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Montana State University will initiate a special program for students, public officials, and civic organizations when its Bureau of Government Research officially begins operation on Monday, MSU officials announced.

Dr. Robert Richert, assistant professor of political science, will direct the new service, which has a fourfold function. According to Dr. Richert, the bureau will serve as a clearing house for information on state and local government; prepare studies on current problems in Montana state and local government or in broader areas; conduct research and perform other services for public officials and civic organizations as facilities permit; and train students for careers in government and research.

To facilitate research, appropriate materials will be maintained in a special collection administered as part of the state documents section of the University library, Dr. Richert said.

Dr. Richert joined the MSU political science faculty in 1956, after completing a three-year assignment as administrative analyst for the California Legislative Budget Committee. He holds an M.A. degree from the University of California at Berkeley and a Ph.D. from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

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