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**SMU LYLE SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING PROFESSOR ALI BESKOK NAMED THE BROWN FOUNDATION, INC. PROFESSOR OF ENGINEERING**

DALLAS ([SMU](#)) – Professor Ali Beskok has been appointed The Brown Foundation, Inc. Professor of Engineering at the SMU [Lyle School of Engineering](#). This endowed position recognizes and rewards a Lyle faculty member who has demonstrated excellence in teaching, research and service.

“Receiving an endowed professorship is the pinnacle of an academic career,” said Lyle Dean Marc P. Christensen. “It recognizes that Professor Beskok has truly had an impact through the research conducted in his lab and the students he has taught in his classroom.”

Beskok is an internationally known expert in micro- and nano-scale transport phenomena, numerical methods and experimental microfluidics. He has more than 110 published articles in high-impact journals and has authored and co-authored two books and 10 book chapters, with over 11,000 citations to his scholarly works. Beskok was selected as a 2010 American Society of Mechanical Engineering (ASME) Fellow and was the recipient of SMU’s 2016 Ford Research Fellows.

Beskok joined Lyle as chair of the department of Mechanical Engineering in 2013, a position he held for six years. During his tenure as chair, Beskok led the department through times of exciting growth, including increasing the number of faculty in the department, revising and strengthening the undergraduate and graduate curricula, and overseeing the department’s research expansion, among many other accomplishments.

Before joining SMU, Beskok was the Batten Professor of Computational Engineering at Old Dominion University, where he was the founding director of the ODU Institute of Micro and Nanotechnology, and the graduate program director of ODU’s Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering department. He also served as an associate professor and assistant professor at the Texas A&M University department of Mechanical Engineering, as a visiting scholar at the Brown University Center for Fluid Mechanics, and as a postdoctoral research associate at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Research Laboratory of Electronics. Beskok received his B.S. degree in Mechanical Engineering from Middle East Technical University, Ankara, Turkey, in 1988, and earned both M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering at Princeton University in 1994 and 1996, respectively.

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**About the Lyle School of Engineering**

*SMU's Lyle School of Engineering, founded in 1925, is one of the oldest engineering schools in the Southwest. The school offers eight undergraduate and 29 graduate programs, including master's and doctoral degrees, through the departments of Civil and Environmental Engineering; Computer Science; Electrical and Computer Engineering; Engineering Management, Information and Systems; and Mechanical Engineering. Lyle students participate in programs in the unique Deason Innovation Gym, providing the tools and space to work on immersion design projects and competitions to accelerate leadership development and the framework for innovation; the Hart Center for Engineering Leadership, helping students develop nontechnical skills to prepare them for leadership in diverse technical fields; the Caruth Institute for Engineering Education, developing new methodologies for incorporating engineering education into K-12 schools; the Linda and Mitch Hart Institute for Technology, Innovation and Entrepreneurship, combining the innovative forces of the Lyle School of Engineering and the Cox School of Business to integrate their expertise, resources and guidance to develop technology prototypes and create viable business plans; and the Hunter and Stephanie Hunt Institute for Engineering and Humanity, combining technological innovation with business expertise to address global poverty.*