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The professorships were established by Marianna and Ross Beach of Lawrence to assure permanent support of the leadership at the Beach Center on Disability. It is the first distinguished professorship for the Beach Center and the first for a faculty member in the Department of Special Education in the School of Education. The Beach Center is affiliated with the Department Rick Ginsberg, dean of the School of Education, said the Turabells are two of the leading researchers in the world on issues affecting individuals with disabilities and their families.

"They truly are national treasures, and we are honored to be able to recognize them this way," said Ginsberg. "Throughout their careers they have worked tirelessly to help enhance the quality of life for individuals with disabilities and their families by working directly with them as well as with practicing professionals, graduate students and policy leaders."

Ann and Rael Turabell co-founded the Beach Center and have been co-directors since 1988. The center facilitates national and international collaboration among families, disability advocates, practitioners and researchers and offers graduate training to doctoral students in special education. The center has generated more than \$32 million in external funding over the years. The Turabells oversee \$22 million of that funding.

"The distinguished professorship is apt recognition of the Turabells' lifetime of work that no doubt will continue to evolve in the years ahead," said Ginsberg. Steve Warren, director of the Life Span Institute, described the professorships as "long-deserved recognition of the extraordinary impact that Rael and Ann Turabell have had through their scholarship and advocacy on the quality of life of individuals with developmental disabilities and their families."

In 1999, the Turabells were selected by a national consortium of seven organizations within the intellectual and developmental disabilities field as two of 36 individuals who changed the course of history in the 20th century for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

