Described by colleagues as a “first-rate scholar,” Dr. James Young has retired as professor emeritus of political science.

Dr. Young’s contributions to the campus community were recognized during the 1998 spring semester with the presentation of the Byler Distinguished Faculty Award, the most prestigious honor bestowed upon university faculty. He joined the Department of Political Science in 1968 as an assistant professor, having been educated at the University of Iowa, where he received a bachelor’s degree in political science, juris doctorate of law, and doctorate in political science.

He climbed the faculty ranks eventually becoming a full professor in 1975 and served from 1971 to 1982 as chair of the department. In the classroom, he developed a long-standing reputation for not-to-be-missed classes, teaching courses such as American Constitutional Law, Constitutional Rights, and Public Law and the Judicial Process.

In addition to teaching, he served for many years as advisor for the Political Science Club and for the university’s chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha, the national political science honorary. An accomplished scholar, he published two law-related books, and collaborated on a third book, *Remembering Their Glory: Sports Heroes of the 1940s*, with the late Dr. Arthur McClure.

Dr. Young and his wife Virginia are the parents of one son James, and a daughter, Ann.