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## New political science professor to speak at UIS commencement

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Matthew Holden Jr., who has been designated as the first Wepner Distinguished Professor in Political Science at the University of Illinois at Springfield, will be the speaker at UIS's 38th commencement ceremony.

Holden is the Henry L. and Grace M. Doherty Professor Emeritus of Politics at the University of Virginia. He retired from that university in 2002 after a career spanning more than 40 years.

Graduation begins at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 16, at the Prairie Capital Convention Center.

Holden is expected to formally join the UIS Department of Political Science this fall.

He also has taught at Wayne State University and the University of Wisconsin, Madison. He is the author of numerous articles, book chapters and books.

He received his doctorate in political science from Northwestern University.

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