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Dr. Edward Girden, a leading psychologist and chairman of the committee which established Contemporary Psychology, the book review journal of the American Psychological Association, has been named Distinguished Professor of Psychology in the College of Arts and Sciences at Florida International University, Dean Butler H. Waugh announced today.

It is the first such appointment to be made at Florida International. It will be effective May 1, 1972.

Dr. Girden was among the founders of the Department of Psychology at the Brooklyn College of the City University of New York, where he began his career as a tutor in 1935. At Brooklyn College, he was promoted to Acting Chairman in 1948, to Deputy Chairman in 1951, and to Full Professor in 1953, a position he held until joining Florida International. He also served as Department Coordinator for Building Plans from 1959-65 and for Closed Circuit TV-Tape Course Demonstrations from 1967-70.

While at Brooklyn College, Dr. Girden did extensive research in several areas. His first project was in the areas of neurology of learning and psycho-pharmacology. In 1941, he received a

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John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation Fellowship for the study of dissociated learning performances in animals subjected to the drug curare at the University of Rochester.

He later expanded his interests to include studies in human engineering. During 1935-45, he was a research associate with the National Research Council -- CAA Aviation Committee studying flight-training methods used with Naval cadets. And long before the space age, in 1948, he was involved in a group assessment of possible human performance under acceleration in high speed aircraft up to 2,500 miles per hour. Also in this general area of human performance, was an assessment in 1962 of automobile traffic accidents meriting research investigation.

In 1950 and 1958, Dr. Girden was awarded Thomas Welton Stanford Fellowships to continue his studies at Stanford University. In conjunction with his second Stanford Fellowship, he was awarded another Guggenheim Fellowship. During this period, he evaluated the experimental literature concerned with extrasensory phenomena (ESP), spending the last part of the year at University College in London consulting with British investigators.

In 1957, Dr. Girden served as a Guest Lecturer in the Psychology Department of the University of Edinburgh, Scotland. During 1955-58, he was project director of a Perceptual Motor Precision and Performance Study under the Surgeon General of the United States Army.

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In 1963, he was principle investigator of a NIH Health Research Facilities Award. During 1965, he was a visiting professor in the Department of Psychology at the University of South Florida.

In recent years, the 64-year old educator and researcher again expanded his interests to include the nature of controversies, with particular emphasis on their role in the scientific venture.

In his 31 years of psychological study, Dr. Girden has published over 60 articles in various professional journals. He served as associate editor and book review editor of the Psychological Bulletin from 1953-58. He served as consulting editor of Contemporary Psychology from 1962-70.

Dr. Girden has been a fellow of the American Psychological Association since 1933 and a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science since 1940.

His professional affiliations include the Eastern Psychological Association, Psychonomic Society, Society for Experimental Biology and Medicine and Sigma Xi. He received his A.B. degree from West Virginia University, M.A. degree from Columbia University and Ph.D. from the University of Illinois.

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