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A Bright Future for IWU

PRESIDENT GEORGIA NUGENT



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From the President's Desk

I was honored and excited to join Illinois Wesleyan in August as Interim President. It is an even greater honor to have been selected by the Board of Trustees to serve as Illinois Wesleyan's 20th President.

As alumni and friends are well aware, this has been a period of substantial transition for the University. This year, we also welcome a new chair of the Board of Trustees, Tim Szerlong '74, a Board member since 2011. Tim retired from CNA Financial as President of Worldwide Field Operations and resides in Lake Forest, Illinois. He succeeds George Vinyard '71, who served so admirably as Board Chair from 2005-19. During the October meeting of the Board of Trustees, George's commitment to IWU was recognized and honored in several ways. (Of special note: the Davidson Room has now been rechristened the Vinyard Room, in George's honor.)

Tim and I feel very fortunate to commence our tenures together. From our first meeting, it was clear that we share values, a commitment to IWU's future, and a "bias for action." I am truly fortunate to be working with such a great partner as we move forward.

Continuing at Illinois Wesleyan is also an appealing opportunity to me, because there is an excellent senior leadership team in place. They are consummate professionals who collaborate well as a team. The team gains strength from the fact that it includes both some members who bring extensive institutional history and others who have come to IWU with experience from a number of different institutions.

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Elsewhere in this magazine, there is a Q&A in which I discuss more fully why I believe Illinois Wesleyan is well-positioned for success and how we will be proceeding in some new ways to realize our potential. I invite you to learn more about me and how you can play an important role. Here are some examples:

- In today's world, one of the greatest factors contributing to student success is having an internship. Many alumni and friends have offered such opportunities to our students — and the benefit is not only to the student but also to the supporters who get to connect with our wonderful undergraduates. If you're in a position to offer such an opportunity to an IWU student, please consider doing so.

- Particularly with our pre-professional programs, there are great opportunities for "professors of the practice" to share their experience with our students. Would you be interested in coming to campus as a visiting lecturer, to share your experience with our students?

- Here's a simple contribution to IWU's success that anyone can make: Wear your gear! Just wearing a Titan T-shirt, sweatshirt or cap can spur a conversation. Be Titan proud! And be prepared to talk about your IWU experience, what it means to you, and why it could be great for a prospective student.

- Of course, I'd be remiss if I didn't mention how much your philanthropic support matters as well. There are so many ways in which Wesleyan alumni and friends make a difference. Our wonderful Scholarship Benefactor Dinner at Homecoming, which brings scholarship donors and their students together, is a real highlight of the year and makes tangibly clear how much scholarship support matters. We have many to thank, as well, for the beautiful academic facilities on our campus. A need for the future will be to update our residential facilities to reach a similar standard of excellence.

With the support and ideas of the IWU alumni family, together with the devoted faculty and staff on campus, and many others, I feel tremendous confidence in Illinois Wesleyan's continued success, and I'm so pleased to have the opportunity to contribute to that bright future.

G. H. Nugent



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Inside IWU

FEATURED NEWS, EVENTS AND VIEWS FROM THE IWU CAMPUS

Nugent Named Illinois Wesleyan's 20th President



(Above) President Georgia Nugent (left) shares a laugh with husband Tom Scherer (right) at a campus event announcing her as Illinois Wesleyan's 20th president on Nov. 14, 2019.

S. **Georgia Nugent**, Ph.D., president emerita of Kenyon College, will lead Illinois Wesleyan University as the institution's 20th president.

Nugent, who joined the University as interim president in August 2019, becomes the first woman to serve as President of Illinois Wesleyan. The Board of Trustees announced her appointment at a campus event on Nov. 14, 2019.

"I originally arrived at Illinois Wesleyan as interim president, planning only to be on the campus for one year," Nugent said. "But I quickly came to love the institution, its mission and its people — faculty, students, staff and alumni."

A widely published scholar of the classics and of higher education, Nugent earned a bachelor's degree from Princeton University and a doctorate from Cornell University. Before beginning her decade-long presidency at Kenyon, Nugent served at Princeton as assistant to the president, associate provost, and dean of the Center for Teaching and Learning, and as a professor of classics at Princeton and Brown universities. She also taught on the classics faculties of Cornell as well as Swarthmore College and Kenyon.

Nugent later served as interim president at The College of Wooster during the 2015-16 academic year and is currently a senior fellow at the Council of Independent Colleges.

Board Chair **Timothy J. Szerlong '74** said, "Georgia's influence on the Illinois Wesleyan community was evident from the day she arrived on campus. Her wealth of experience in higher education, her engaging leadership style, and her unwavering commitment to academic excellence gives our Board of Trustees every confidence that she will have a profound impact in shaping the future of IWU."

Presidential Search Committee Chair **W. Thomas Lawrence '80** added, "Our search committee unanimously recommended Dr. Nugent as the 20th president of Illinois Wesleyan. She presented the committee a unique opportunity to recommend a candidate whose work we have been able to analyze in real-time. As our interim president, Georgia has exhibited strong leadership skills in an honest and transparent manner that have won her the respect of the University community."

