world-wide based on article publication in all referred journals affiliated with the American Society for Public Administration over the past decade. The Urban Institute calls him “the foremost research expert on volunteer management programs and community volunteer centers in the United States.”

Dr. Brudney has won several international honors and awards, including the annual Herbert Kaufman Award three times from the Public Administration Section of the American Political Science Association (APSA) for excellence in research. In 2006, he received the first-ever Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action (ARNOVA) Award for Excellence in Teaching. He received the Mentor Award from the APSA Women’s Caucus. Among his many publications, Dr. Brudney is the author of *Fostering Volunteer Programs in the Public Sector: Planning, Initiating and Managing Voluntary Activities*, for which he received the John Grenzebach Award for Outstanding Research in Philanthropy for Education.

Prior to coming to Levin College, Dr. Brudney was a Professor of Public Administration and Policy, Adjunct Professor of Social Work, Graduate School Faculty in Residence and a member of the Nonprofit and Community Service faculty in the School of Business at the University of Georgia. He co-founded and co-directed the Institute for Nonprofit Organizations and the Master of Arts in Nonprofit Organizations degree program (MNPO) at Georgia. He received his BA degree at the University of California at Berkeley, and his MA and Ph.D. degrees at the University of Michigan.

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