Katherine Fennelly Named 2006–2007 Fesler-Lampert Chair in Urban and Regional Affairs

Katherine Fennelly, professor of public affairs at the University of Minnesota’s Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs, has been named the 2006–2007 Fesler-Lampert Chair in Urban and Regional Affairs. Fennelly’s appointment was made by the dean of the Graduate School, Gail Dubrow, based on recommendations from CURA’s nominating committee. The Fesler-Lampert Chair in Urban and Regional Affairs is one of four endowed chairs and two named professorships made possible through a generous contribution to the University of Minnesota by David and Elizabeth Fesler. The Fesler-Lampert Endowment in Interdisciplinary and Graduate Studies was initially established in 1985 to stimulate interdisciplinary research and teaching through the appointment of distinguished, broadly learned scholars to endowed faculty positions at the University of Minnesota.

Katherine Fennelly named the 2006–2007 Fesler-Lampert Chair in Urban and Regional Affairs.

Cover photo: Harbor Highlands, a mixed-income housing redevelopment project constructed on the site of the former Harbor View public housing project near downtown Duluth. The project includes public housing units, market-rate units, and homes targeted to families with moderate incomes. (Photo by Edward G. Goetz)

Fennelly hopes to stimulate community ties to critically examine the makeup, power structures, purposes, and expected outcomes of diversity coalitions, and to promote regional collaborations and communications among them.

Katherine Fennelly joins a distinguished list of University faculty who have held the Fesler-Lampert Chair in recent years, including Myron Orfield of the School of Law; Ann Markusen of the Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs; Patrick Brezonik of the Department of Civil Engineering; Eugene Boriga of the Department of Psychology; Dennis Altbarg, formerly of the Department of Industrial Relations and now dean of the University of Colorado School of Business; and John Adams of the Department of Geography.

The Fesler-Lampert Endowment is intended as a tribute to David Fesler’s grandparents, Bert Fesler and Jacob Lampert. The Fesler-Lampert Chair in Urban and Regional Affairs is appointed for a one-year period and receives approximately $36,000 for research, salary, and logistical support. The funds are jointly administered by the University of Minnesota Foundation and the University of Minnesota.

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