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EAST LANSING, Mich. -- Carolyn Stieber, assistant professor of political science at Michigan State University, was named university ombudsman, Friday (Oct. 18) by the MSU Board of Trustees.

She will be the second to fill the unique position which was created in 1967. MSU was the first Big Ten university to establish such an office.

Mrs. Stieber, a member of MSU's political science faculty since 1957, succeeds Dr. James Rust. He will retire Sept. 1, 1975 as professor and ombudsman emeritus.

The word "ombudsman" literally means "one who represents someone." And in government, this is the one who fights city hall and protects the private citizen against excesses of bureaucracy.

The ombudsman receives student grievances on a wide range of matters, which often include grades, course requirements, professors, housing contracts, student loans and other difficulties.

A native of Cincinnati, Ohio, Mrs. Stieber holds the M.A. degree from the University of Pittsburgh and the B.A. from the University of Chicago.

Prior to joining the MSU faculty, Mrs. Stieber held positions in personnel classification with the U.S. Navy Veterans Emergency Housing Program, the City of Norfolk, and the University of Minnesota. She was also an administrative assistant with the City of Minneapolis Housing Authority and was an editor with the Russian Research Center at Harvard University.

Her publications include "The Politics of Change in Michigan," published in 1970, as well as various articles on state and urban subjects.

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At MSU, she teaches courses in urban politics and Michigan politics. She is a member of the American Political Science Association.

She has served on a number of university committees, including the Anti-Discrimination Judicial Board, the State News Board of Directors, as well as several committees in the College of Social Science.

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