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The appointment of Dr. William Eugene Hollon, prominent American historian and author, to the faculty at The University of Toledo, effective July 20, has been announced by Dr. William S. Carlson, president.

Dr. Hollon formerly was professor of history at the University of Oklahoma. Since last September he has been conducting research in Spain on a Fulbright fellowship. He is a candidate for a Pulitzer Prize for his most recent book, "The Great American Desert," published in 1966 by Oxford University Press.

Dr. Noel L. Leathers, chairman of the University's history department, said Dr. Hollon will be appointed professor of history and will concentrate on the department's doctoral program, which is awaiting approval of the Ohio Board of Regents.

Dr. Hollon is an authority on the history of the American West from the period of the administration of President Andrew Jackson to the Civil War. He is president of the Western Historical Association, of which The University of Toledo is a sponsoring institution.

A native of Commerce, Tex., Dr. Hollon received his bachelor's degree at East Texas State College, Commerce, in 1934; his master's degree from the University of Texas in 1937, and his doctorate from Texas in 1942.

Before World War II, Dr. Hollon taught in the Texas public schools. From 1942 to 1945 he served as a history instructor at the Ground School, Schreiner Institute, Kerrville, Tex.

Dr. Hollon joined the faculty of the University of Oklahoma in 1945. He had Fulbright and Smith-Mundt fellowships for work in Peru in 1958 and on three occasions has been on special U.S. Government assignment in Central and South America.

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He is the author of seven books and numerous articles. Books include "The Lost Pathfinder: Zebulon Montgomery Pike," published in 1949; "History of Pre-Flight Training in the USAF, 1917-1952," published in 1953; "Beyond the Cross Timbers: The Travels of Randolph R. Marcy," published in 1955; "William Bollaert's Texas," published in 1956; "Outline History of the United States," two volumes, published in 1957, and "The Southwest Old and New," published in 1961.

Dr. Hollon expects to complete his work in Spain late in June.

Dr. Leathers noted that the addition of Dr. Hollon will bring to 18 the number of faculty members in the history department. By this fall, 16 of these will have doctoral degrees.

Dr. Carlson said Dr. Hollon's extensive experience in working with doctoral candidates in history will be extremely valuable to The University of Toledo, which is working to establish an outstanding graduate program in this field.