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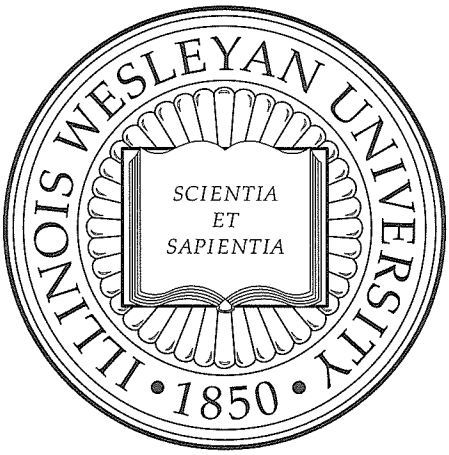


Westbrook Auditorium
Presser Hall
August 29, 1998
4:30 p.m.

PROGRAM

President Minor Myers, jr., *Presiding*

Organ Prelude .....J. Scott Ferguson, *Organist*
Associate Professor of Music
and Director of Choral Activities

Allegro Moderato from Sonata II — *Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)*

* Invocation .....Dennis E. Groh '61
University Chaplain

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

Greetings from the Students .....Michael Balsley '99
President, Student Senate

Performance .....Thomas J. Novara '02, *pianist*
Fantasie-Impromtu Op. 66, No. 4 in C Minor — *Frèdèric Chopin (1810 - 1849)*

Greetings from the Faculty .....Janet M. McNew
Provost and Dean of the Faculty

Introduction of the Speaker .....Janet M. McNew
Provost and Dean of the Faculty

Address .....Frank A. Boyd
"Against Instrumentalism: Some Thoughts on the Use (and Abuse) of the Liberal Arts" — *Assistant Professor of Political Science*
1998 Student Senate Professor of the Year

Greetings from Student Affairs .....James D. Matthews
Acting Dean of Students and
Associate Professor of French

*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.

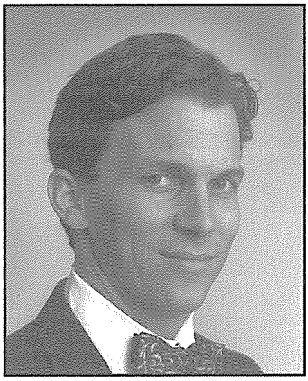
—Professor W. E. Schultz (1935)

* Benediction .....Dennis E. Groh '61
University Chaplain

Organ Postlude .....J. Scott Ferguson, *Organist*
Associate Professor of Music
and Director of Choral Activities

Trumpet Tune — *Henry Purcell (1659-1695)*

**Audience will please stand*



FRANK A. BOYD

Assistant Professor of Political Science

With a broad background in political science, Latin American Studies and international relations, as well as a four-year stint in the United States Navy Hospital Corps, Frank Boyd came to Illinois Wesleyan University in September 1995 with a global perspective and a vast knowledge of foreign policy.

A native of the South, Boyd graduated cum laude from the University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa with a bachelors degree in Latin American Studies in 1989. He then enrolled at Emory University in Atlanta, where he obtained a Ph.D. in political science in August 1995.

Boyd combined his graduate study with a love of teaching while at Emory. In 1993, Boyd was one of twenty graduate students at Emory selected as a Dean's Teaching Fellow. He also taught as an adjunct professor at Oglethorpe University in 1992-93, where he instructed several sections of international relations and international political economy classes. In 1994-95, he was a visiting professor of political science at Georgia State University.

Boyd also brought a practical understanding of international relations to his classes at IWU. In 1992, he prepared briefing materials and served as staff support for an international delegation to witness the state elections in the Mexican states of Michoacan and Chihuahua. He performed similar duties for the international observation of the national elections in Guyana that same year, and for the Panamanian national elections in 1994. In addition, Boyd worked with the Carter Center to bring Mexican delegates to observe the United States elections of 1992.

As an assistant professor of political science at IWU, Boyd's straightforwardness in the classroom and contagious enthusiasm for what he teaches has earned him the high regard of his students. He has even extended his teaching beyond the campus, giving students a chance to see their lessons come to life in the real world. Boyd has taken students backpacking in North Carolina with the Environmental Politics Class in the May Terms of 1997 and 1998 and cites the class as the highlight of his teaching career. Boyd has also worked to combine his teaching with his research interests, which focus on the politics of financial reform in developing countries. He traveled to Bolivia in July 1998 to research the recent reforms of the banking and broader financial sector.

In 1998, Boyd, who is a member of the American Political Science Association, the Midwest Political Science Association and the International Studies Association, was named Illinois Wesleyan University's Professor of the Year. This honor was bestowed upon him by students voting in a campus-wide election.