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UNIVERSITY OF ST. THOMAS HONORS DEAN JANICE GORDON-KELTER POSTHUMOUSLY

HOUSTON (May 2, 2006)--- The University of St. Thomas's Board of Directors has honored the late dean of the Master of Liberal Arts program Dr. Janice Gordon-Kelter by awarding her a posthumous promotion to associate professor. The promotion recognized her devotion to the MLA program. Gordon-Kelter's accomplishments and dedication were additionally honored by State Representative Martha Wong, also a UST director, who recently submitted an official resolution in the Texas House of Representatives citing Gordon-Kelter's work at the university.

In January, Dr. Janice Gordon-Kelter died suddenly in Paris while vacationing with her husband, Dr. Irving Kelter. Dr. Gordon-Kelter had served as dean of the Master in Liberal Arts program since 2001 and was the director of that program since 1997. Additional positions she held at the University included dean of Special Sessions and Programs, coordinator of the Compressed Track, assistant professor of History, coordinator of Academic Services in the Adult Degree Completion Program, and research/grant associate in the Office of Institutional Advancement. Dr. Gordon-Kelter joined the University in 1991. Her movement to positions of increasing responsibility indicated her competence as well as the respect she earned from her

colleagues, the faculty, and students. She was highly praised as a teacher, oft requested as an instructor for the Honors Program, and much beloved by her MLA and Liberal Studies students.

Gordon-Kelter earned a bachelor's degree with honors in history at Roosevelt University and her Ph.D. in medieval history from the Graduate School and University Center at the City University of New York, in 1988. Subsequently, she received a master's degree in Library and Information Sciences from the University of North Texas. She was justifiably proud that she continued her scholarly work during her administrative career, twice co-editing the Revolutions in Knowledge: Feminism in the Social Sciences volume and presenting and publishing papers in the areas of medieval history, women's studies and adult learners.

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