As president of Kenyon from 2003 to 2013, Nugent focused on strengthening the college's core academic values while also overseeing the launch of new programs. During Nugent's tenure, funding for faculty research was increased, new endowed professorships were created, and new hires increased the diversity of the faculty as a whole. Under Nugent's leadership, the "We Are Kenyon" campaign, which raised more than \$240 million, brought in \$60 million in new endowment dollars for financial aid, doubling endowment funds for that purpose.

As a senior fellow at the Council of Independent Colleges, Nugent helped design, develop and oversee a public information campaign advocating for the value of a liberal arts education. The national, multi-pronged initiative directed attention to the compelling evidence that smaller independent colleges produce graduates who are among the best prepared for success in their personal, career and community lives. Nugent has also shared her nationally respected higher education insight as a contributing writer for *Inside Higher Ed*.

New Students Welcomed at Convocation



(Above) New Titans are welcomed to campus at the New Student Convocation on Aug. 20, 2019.

Illinois Wesleyan University welcomed new Titans to campus, including members of the Class of 2023 and transfer students, at New Student Convocation on Aug. 20, 2019.

New Titans traveled to campus from 22 states, one territory and 10 countries, and more than 27% of the incoming class self-identifies as a student of color.

The Princeton Review Recognizes Illinois Wesleyan Among Nation's Best

Illinois Wesleyan University is one of the nation's best institutions for undergraduates to earn a college degree, according to *The Princeton Review's* 2020 college guide, *The Best 385 Colleges*.

Only about 13% of America's 3,000 four-year colleges are profiled in the book. *The Princeton Review* chooses colleges to profile based on data it collects annually from administrators at hundreds of colleges about their institutions' academic offerings. *The Princeton Review* also considers data it gathers from surveys of college students who rate and report on various aspects of their campus and community experiences for this project.

Illinois Wesleyan is "a community that 'invites you to make the most of your education and is ready to bend over backwards to ensure you enjoy your experience,'" according to IWU's profile, which features comments from students interviewed by *The Princeton Review*. "It truly is 'a small school that oozes big opportunities.'"

"Professors are 'brilliant and accessible,' 'insightful' individuals who are 'the best in their field,'" IWU's profile continues. "'The exuberance they have for their subject area and their students is very evident.' Many of them are involved in research and 'often include students in helping them.'"

Regarding student life, student survey respondents say the University "'does a great job having entertainment available for students' and almost every weekend a free event is held in the student center, 'whether that be a concert, comedian, movie, or other entertainment.'"

In a "Survey Says" sidebar in the book's Illinois Wesleyan

President Georgia Nugent warmly welcomed the new students. "If you want to bring your gifts, talents and passions to a community where they'll matter, then you're a Titan, and you've come to the right place," she said. "Welcome to your new home."

Student Senate President **Que Jackson '21** echoed Nugent's welcome and encouraged his fellow Titans to become active and engaged students. He also highlighted IWU's commitment to diversity. "Don't be afraid to go outside of your comfort zone," he said. "Make a friend that you wouldn't have made before. No matter your background, race, religion, sexuality. We are all Titans."

Keynote speaker **Timothy Rettich**, a professor of chemistry and recipient of the 2020 Kemp Foundation Award for Teaching Excellence, the University's highest teaching honor, likened the new students' upcoming college journey to the Lewis and Clark Expedition.

"I hope you will look around at your fellow travelers here tonight and resolve to be a good crew member," he said. "Assist and encourage each other. All are in the same boat."



(Above) A 2019 graduate returns to her seat after receiving her diploma at Illinois Wesleyan's 2019 Commencement. IWU was ranked as one of the nation's best institutions for undergraduates to earn a degree by *The Princeton Review*.

profile, *The Princeton Review* lists topics that IWU students were in most agreement about in their answers to *The Princeton Review's* survey questions. The list includes: "students are happy," "classroom facilities are great," "lab facilities are great," "great library," "career services are great," "internships are widely available," "easy to get around campus" and "recreation facilities are great," among other responses.

The Princeton Review does not rank the colleges in the book. The profiles are based on the company's surveys of 140,000 students at the 385 schools in the book. Illinois Wesleyan was also recently recognized by *Kiplinger* as one of the nation's "Best College Values."

IWU Athletics Adds Men's Volleyball, Women's Bowling

Illinois Wesleyan University Athletic Director **Mike Wagner** announced the addition of men's volleyball and women's bowling as the department's 23rd and 24th intercollegiate sport offerings, respectively, on Sept. 13, 2019. Both sports will begin competition during the 2020-21 athletic year.

Men's volleyball will play its home games inside the Shirk Center, while women's bowling will compete at a to-be-determined location.

"Men's volleyball and women's bowling are emerging sports among the College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin schools, and the Midwest overall," said Wagner. "With the addition of these two sports, high school students have another reason to consider attending Illinois Wesleyan."

