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MISSOULA, Mont.--

Dr. James L. Talbot, a professor at Lakehead University, Port Arthur, Ontario, Canada, has accepted the position of professor and chairman of the University of Montana Department of Geology, effective July 15.

He is replacing Dr. Robert W. Fields, who is retiring from the post. Dr. Fields, who has been department head five years, will return to teaching and research as a member of the departmental faculty on the Missoula campus.

Dr. Talbot received his bachelor's degree at Cambridge University in England in 1954 and he completed his master's degree at the University of California, Berkeley, in 1957. He was awarded his doctorate at the University of Adelaide in South Australia in 1962.

From 1962-67 the Canadian professor served as senior lecturer at the University of Adelaide and in 1967 he moved to Lakehead University, where he served as associate professor before being promoted to professor of geology.

Most of Dr. Talbot's geologic research has been done in South Australia. His major interests are in the area of structural geology and ancient metamorphic rocks.

Dr. Talbot, who is a native of Surry, England, is married and has three children.