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The announcement was made by Dr. Lawrence E. Looby, vice president for Institutional Advancement.

The Center for Urban Studies is part of YSU's Public Service Institute, which also includes the Cushwa Center for Industrial Development, the Center for Human Services Development, and Engineering Services Center.

For the past four and a half years, Dr. Peterson has been Alaskan regional director of Environmental Science and Engineering, Inc., an international company.

Earlier, while working with ESE, he was also adjunct professor in the Natural Resources Division of Alaska Pacific University at Anchorage, where he taught a graduate course in resource management, and adjunct professor in the School of Business and Public Affairs, University of Alaska.

Prior to that he was professor of Regional Planning in the Department of Geography and Regional Planning at Western Washington University, Bellingham, Wash.; professor of Environmental Planning at Huxley College of Environmental Studies at Western Washington; and instructor-lecturer in the Department of Urban Planning, University of Washington, Seattle.

Dr. Peterson holds certification by the American Institute of Certified Planners, is registered as a principal planner-in-charge by the State of Washington, and holds a certificate in urban systems engineering from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

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YSU's Public Service Institute is a partnership with the public, designed to coordinate and assist activities in the community, facilitate the sharing of resources among University departments, stimulate interest in public service among faculty and staff, and respond to opportunities in the urban environment.

The Center for Urban Studies assists in developing economic revitalization strategies, undertakes research, public surveys and urban planning projects.

Dr. Peterson said:

"The Center for Urban Studies will serve as a focal point for governmental agencies and private entities seeking University assistance in solving urban problems.

"More specifically, I anticipate we will be addressing the full gamut of socioeconomic and environmental problems that face the Mahoning Valley--new job formation, intergovernmental cooperation, downtown revitalization, housing quality, urban blight, and others.

"In addition to the CUS staff, faculty members from appropriate departments will be employed on the various projects the Center undertakes."

Dr. Peterson is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Peterson of Warren and a 1955 graduate of Howland High School. In 1966 he received a Bachelor of Science in Education degree at YSU where he majored in social science. During high school and college, he worked for the Erie Railroad, Copperweld Steel Corp. in Warren, as a production worker at GM's Packard Electric plant, and served two years in the Army Reserve.

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Dr. Peterson received a master's degree in 1968 and his doctoral degree in 1974, both in Urban Planning, from the University of Washington.

In 1982-83 he was a member of the board of directors and special consultant for Environmental Research Systems, Ltd. in Legos, Nigeria, for a project that involved industrial development and laying out a new town. Over the years he has been consultant and planning director for projects in Anchorage, Gainesville, Fla., Bellingham and Seattle, Wash., where he was senior planner for the Puget Sound Governmental Conference.

He is the author of many professional planning and environmental reports and has had numerous academic papers published.

He and his wife, the former Lorraine Wooke of Warren, have moved to Youngstown. They have four children. Their oldest son, Gil, is a boat builder in Florida. A daughter, Christin Peterson, is a graphic designer in Bellingham, Wash. and studying for a graduate degree. Lauri Protzman and her husband operate a fitness center in San Diego. Julie is a student at Arizona State University.

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