With the addition of IWU, six CCIW institutions will sponsor men's volleyball by January 2021. The league also has two associate members, making the CCIW eligible for an automatic NCAA tournament bid.

There are more than 220 high schools in Illinois with boys'

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volleyball programs, with most of the programs in the Chicago area and Metro East area near St. Louis.

Illinois Wesleyan will become one of approximately 90 NCAA campuses to sponsor women's bowling, which competes in one division known as National Collegiate Bowling.

Coaches for both teams were named in October 2019.

Brandon Mueller was chosen to helm the men's volleyball team. Mueller brings experience as both a player and coach. He led Springfield (Mass.) College to a pair of national championships, in 2002 and 2003, as a player. Mueller has been successful coaching at both the club and high school levels, leading the Deer Creek-Mackinaw (Ill.) High School girls' volleyball team to a state title in 2014.

"I am thrilled to announce the addition of Brandon and his family to the Illinois Wesleyan community," Wagner said. "He brings an incredible amount of experience both as a player and coach, having led one of the top NCAA Division III men's volleyball programs in the country to back-to-back national championships before competing internationally. Brandon's coaching philosophy and focus on developing the student-athlete on the court, in the classroom, and in the community makes him an outstanding fit for the Titan athletics family."

Anthony Lunsford '18 will lead the women's bowling team. Lunsford has 15 years of experience in the sport. He has served as a youth coach and mentor, and bowled collegiately at Ashland University prior to his time as a student at IWU.

"Anthony's experiences as a collegiate bowler and his passion for the sport stood out," Wagner said. "His dedication to the sport and the student-athlete experience make him a great fit for the Illinois Wesleyan family and the future of our bowling program."

MAX L. STARKEY AWARD



(Left) Michele (Murray) Darnell '88 (right) was presented the Max L. Starkey Award by **President Georgia Nugent** (left) at the annual Faculty-Staff Breakfast on Aug. 19, 2019. The Starkey Award is given annually to a staff member whose loyalty, enthusiasm and outstanding contributions have provided an invaluable service to the IWU community.

Larey Named Director of the School of Music

Internationally recognized music scholar and renowned concert pianist **Franklin Larey** was named director and professor of the Illinois Wesleyan University School of Music in July 2019.

"We are pleased to welcome Dr. Larey to Illinois Wesleyan," said Provost and Dean of the Faculty **Mark Brodl**. "He is not only a visionary, but also brings practical experience in uniting communities around music. Dr. Larey's focus will be on recruitment and retention as well as on increasing the visibility of the School of Music and expanding our commitment to excellence."

A native of South Africa, Franklin received a Fulbright Scholarship to study at the University of Cincinnati to pursue a doctorate from Cincinnati's College-Conservatory of Music. After a decade in the United States, Larey returned to South Africa to teach at the University of Cape Town and served as director of the South African College of Music. He also served on the National Arts Council. Most recently, he taught at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, Minnesota.

"I am delighted beyond words to be joining Illinois Wesleyan University," Larey said. "I am particularly excited about pursuing our common aim of advancing the excellence and diversity of our programs and students. I look forward to expanding access to our programs to both the local and global communities, and to joining my colleagues as we seek to strengthen our impact on the performing arts."

Larey is hailed as one of South Africa's leading pianists and is acclaimed for his performances of works by Brahms,



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Mozart, Scriabin and Ravel. He has performed internationally, including at the Kennedy Center's Millennium Stage in Washington, D.C., and at Carnegie Hall in New York. Larey grew up on a farm in South Africa, and under apartheid did not have access to public piano lessons in the town of his birth. For Larey's 16th birthday, his parents began paying for him to take private piano lessons.

As a scholar, Larey's main research is in the area of Brahms studies, and specifically in the theoretical principles of developing variation and motivic unity which underpin Brahms' compositional style.

Associate Professor of Music **William Hudson** will remain in his role as Interim Associate Director through the 2019-20 academic year.

Six New Minors Added for 2019-20

In addition to the more than 80 majors, minors and programs already available to students, Illinois Wesleyan University has added six new minors and concentrations for the 2019-20 academic year.

Starting in the fall of 2019, students can declare themselves as any one of the following new minors: actuarial science, film studies, French and Francophone studies, Italian studies, religious diversity, and statistics.

In addition to the new minors, the major and minor previously known as American studies has been revised, and will now be called American culture studies.

The new concentrations in American culture studies include: African-American studies, Latinx studies and Native-American studies.

The program's updates include two lower-level foundation courses that investigate power, inequality, and agency through analysis of intersecting structures of race, class,



(Left) Film studies minors will have the opportunity to contribute on summer movie projects. Students, faculty, alumni and staff filmed the first such movie, titled *Quetta Killed her Prom Date*, in Summer 2019.

ethnicity, gender and/or religion; two courses that place the U.S. in a transnational and comparative framework; and a four-course concentration in a specific ethnic/racial group.



