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HORST JARKA TO RECEIVE DISTINGUISHED RESEARCHER AWARD AT UM COMMENCEMENT

MISSOULA--

Horst Jarka, professor and head of the German Section in the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures at the University of Montana, has been selected by the UM Research Advisory Council to receive the University's 1981 Distinguished Researcher Award. His selection was announced today by Raymond C. Murray, associate vice president for research and dean of the graduate school.

The award, which carries a \$1,000 honorarium from the UM Foundation, will be presented at Commencement Exercises June 14. The award was given for the first time in 1980, when the recipient was Fred Shafizadeh, director of the UM Wood Chemistry Laboratory.

Jarka was nominated by the UM Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures, whose chairman, Gerald Fetz, calls Jarka "an exceptional classroom teacher and an internationally recognized scholar of German and Austrian Literature and culture." He noted that Jarka received the UM's Outstanding Teacher of the Year Award in 1967.

Jarka, a member of the UM faculty since 1959, was born in Austria and received a Ph.D. from the University of Vienna. He came to the United States as a Fulbright Scholar in 1951-52 at the University of Minnesota.

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Under a research grant from the Austrian government, Jarka began an extensive project in 1979 on the cultural policies and politics of Austria during the critical years 1933-38. This research will result in the first major book on the subject.

Jarka's research on the literature and cultural politics of Austria in the 1930s prior to the takeover by Nazi Germany in 1938 has produced two books, one in German and one in English, on a young Austrian writer, Jura Soyfer, who died in Buchenwald Concentration Camp in 1939. His biography of Soyfer will be published this year in Vienna in German.

Fetz says, "Professor Jarka's work has been responsible for the re-discovery of this important writer. It has been reviewed in the German weekly, Der Spiegel, and other major publications here and abroad and has led to additional interest in Soyfer on both continents. It has also inspired many recent performances of Soyfer's plays on the German stage."

Jarka has published articles in English and German on literary and cultural topics in major scholarly journals in the United States and Europe and in encyclopedias, literary handbooks and collections. He has also translated literary works from German into English.

Jarka and his wife, Lois, are the parents of a son, Hannes, a Yale graduate now a Fulbright Scholar at the University of Cologne, Germany, and a daughter, Kathe, who studies cello at Juilliard in New York City.

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