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**Polytechnic University Appoints Dr. Myles Jackson as First Dibner Family  
Professor of the History of Technology, Philosophy and Science**

*Leading National Engineering School Brings On Jackson to Advance Study and  
Discussion about the Future of Technology and Science*

**New York City – December XX, 2007** – Polytechnic University has appointed Dr. Myles Jackson as the first Dibner Family Chair in the History and Philosophy of Technology and Science. The Dibner family, through its Dibner Fund dedicated to science and technology education, partnered with Polytechnic University to offer this new faculty position. In the past, the Dibner Fund supported the relocation of the library on the University's MetroTech campus, and David Dibner, former president of the Fund, served on the Polytechnic University Board of Trustees for nearly 25 years.

Dr. Jackson will be tasked with advancing the study of the history and philosophy of technology and science among undergraduate and graduate students and helping future scientists and engineers to understand the historical, ethical, and cultural implications of their work.

"Dr. Jackson has a tremendous reputation throughout the science and technology community, and offers the ability to lead the discussion regarding science and engineering in the twenty-first century," says Jerry M. Hultin, president of Polytechnic University. "He will be a great asset to the University in this newly created position."

Dr. Jackson comes to Polytechnic University from Willamette University in Salem, Oregon. Previously, he taught at Harvard University, the University of Pennsylvania, and the University of Chicago.

"Polytechnic University will provide me with an unparalleled opportunity to analyze how the history and philosophy of science and technology can be taught to undergraduate and graduate students at a technological university," Jackson says. "As one of the nation's

leading technological universities, I cannot think of a better place to engage students and the scientific community at large on the issues that will shape the future of engineering and technology."

Dr. Jackson holds a Ph.D. in the history and philosophy of science from the University of Cambridge. He is a recipient of the Derek Bok Prize for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching from Harvard. His first book, *Spectrum of Belief: Joseph von Fraunhofer and the Craft of Precision Optics* (MIT Press, 2000) received the Paul Bunge Prize from the German Chemical Society and the Hans-Sauer Prize for the Best Work on the History of Invention. His second book, *Harmonious Triads: Physicists, Musicians, and Instrument Makers in Nineteenth-Century Germany*, was published by MIT Press in 2006. He is currently working on how the decision to patent genes has influenced research in molecular genetics, and conversely, how molecular genetics is shaping intellectual property law.

### **About Polytechnic University**

Polytechnic University, one of the nation's oldest private engineering universities, was founded in 1854 in Brooklyn, New York. Today, it is the New York metropolitan area's preeminent resource in science and technology education and research. In addition to its main campus at MetroTech Center in Brooklyn, Polytechnic offers programs at sites throughout the region, including Long Island, Manhattan and Westchester. Additionally, the University offers several programs in Israel.

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