The Barn III Dinner Theatre and Event Center

June 7 · 🌐

Who has traveled the farthest to see the new barn? We have a winner! We were blessed to host IWU alums Lavanga and Katherine and Lavanga's parents who traveled all the way from Sri Lanka to tour the new barn (with a few stops to visit family of course!) 🥰 We enjoyed a lovely breakfast under the wedding tent & rich discussion on the joys & challenges of small business ownership in the U.S. 🇺🇸❤️🇧🇪❤️🇩🇪❤️🇪🇪 #TG0E #illinoiswesleyan #iwualums #aroundtheworld



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theadebolayinka Serving at @il_wesleyan with the people I work with is one of the greatest honors I have. I'm grateful for this school and the people it's put in my life - people like Derrick and Warren, who've been friends, mentors, cheerleaders.

#iwu_hc19 #iwuhomecoming2019



West Bloomington Revitalization Project

August 15 · 🌐

Thanks Illinois Wesleyan University Resident Assistants! They spent their morning building an amazing bike wheel sculpture and repainting our way finding signs. Go Titans!



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Jenna C Wiesner

@JennaWiesnerPNC

Employees from @PNCBank in #Centralllinois had a wonderful time at the @IL_Wesleyan Scholarship Benefactor Dinner last night. We love visiting with our scholarship recipients at this #IWU_HC19 kick-off event! #IWU_YourStoryStartsHere



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Bob Clinkert is with Michael Clinkert and Vicky Clinkert at Illinois Wesleyan University.

August 20 · Bloomington · 🌐

So proud of this young man! Looking forward to what the next nine months and the next four years will bring! Love you bud!

We have five STUCO kids starting at Wesleyan today: Maddy, Aidan, Connor, Gav and Michael! Yes!



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James Plath is with Chris Fusco and Dave Gathman at Illinois Wesleyan University.

Sunday at 7:44 AM · Bloomington · 🌐

Current Argus editors and writers welcomed former Argus editors turned working journalists Chris Fusco (left) and Dave Gathman. Both were glad to see The Argus office hasn't changed all that much. Lots of alums back on campus for homecoming weekend, including former sports editor Brian Hiatt, who's now an attorney in Kankakee.



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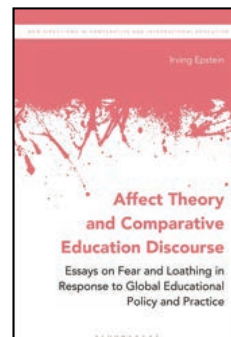
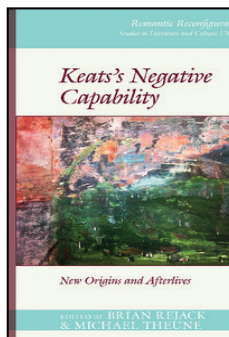
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Authors and the Arts



BOOKS

James Proctor Brown, III '62 penned *Naked Nights and Naked Truths: Kenyan Prelude*, the first book of a planned trilogy. It is available online on Amazon in both paperback and Kindle versions. James recently lectured on African art and led a group through the Norfolk State University African Art Museum. He also recently copyrighted an original country-western song, "One More Night of Suitcase Livin'."

Carol (Meyers) Masters '62 published *Dear Descendent*, a book of poetry drawing upon her life as an activist and her love of the natural world. Carol has been active in peace and environmental movements throughout her life. She is a recipient of a Loft Mentor Series Award, Loft-McKnight fellowship, Minnesota State Arts Board fellowship, and Minnesota Voices Project award for *The Peace Terrorist*, a collection of short stories published in 1993. *Dear Descendent* is available at www.itascabooks.com.

Eric Gardner '89 co-edited *Appointed: An American Novel*, a recently recovered novel written by William Anderson and Walter Stowers, editors of the *Detroit Plaindealer*, a long-running and well-regarded African American newspaper of the late 19th century. *Appointed* tells the story of John Saunders, a college-educated black man living and working in Detroit, who befriends his white employer's son, Seth. *Appointed* was published by West Virginia University Press and is available at its website and on Amazon.

Marybeth (Mathison) Timmermann '93 is an assistant editor of *Diary of a Philosophy Student, Volume 2, 1928-29*, by Simone de Beauvoir. Published in June 2019 by the University of Illinois Press, the volume is the latest in the Beauvoir series, a seven-volume collection of writings by the French writer, activist and existentialist. Marybeth has been involved as contributing translator or editor for six of the seven volumes. The most recent volume can be purchased on Amazon or the University of Illinois Press website.

In *Affect Theory and Comparative Education Discourse*, professor **Irv Epstein** argues conventional educational institutions and the policies that support them tend to ignore the anxiety provoked by globalization forces by affirming a belief in educational modernism to the exclusion of other possibilities. Nancy Kendall, chair of the Department of Educational Policy Studies at the University of Wisconsin Madison, called the book "a much-needed, beautifully written introduction to affect theory and its potential to in/trans/reform comparative education."

