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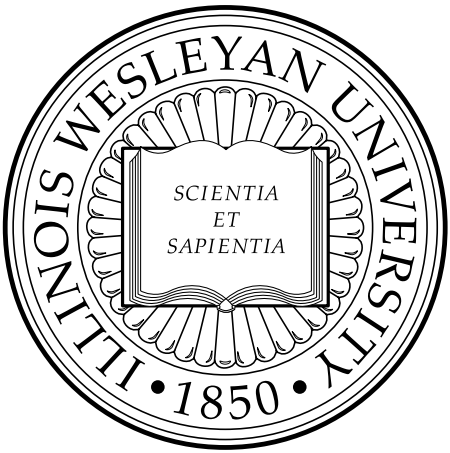
PRESIDENT'S CONVOCATION



Westbrook Auditorium
Presser Hall
September 10, 2008
11:00 AM

Program

President Richard F. Wilson, *Presiding*

Prelude — Brass Ensemble

Scott Schumann '09, *trumpet*; Dan George '09, *trumpet*; Jessica Pearce '09, *horn*; Matt Luhn '10, *trombone*; Don Killinger '09, *tuba*

Processional *(please stand)*

Trumpet Tune — *Jeremiah Clarke (1674-1707)*

Invocation *(remain standing)* — Hope Luckie, *University Chaplain*

Welcome — Richard F. Wilson, *President*

Greetings from the Student Senate — Andrea Ambrosia '09, *President, Student Senate*

Special Music

"Io son l'umile ancella" from Adrianna Lecouvreur — *Francesco Cilèa (1866-1950)*

Professor Carren Moham, *soprano*
Professor R. Kent Cook, *piano*

Introduction of Speaker — Beth Cunningham, *Provost and Dean of the Faculty*

Address — Temple Grandin

"Decoding the World Through the Unique Perspective of Autism"

Alma Wesleyana — Brass Ensemble

(please stand and join in singing led by Mallory Roberts '09)

NATIONAL HYMN

George William Warren (1828-1902)

From hearts aflame, our love we pledge to thee,
Where'er we wander, over land or sea;
Through time unending, loyal we will be—
True to our Alma Mater, Wesleyan.
When college days are fully past and gone,
While life endures, from twilight gleam til dawn,
Grandly thy soul shall with us linger on—
Star-crowned, our Alma Mater, Wesleyan.
—*Professor W. E. Schultz (1935)*

Benediction *(remain standing)* — Chaplain Luckie

Recessional *(remain standing)* — Brass Ensemble

Hornpipe from The Water Music — *George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)*

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Dr. Temple Grandin

Acclaimed author, celebrated speaker, noted scientist—it is with good reason that Temple Grandin is said to be one of the most accomplished and well-known adults with autism in the world. Since her first book *Emergence: Labeled Autistic* debuted in 1986, her ability and willingness to give voice to the inner lives of autistic individuals has disproved medical assumptions and refined expectations for their achievement.

Diagnosed in 1950 when she was three and half years old, Dr. Grandin has described her personal struggle with autism as "groping from the far side of darkness." From bestselling memoirs, such as *Thinking in Pictures: And Other Reports From My Life with Autism* (1995), to contributions in practical guides, such as *Developing Talents: Careers for Individuals with Asperger Syndrome and High Functioning Autism* (2004), Dr. Grandin's writings have informed and inspired a generation of autism awareness advocates.

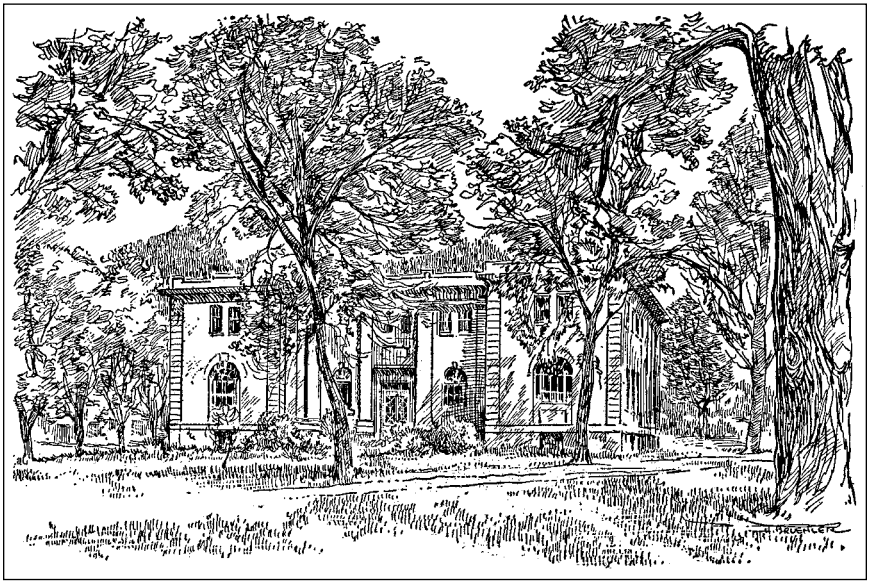
Most recently, her *Unwritten Rules of Social Relationships: Decoding Social Mysteries Through the Unique Perspectives of Autism* was selected as the winner of the prestigious Foreword Book of the Year Award for 2006. Additionally, she has published multiple books on the subject of animal science, including *Animals in Translation: Using the Mysteries of Autism to Decode Animal Behavior* (2004).

Dr. Grandin has been featured on major television programs, such as *ABC's Primetime Live*, the *Today Show*, *Larry King Live*, *48 Hours* and *20/20*, as well as in national publications, such as *Time* magazine, *People* magazine, *Forbes*, *U.S. News and World Report*, and the *New York Times*. She has spoken on National Public Radio, and has contributed to a series of videos for Future Horizons, an organization dedicated to providing helpful, up-to-date information on autism and Asperger's Syndrome to individuals, families and professionals.

Traveling the world on speaking engagements, Dr. Grandin promotes both autism awareness and humane treatment for livestock. The author of over 300 articles published in scientific journals and livestock periodicals on animal welfare, her work on the principles of grazing animal behavior is credited with helping reduce the stress on livestock during handling. She is the designer of livestock handling facilities used internationally, and nearly half of the operating facilities in North America are of her design.

Currently, Dr. Grandin is a professor of animal science at Colorado State University. She earned a bachelor's degree in psychology in 1970 at Franklin Pierce College in Rindge, N.H. and a master's degree in animal science in 1975 from Arizona State University. In 1989, Dr. Grandin earned a Ph.D. in animal science from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

SCIENCE HALL



From a 1931 booklet of pen sketches:

"THIS BUILDING WAS MADE POSSIBLE LARGELY BY A GIFT OF ANDREW CARNEGIE IN 1910 AND HAS CONSTANTLY BEEN KEPT MODERN IN EVERY RESPECT DURING THE PAST TWENTY YEARS. CHEMISTRY, BIOLOGY, ZOOLOGY, AND PHYSICS DEPARTMENTS ARE QUARTERED IN THIS ATTRACTIVE BUILDING."

The Edgar M. Stevenson Hall of Nursing, formerly known as Science Hall, was dedicated on October 9, 1965.

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