ASU Public Affairs Professor Honored with Foundation Professorship

(Tempe, June 15, 2005) – Dr. Jeffrey I. Chapman, interim dean of the Arizona State University College of Public Programs and former director of the ASU School of Public Affairs, has earned one of the University’s highest accolades. He has been named Foundation Professor of Applied Public Finance. This professorship recognizes Chapman’s exemplary research and teaching abilities in the field of public policy and administration.

“Jeff is among the very best scholars in applied public finance in the country. His current interest in public entrepreneurship to finance urban infrastructure will continue to inform our region and his entire discipline. The University is also grateful for his service this past year as interim dean. His insights and administrative acumen have been invaluable as the College transitions to the downtown Phoenix location,” noted Provost Milton Glick.

Chapman’s ASU career began in 1999 when he was recruited from the University of Southern California where he was professor and director at the Sacramento Center School of Public Administration. He had been at USC since 1973 and UCLA from 1971-1973.

He has been the principal or co-principal investigator on grants from the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, the National Science Foundation, the California Council on Science and Technology and the Public Policy Institute of California studying taxation, governance, economic development and public finance and land use issues at state, local and federal levels. He has edited or co-edited four books and has scores of publications on these topics.
His most recent work focuses on the impacts of public sector fiscal tools and private economic development, local government fiscal autonomy and the interactions on land use decisions and local government tax policies.

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