Professor **James Plath** co-authored *The 100 Greatest Literary Char-*

acters, published by Rowman & Littlefield and released in July 2019. *The 100 Greatest Literary Characters* profiles the likes of Huckleberry Finn, Anna Karenina, Harry Potter and Hester Prynne, with a focus on how the significant characters from fiction help readers comprehend history, culture, politics, and even their own place in the world. It is available at Amazon.

Retired IWU professor and administrator **Roger Schnaitter** penned *Minor Myers Jr.: A passion for books*, a set of personal reflections telling the story of two driving passions in Myers' 14-year presidency at Illinois Wesleyan University: his passion for collecting a personal library that numbered over 13,000 volumes and his devotion to providing IWU with an exemplary campus library, achieved with the construction of The Ames Library. The book is available at the IWU Bookstore and on Amazon.

The phenomenon of "negative capability" is examined in a new book co-edited by professor **Michael Theune**. Published by Liverpool University Press, *Keats's Negative Capability: New Origins and Afterlives* is an exploration of a concept introduced by Romantic poet John Keats. Originally used by Keats to refer to "being in uncertainties, mysteries, doubts, without any irritable reaching after fact and reason," the term has been adopted to describe and understand Keats' own work. *Keats's Negative Capability: New Origins and Afterlives* can be purchased at Amazon.

ART

New York City's Walter Wickiser Gallery hosted a solo show of paintings from **Dennis Kleidon '66** (right), Aug. 29 through Sept. 25, 2019. The show, titled *Taliesin | Unleashed*, covered two recent phases of Dennis' work, shown in approximately two dozen paintings. An opening reception was held Sept. 5, 2019.



MUSIC AND THEATRE

Gerri (Wenger) Friedberg '60 is on the board of Midsummer's Music, a nonprofit bringing chamber music to Door County (Wis.), where Gerri has lived for almost 20 years. She also plays piano regularly for the Unitarian Fellowship in Ephraim, Wisconsin, and is a volunteer docent at Miller Art Museum in Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin.

William Powers '64 offered a full recital at Harper College on Sept. 17,

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Stephanie Taylor Diaz '89



Elizabeth Kensek '02

2019, in Palatine, Illinois. A leading bass-baritone whose career has spanned a half-century with leading opera companies around the globe, William also performed the national anthem prior to IWU's Home-

coming football game.

Martha Tyner '73 is a member of the Orpheus Mandolin Orchestra in Bloomington, Illinois, which hosted the national convention of the Classical Mandolin Society of America, Oct. 9-13, 2019, in Bloomington-Normal. Martha co-chaired the event and performed with Orpheus Mandolin Orchestra at the convention on Oct. 11, 2019. Martha served as the office coordinator in IWU's School of Music from 1998-2008.

Guest conductor **Walt Otey '76** directed the Oak Ridge (Tenn.) Community Band in a performance of William Schuman's "When Jesus Wept" at the band's "Dreams in Sound" concert on Oct. 6, 2019, at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Knoxville, Tennessee.

Tracy (Strothmann) Garrett '81 was named director of the Greater Lake Area Chorale in Lake of the Ozarks, Missouri. The chorale is an ensemble of 60 singers and mixed voices, and performs two concert series each year.

Deanna (Bantz) Jent '84 adapted and directed *Pride and Prejudice* at the annual Illinois Shakespeare Festival, in July and August 2019, at Ewing Theatre on the grounds of the Ewing Cultural Center in Bloomington, Illinois.

Stephanie Taylor Diaz '89 is a singer, choral director, vocal coach, entertainer and actress who is celebrating 25 years in Branson, Missouri. She is currently a cast member in *Smoke on the Mountain*, now in her third season. She previously served as a regular cast member in the production from 2003-06.

Karen (Manley) Kahler '91 and **Wendy (Strominger) Taylor '91** appeared together in a production of *Mamma Mia* at the Starlight Theatre, in Rockford, Illinois, this summer. Karen played the role of Donna. Wendy played Rosie. Karen also performed in the DeKalb (Ill.) Municipal Band's "Star Spangled Spectacular," at Dee Palmer Band Shell in DeKalb, on July 4, 2019.

Land of the Sky Symphonic Band, a 43-piece community band under the direction of **David Wilken '92**, performed a patriotic concert at White Horse Black Mountain, in Black Mountain, North Carolina, on July 4, 2019. The band later performed a Halloween "Spooktacular" on Oct. 31, 2019, at the same venue.

Scott Schoonover '93 is the founding artistic director of St. Louis' Union Avenue Opera, which is celebrating its 25th anniversary in 2019 with productions of *Candide*, *La bohème* and *Glory Denied*. Scott, who was profiled in a *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* story in July 2019, says many IWU alums are and have been involved in Union Avenue

Opera. Scott has also served as the music director at Union Avenue Christian Church since 1994.

Anna (Gullickson) Rybicki '00 was named executive director of the Chippewa Valley Symphony Orchestra, in Eau Claire, Wisconsin.

