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Duluth--- Dr. Albert Tezla, professor of English at the University of Minnesota, Duluth (UMD), has been named the adviser to students at Columbia University writing doctoral dissertations in Hungarian literature.

Tezla, one of the few national experts in this field, will travel to Columbia whenever such Ph.D. candidates appear for their final oral examination. Otherwise, such candidates with any serious problem related to his candidacy will come to Duluth to consult with Tezla.

Tezla was a visiting professor of Hungarian literature at Columbia during winter and spring of 1966 and made his third research trip to Europe that summer. He is the author of "An Introductory Bibliography to the Study of Hungarian Literature," considered by experts to be the most complete volume of its kind.

Dr. Tezla last week received a grant of \$1,000 from the American Council of Learned Societies to defray the closing costs on another book, "Hungarian Authors: A Bibliographical Handbook," which will be published by the Harvard University Press in 1969.

Tezla also is among a group of American and European specialists asked by the Council to write chapters for a guide to the study of Central and South-eastern Europe. The two-volume guide will be published next year by the University of Chicago Press.

Professor Tezla wrote chapters on Hungarian literature, language, drama, theatre, cinema and folk lore.

A native of South Bend, Indiana, Dr. Tezla received the B.A. degree at the University of Chicago before 44 months duty as a lieutenant with the U.S. Navy. He returned to Chicago to earn the M.A. and Ph.D. degrees. He came to UMD in 1949 after two years as an instructor with the Indiana University Extension Service.