Inauguration of Eric R. Jensen

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Inauguration Program

Illinois Wesleyan University
The Inauguration of Eric R. Jensen
the Nineteenth President of
Illinois Wesleyan University

April 2, 2016
Performance Arena
at The Shirk Center for Athletics and Recreation
Illinois Wesleyan was founded in 1850 by 30 civic and Methodist Church leaders. During its first year, preparatory classes were taught; collegiate studies began in 1851.

Today, the University is an independent, residential liberal arts university, and exclusively undergraduate. Illinois Wesleyan enrolls approximately 1,900 students from 33 states and 24 countries. A highly selective institution, Wesleyan offers 81 majors, minors and programs in a unique curriculum that combines the liberal arts and sciences with professional schools of art, music, theatre and nursing.

Illinois Wesleyan has long had a commitment to diversity and inclusion. The Board of Trustees opened the University's enrollment to African Americans in 1867, and in 1880, Gus A. Hill became the institution's first African American graduate. The University's first female student, Hannah I. Shur, earned her degree in 1872. Illinois Wesleyan's first international students, Y. Osawa and K. Tanaka, arrived from Japan in 1889.

Another hallmark of the Illinois Wesleyan experience is the way that its faculty engage students inside and outside of the classroom. This tradition of faculty collaboration and engagement dates back to the institution's earliest days when Civil War veteran, geologist, and explorer John Wesley Powell engaged his students in exploration and fieldwork in the Rocky Mountain region. Powell later went on to serve as the second director of the U.S. Geological Survey and the first director of the Bureau of Ethnology at the Smithsonian Institution. Today the Illinois Wesleyan faculty engage their students in a wide range of scholarly, artistic and creative activity, much of which is on display at the university's annual John Wesley Powell Student Research Conference, now in its 27th year.
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Minor Myers jr. 1989-2003
Eric R. Jensen 2015-
About Eric R. Jensen, Ph.D.

Prior to his selection as the 19th president of Illinois Wesleyan, Eric Jensen served as provost and chief academic officer of Hamline University in Saint Paul, Minnesota from 2012–2015. As Hamline provost, he oversaw undergraduate and graduate programming, academic advising, student affairs, intercollegiate athletics, the libraries, the international and diversity programs, and had significant budgetary responsibility, working closely with the chief financial officer in developing the university’s overall budget.

In 1982, President Jensen began his academic career as a professor of economics and public policy at the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia. From 2004 to 2012, he was director of the College’s Thomas Jefferson Program in Public Policy.

An active scholar and researcher, Professor Jensen has published numerous articles on the economics of demographic change and has worked in a number of Asian countries as a Senior Fellow for the Honolulu based East-West Center and as a Council on Foreign Relations International Affairs Fellow based in Washington, D.C. He has also been a Visiting Scholar in Economics at the University of Indonesia and has worked on World Bank and United States Agency for International Development (USAID) projects in South and Southeast Asia. The Rockefeller Foundation, the Andrew Mellon Foundation and the Freeman Foundation have also supported Jensen's scholarly activity.

President Jensen earned both his Ph.D. and master’s degrees in economics from the University of Michigan, and his undergraduate degree in economics from the University of Miami.

The president hails from Homewood, Illinois and is married to Elizabeth, a former middle school science teacher, who grew up outside of Williamsburg, Virginia. Elizabeth Jensen earned her bachelor's degree from James Madison University and a master's from the University of Oregon. The Jensens have two grown children, Joseph who resides in Seattle and Jessica in Saint Paul, and the family dog Calvin.
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Linda French  Professor of Physics

The Mace is made of bronze and walnut, with the names of each of the University’s presidents engraved on its bronze base. The bronze signifies power and endurance and the walnut staff, made of wood from the first campus building, Old North Hall, symbolizes organic strength. Atop the staff is a bronze cupola that represents Old North’s bell tower.

Platform Party
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Prelude

Processional (please stand)
“Crown Imperial”
Illinois Wesleyan Wind Ensemble
Lev Ivanov, Assistant Professor of Music, Conductor
William Walton (1902–1983)

“America The Beautiful” (remain standing)
Sam Mullooly ’16, baritone
Martha Aguirre ’17, soprano
Samuel A. Ward (1848–1903)

Invocation (remain standing)
Elyse Nelson Winger
University Chaplain

Welcome
Jonathan D. Green
Provost and Dean of Faculty

Poem for the Inauguration: The Spirit Line
Joanne Diaz
Associate Professor of English
Michael Theune
Professor of English

Cantate Domino
Illinois Wesleyan Collegiate Choir
J. Scott Ferguson, Professor of Music, Conductor
Józef Świder (1930–2014)

Calls to Leadership
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From a Presidential Perspective
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“Suleika I” D. 720
Jamie-Rose Guarrine ’00, soprano
R. Kent Cook, Professor of Music, piano
Franz Schubert (1797–1828)
Investiture of the 19th President

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Introduction of the President
George A. Vinyard

Presentation of the Presidential Medallion
George A. Vinyard
Jean M. Baird

Inaugural Address
Eric R. Jensen
“The Liberal Arts in the 21st Century: Spotlight on Collaborative Engagement”

“Sit Down Servant”
Illinois Wesleyan Collegiate Choir
arr. by Stacey V. Gibbs

Alma Wesleyana (please stand and join in singing)
George William Warren
(1828–1902)
arr. Peter Andrew Gilbert ’98
Words by Professor W.E. Schultz
(1887–1964)

Benediction (remain standing)
Vaughn Hoffman
Wesley United Methodist Church

Recessional (remain standing)
“Illinois Wesleyan Wind Ensemble
Nicolai Rimsky-Korsakov
(1844–1908)
arr. Erik W.G. Leidzén

Inaugural Celebration
Immediately following the ceremony, please join President and Elizabeth Jensen in the Shirk Activity Center for a Backyard Barbecue and Bluegrass reception featuring The Old Men Boys bluegrass band.

Ceremony interpreted by Lynne M. Poindexter
A first aid station is located in the main lobby outside the Arena entry doors.
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