Elizabeth Kensek '02 was hired as associate producer of WaterTower Theatre in Addison, Texas, in August 2019. Elizabeth works with the artistic director to champion the artistic vision of the theatre while also coordinating season planning, budgeting, artist hiring, audience engagement, and assisting with marketing and educational programs. Elizabeth is a professional actor and member of the Actors Equity Association union with over 15 years of experience in both the theatre and the business world.

Max Lewendel '03 was appointed manager at the Kenton Theatre in Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire, England, the fourth-oldest working theatre in the country, in July 2019. Max moved to the United Kingdom in 2003 and has spent the past 15 years as artistic director of the touring company Icarus Theatre Collective.

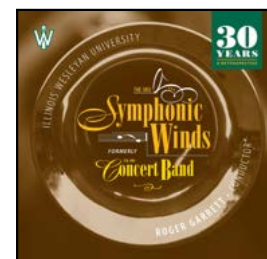
Hayley Rice '04 will adapt and direct a 2020 production of *Babes With Blades* Theatre Company's *The Duchess of Malfi*, to play at Chicago's The Factory Theater, April 16 through May 30, 2020. A Chicago-based director, Hayley is an advising artistic consultant at First Folio Theatre and the artistic director of Babes With Blades Theatre Company.

Carly Stocking '10 produced, directed and performed in a series of cabarets, called *Café Carly*, at Hey Nonny, a new venue in Arlington Heights, Illinois. All seven shows were performed before sold-out crowds and featured a cast with many IWU ties, including **Erin Daly '10**, **Neil Stratman '10**, **Morgan DeTogne '08**, **Timothy Foszcz '18** and former IWU professor **Sandy DeAthos**.

Ian Coulter-Buford '12 is an actor, recording artist and choreographer. He earned a Henry Award nomination, celebrating Colorado theatre, for his performance in *Trav'lin: The 1930s Harlem Musical* earlier this year. He also appeared in an episode of the Amazon series *Modern Love* and understudied in the lead role of the off-Broadway musical comedy *Broadway Bounty Hunter*, at New York's Greenwich House Theater, this summer. Ian also returned to IWU in October 2019 to provide choreography for the IWU production of *The Life*.

Melinda Rodriguez, an assistant adjunct professor, advanced through the "Blind Auditions" round of NBC's *The Voice* after performing a rendition of "What a Wonderful World" to earn chair turns from Grammy Award winners Kelly Clarkson and Gwen Stefani. Melinda, who teaches vocal jazz at IWU, chose to join Clarkson's team.

Roger Garrett, longtime clarinet professor and director of the IWU Symphonic Winds, has selected performances of the Symphonic Winds from the past 30 years for a double compact disc set (right) to celebrate his upcoming retirement. The recordings feature IWU students, many of whom are named in a 24-page color booklet accompanying the CD set. The set is available at the IWU Bookstore.



MEMORIES FROM

HOMECOMING 2019



(Above) Acacia members pose with an oversized novelty \$100,000 bill symbolizing the amount raised by the Acacia 915 Giving Circle in the past five years.



(Above) Siblings **Lark Commanday '20** (left) and **Star Commanday '21** (right) thanked a record number of attendees at the Scholarship Benefactor Dinner for their generous support of student scholarships.

(Left) **Orianateyor Beard '22** cheers on the Titan football team during its 42-14 win over Carroll.



(Above) The career of recently retired Sports Information Director **Stew Salowitz '76** was celebrated at a pregame tailgate. Among the attendees were Assistant Director of Communications **John Tworck** (left) and his family.



(Above) **Munib Mafazy '02** (left) was presented the Distinguished Alumni Award for Excellence in Nursing by **President Georgia Nugent** (right).



(Above) Members of the Class of 1969 gathered at Bloomington Country Club for their class reunion dinner.



(Above) Alumni and students converged on Club Tommy to cap the evening.

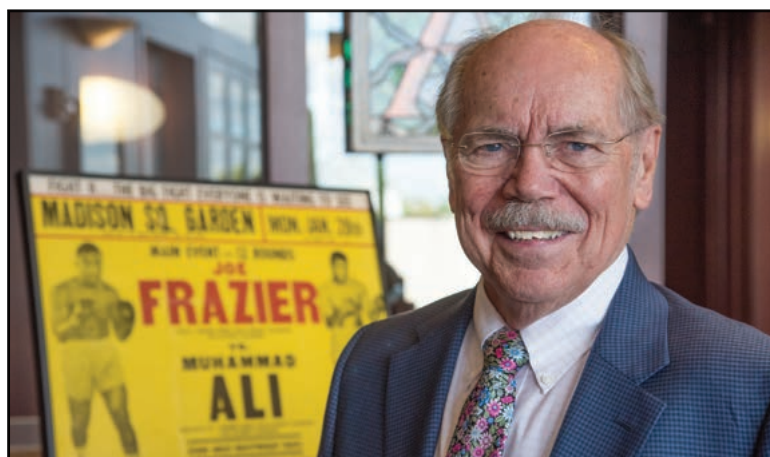
(Below) The Illinois Wesleyan volleyball team celebrates a 3-1 Homecoming win over Augustana.



