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# CONVOCAATION FOR FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS



Shirk Center  
Performance Arena  
August 21, 2001  
4:30 p.m.

# PROGRAM

President Minor Myers, jr., *Presiding*

Prelude..... Sara Hoffee '03

J.S. Bach--Prelude in D major (*from the Well-Tempered Clavier Book II*)

\* Invocation ..... Kristin R. Gregory '03

President's Welcome ..... President Minor Myers, jr.

Greetings from the Students..... Gregory P. Adamo '02

*President, Student Senate*

Performances

Deh,rieni alla finestra.....Mozart from *Don Giovanni*

Brandon Fox '05, baritone

Eva Ferguson, piano

Tzigone.....*Maurice Ravel*

Justyna Lutow '05, violin

Eva Ferguson, piano

Greetings from the Faculty and ..... Janet M. McNew

Welcome to the Academic Community *Provost and Dean of the Faculty*

Introduction of the Speaker ..... James D. Matthews

*Dean of Students and*

*Associate Professor of French*

Address.....Dennis E. Groh '61

"Imagining 'Others'; Re-imagining 'Ourselves'" *University Chaplain*

*Professor of Humanities and Archaeology*

\*Alma Wesleyana

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)*

Sarah Nicholas '03

\* Benediction ..... Miss Gregory

Postlude ..... Miss Hoffee

G.F. Handel--The Hornpipe (*from Water Music*)

\* *Audience will please stand*



## **DENNIS E. GROH '61**

*University Chaplain*

*Professor of Humanities and Archaeology*

Dennis E. Groh '61 is University Chaplain and Professor of Humanities and Archaeology at Illinois Wesleyan University (1996- ) and Associate Director of the University of South Florida Excavations at Sepphoris. Previously he was Professor of the History of Christianity at Garrett-

Evangelical Theological Seminary and an Advisory Member of The Graduate Faculty, Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois.

A specialist in early Christianity and the archaeology of Israel in the Roman and Byzantine Periods, Dr. Groh has authored, co-authored, or co-edited five books. His articles appear in a number of published works, including "The Oxford Encyclopedia of Near Eastern Archaeology" (edited by Eric M. Meyers), "The Dictionary of Judaism in the Biblical Period" (edited by Jacob Neusner), and "Christianity and Rabbinic Judaism. A Parallel History of Their Origins and Development" (edited by Hershel Shenks).

Dr. Groh is a past president of the North American Patristics Society and a past vice president of the Chicago Society of the Archaeological Institute of America.

He has been a Rockefeller Doctoral Fellow in Religion (for study at the American Academy in Rome); both a Fellow and a Senior Fellow of the Association of Theological Schools of the US and Canada; the James Alan Montgomery Fellow and the Annual Professor of the American Schools of Oriental Research at the William F. Albright Institute of Archaeological Research (Jerusalem); and the Hubert H. Humphrey Fellow of the Institute for Social Ecology, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev (Beer Sheva, Israel).

Dr. Groh has been invited to give lectures on numerous college campuses, including Albion College, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev (Israel), Brown University, Oxford University, Princeton University, and the University of Chicago.

Groh, who is actively interested in Inter-Faith dialogue, is an ordained Elder of the United Methodist Church (Northern Illinois Conference).

He holds degrees from Illinois Wesleyan University (BA in History, Phi Kappa Phi), Garrett Theological Seminary (BD, with highest distinction), and Northwestern University (Ph.D.).

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