

University Honors Two for Scholarship By Elevation to Highest Academic Rank

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Jerome Hall



K. P. Williams

Always alert to honor scholarly achievement and superior teaching on the part of its faculty, Indiana University, by action of the Board of Trustees, established in 1953 a new faculty rank of Distinguished Service Professor. The professorships, the University's highest academically, were set up to "recognize exceptional scholarly and teaching ability."

Held by only four active members of the faculty up to this time, President Herman B Wells has announced that Kenneth P. Williams, mathematician and historian, and Jerome Hall, legal scholar, have been named Distinguished Service Professors.

Prof. Williams, a member of the I. U. mathematics department since 1909, has won national acclaim for his Civil War history, "Lincoln Finds a General," which has placed him, along with Bruce Catton and Douglas Freeman, as "one of a great triumvirate of Civil War historians."

Widely known for his study of legal philosophy and criminal law, Prof. Hall has been a member of the School of Law faculty since 1939. He is author, editor and has lectured throughout the world at leading universities, including the University of London, where he was visiting Fulbright professor.

Other active Distinguished Serv-

ice Professors are Tracy M. Sonneborn and Herman J. Muller, zoology; John Robert Moore, English literature, and Tracy Y. Thomas, mathematics. Stith Thompson, English and folklore, now retired, also held the title.