(Above left) Pride Alumni Community co-chair **Jim Richter '93** (left) shares a laugh with retiring Associate Dean of Students **Darcy L. Greder** (right), whose 42-year career was celebrated at the annual Pride Alumni Community Brunch. A scholarship bearing her name was announced at the brunch.



(Above right) **Ian O'Toole '20** (left) and **Melissa Holzer '20** (right) were crowned Homecoming King and Queen.



(Above) The decorated career of longtime sports writer **Dave Kindred '63** was celebrated at the opening of the Dave Kindred Collection in The Ames Library.

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(Right) President **Georgia Nugent** (left) posed with (from left) Robert M. Montgomery Outstanding Young Alumni Award winner **Erin Anderson '07**, Loyalty Award winner **Jean (Sullivan) Baird '80** and Distinguished Alumni Award winner **Ed Rust Jr. '72**.





A BRIGHT FUTURE FOR IWU

Story by MATT WING

A tireless advocate for higher education with vast experience at elite liberal arts institutions, **Georgia Nugent** was named Illinois Wesleyan's 20th president in November 2019.

In her first remarks after being named Illinois Wesleyan University's 20th president, Georgia Nugent offered a slogan to the standing-room only crowd gathered inside Young Main Lounge on Nov. 14, 2019.

Some of you have heard me say this before, but I want to propose today a new totally unofficial motto for IWU," Nugent said. "And it's *I With U*."

"It's a recognition that, to create the community we want and need to be, everyone is important," she continued. "Everyone is an 'I,' everyone contributes to what we do here, and everyone matters."

In the spirit of the motto, Nugent lauded the contributions of many who made possible the campus event announcing her presidency: the sound technician who set up the public address system, the food services staff for providing refreshments, the physical plant staff who had cleared walkways and parking lots of recent snow and ice.

She also credited her husband, Tom Scherer, for helping her realize her interest in appointment as IWU's full-time president with just a few words in one of their nightly phone conversations.

"What Tom said was, 'You really sound happy there,'" Nugent recalled.

"And his recognizing how happy I sounded actually influenced me recognizing how happy I felt to be at this university at this time."

I With U, Nugent said, can be a way of reminding ourselves of our values and common sense of purpose.

"Confronting and overcoming challenge can mean that we emerge stronger and better than ever," she said. "As I have worked with you over these past few months, I have become more and more confident that we will do just that."

"And I'm grateful for the opportunity to be a part of Illinois Wesleyan's bright future."

Nugent spoke with Illinois Wesleyan University Magazine after being named president.

How would you describe yourself to the campus community?

I'm an enthusiastic evangelist for liberal arts education. It has enriched my life immeasurably, and I want to do what I can to enable others to have that transformative experience.

What attracted you to Illinois Wesleyan?

It was clear to me that Illinois Wesleyan is the kind of school that really does change lives. The first folks I met were alumni, and their love of the University was palpable. They understood how much they had gained from their education at IWU. As I had the opportunity to meet more faculty and students, I could see that the IWU experience has remained constant over time: the University provides a first-rate and rigorous education, coupled with caring support. It's a place where lifelong relationships are built and nurtured. It's a place where values matter and mission guides decision-making. That's the kind of place where I want to be and where I hope I can make a contribution.

When you were hired as interim president, you requested that you not be considered a candidate for the presidency on a longer-term basis. What changed?

I quickly came to love the campus, its mission, and its people — faculty, students, staff and alumni. I felt that we could work together to build a stronger Illinois Wesleyan University for the future. When it became clear that the Trustees felt the same way and asked me to stay on at the University, I could not have been more pleased and happy to do so.

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How do you feel your strengths as a leader fit the needs of the University?

Illinois Wesleyan is proud of its identity as a university grounded in the liberal arts. I believe passionately in the liberal arts and, through my role as Senior Fellow at The Council of Independent Colleges for the past six years, I have become a well-known national spokesperson on behalf of liberal arts colleges and universities. So I think that's one way in which there's a great fit. My 11 years as president at two other



(Above) President Georgia Nugent addresses the complexities of “Fact or Fiction” — the 2019-20 intellectual theme — during Illinois Wesleyan University's President's Convocation on Sept. 4, 2019.

institutions, as well as experience in four other universities and colleges of national stature, enable me to bring a broad perspective to IWU, which I think is a strength. Additionally, we all know that most universities today face financial challenges, and IWU is no exception.

Having had the experience of raising \$240 million at another liberal arts college is a plus, I believe.

What are the qualities that a university president needs today?

