John Schuyler Gibson

John Schuyler Gibson is a Midwesterner with a B.A. from Oberlin, an M.A. from Case Western Reserve University, and a Ph. D. in International Law from Columbia University. He served in the Navy and, after holding various academic positions (including Tufts and the Fletcher School) and administrative appointments he returned to Tufts in 1963, joining the departments of Political Science and Education. He was promoted to full professor in 1966. Until 1973 he also served as director of the Lincoln Filene Center.

Professor Gibson was the founding director of the International Relations Program in 1977. He remained in this position until 1984, and was director again from 1987 to 1990. The Tufts IR Program is the top-ranked undergraduate International Relations Program in the country and is the largest major at Tufts. Under his directorship the program was guided by an outstanding faculty, administration, and student committee; it sponsored many academic meetings, conferences, and publications and also launched the IR curriculum at the new Tufts European Center in 1979. Professor Gibson became Professor Emeritus in 1995.

The John S. Gibson Award

The John S. Gibson Award, named after the first director of the International Relations Program at Tufts University, is given to the author of the most outstanding paper written by an undergraduate in one of the participating departments in the International Relations Program.

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