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**Writing Prize Created at the School of Government
to Honor Former Editor Margaret E. Taylor**

CHAPEL HILL, NC – A permanent endowment has been created at the School of Government to fund the Margaret Taylor Writing Prize. The award is named in honor of Margaret E. Taylor, who was an editor at the School (then the Institute of Government) and managing editor of the School’s magazine, *Popular Government*, from 1964 to 1987. The endowment was funded by Taylor’s family, friends, and former colleagues.

The Margaret Taylor Writing Prize will be awarded for books, monographs, bulletins, papers, articles, online publications, and videos that display the clear, direct and effective qualities advocated by Taylor during her career. The award guidelines and a selection committee for the Taylor Prize are in development. The first award of \$500 to \$1000 is expected to be available in fiscal year 2010-2011.

“Margaret worked tirelessly and with great skill to assure that all *Popular Government* issues were of high quality,” said Jack Vogt, professor of public finance and government. “She was rigorous in her editing and generous with advice about how to present ideas effectively. Margaret taught me more about writing than anyone or anything else.”

Before joining the Institute of Government in 1964, Taylor served as an assistant editor for University of Wisconsin Press and Michigan State University Press. During her time at the Institute, she edited a variety of books and other publications and co-authored *An Introduction to Law for North Carolinians* with Michael Crowell, professor of public law and government. Taylor also wrote *Chapel Hill, 200 Years: Close to Magic*, published in 1994 by the Chapel Hill Bicentennial Commission.

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