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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. – Jonathan D. Green, dean of the college and vice president for academic affairs at Sweet Briar College in Sweet Briar, Va., has been named provost and dean of the faculty at Illinois Wesleyan University. In addition to this administrative appointment, he will also serve the University as professor of music. Green succeeds Beth Cunningham, who left the University last year to become executive officer at the American Association of Physics Teachers.

Illinois Wesleyan President Richard F. Wilson announced Green's appointment, which will be effective August 1, 2011.

"I am delighted to welcome Jonathan Green to the University," said Wilson. "Dr. Green has a deep and abiding commitment to the liberal arts and brings valuable experience from his eight years leading the faculty at Sweet Briar."



Jonathan D. Green

Green's selection came at the conclusion of a national search that began in the fall of 2010. He has served as dean of the college and vice president for academic affairs at Sweet Briar since 2004. His previous administrative roles included appointments as department chair and associate dean. Dr. Green joined the Sweet Briar faculty in 1996 as assistant professor of music and was promoted to full professor eight years later.

Commenting on his appointment, Green remarked, "I have long admired Illinois Wesleyan for its talented faculty and staff, excellent students, and as a model for artfully integrating a traditional liberal arts education with pre-professional training. My wife, Lynn, and I are thrilled to be joining this wonderful academic community."

During his eight years leading academic affairs at Sweet Briar, Dr. Green played a key role in the College's planning and assessment efforts and in facilitating several new program initiatives. In addition, study abroad opportunities were expanded, external support for the faculty increased, the career center and advising process were integrated, and the number of student internships grew significantly.

A board member of the Conductor's Guild, Green is the author of several reference books for conductors, and his composition work has received Standard Composer's Awards from the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers annually since 1996. Green has written seven symphonies and three piano concertos, as well as songs, choral works and chamber music for all conventional instruments. He has conducted for several orchestras, including serving as interim music director of the Danville Symphony Orchestra in Virginia and co-conductor of the Greensboro Symphony Youth Orchestra.

Earning a doctorate in musical arts from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro in 1992, Green graduated from the University of Massachusetts – Amherst in 1987 with a master's degree in music and then spent a summer seminar at the Trinity College of Oxford University. He earned a bachelor's degree in music from the State University of New York at Fredonia in 1985.

Dr. Green is married to Lynn Buck, who is an adjunct member of the Sweet Briar music faculty.

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