A president needs to be a person of unimpeachable integrity and honesty who cares deeply about this type of liberal arts institution and education. Someone who is experienced in leading and decision-making, and is action-oriented, not prone to analysis paralysis. Someone who understands that, often in leadership, authentic relationships are more important than raw intelligence, “getting to yes” may be more important than “getting it right,” and a very healthy sense of humor (especially about oneself) is indispensable. Someone who considers that leading and stewardship of the University a sacred trust.

You are the 20th president of Illinois Wesleyan University and its first woman president. What does that mean to you?

First and foremost, I'm focused on serving Illinois Wesleyan as a strong and successful president, without reference to gender. Yet, at the same time, it is particularly meaningful to me to serve as the first woman president. (This will be the third time that's been the case.)

Throughout my career, in many different ways, I've tried to advance women and women's leadership. Because women have held the presidency in a number of high-profile institutions (Harvard, Princeton, Brown, the University of Pennsylvania, the University of Michigan, etc.), it may appear that women and men are on equal footing in higher education leadership. They're not. For more than 20 years, the percentage of female presidents in America has remained stagnant, at about 25%. And most of those presidencies are in two-year, specialized, low-profile institutions. So being selected as a woman president is, in my view, both a particular honor and a position that comes with a particular responsibility, both to model effective leadership and to assist other women in their aspirations.



(Above) Nugent addresses faculty and staff at the annual Faculty-Staff Breakfast, on her first day on the job, on Aug. 19, 2019.

(Left) Nugent shares a laugh with students at the Registered Student Organization Fair on Aug. 29, 2019.

What's been your impression of Illinois Wesleyan students, faculty and staff?

My impressions have all been very positive.

IWU students are bright and eager learners. They're also incredibly friendly and nice. This was so clear on the very first day of move-in this year. It was pouring rain — really miserable weather. Yet, an amazing group of student volunteers were positively gleeful as they helped students and families move into the residence halls. They may have been dripping wet, as they wrestled huge boxes and refrigerators, but they exuded good cheer and a positive, can-do spirit. As a result, our new students and their families were also in a great mood.

Faculty members are deeply devoted to their students. They're committed to providing the best learning experience. And they also make the effort to get to know their students and help them to succeed. I've heard many stories of faculty members remaining close to their students and in contact years after graduation. Faculty members are also dedicated to the University itself. They work in so many ways outside of the classroom to contribute to the vitality and the success of the institution — through faculty governance, development of new learning experiences, carrying out research, mentoring students and more.

Staff are also deeply devoted to the University. We must never forget that, over these almost 200 years, the contribution of staff members has been critical. They keep us up and running. At an institution like IWU, often generations of a family have proudly served the University. Ask almost any staff member, and they will tell you that they love their interaction with students. And students come to know and care about many staff members. Too often, universities are seen as only faculty and students. That's not the whole picture, and I always try to foreground the significant role of staff members in our whole educational project.

Why is a strong alumni base important to the strength of a university?

To speak in the terms a business might use, alumni are both the "customer" and the "product" of higher education. First, a university isn't strong if its "customers" (alumni) aren't satisfied — and more than satisfied — with the education they've received. Alumni are your most important and valuable ambassadors. If they are very happy with their experience at the University, they make a tremendous difference to a flourishing future, because by word-of-mouth they let folks know that IWU is a great place to come to. But there's more. Alumni are also the "product" of the University in

the sense that the lives they lead — their accomplishments and success, their values and ethical example, their contributions to their communities — are always sending a message to others about what Illinois Wesleyan stands for and what it instills in graduates. Nothing is more important than that.

Given your leadership experience at elite liberal arts institutions, what is your assessment of the current and future state of higher education?

Well, first, it will be no surprise to learn that I am not of the "gloom and doom" camp. The evidence could not be clearer that higher education is one of the best investments anyone can make in a better future — both on the personal level and for the welfare of our society. But we all know that negative news attracts attention, so that's mostly the diet that the public receives through national media outlets. The nimbleness, the creativity, the innovation that's occurring on college campuses is very little known, outside of the campuses. And innovation is what's needed. Because, while I am very confident about the future of higher education, I am equally certain that we must evolve to meet the needs of changing times. The good news is that higher education has always done this. If that wasn't true, our curricula would still be only Greek, Latin, Hebrew, and math-



(Above) Nugent interacts with a student at the RSO Fair.

ematics. There would be no molecular biology, no economics, no graphic design, no modern language study. We continue to evolve today, and this is the project we're involved in here at Illinois Wesleyan. The population is changing — and so is the IWU student body. The ubiquity of technology has made information accessible anywhere, any time — and so our pedagogy is changing, from providing information to helping students evaluate and work with information to create knowledge. Students' objectives for their

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— GEORGIA NUGENT

education are changing — and so we're devoting more attention to clarify how they can put their liberal arts education to use after they graduate.

How is Illinois Wesleyan poised to adapt to this changing landscape?

In my view, Illinois Wesleyan is in a tremendously strong position to succeed, because of our outstanding combination of a strong liberal arts education with the opportunity for pre-professional development — whether that be in nursing, business, music, pre-law, computer science or (more recently) actuarial science, media production and more ... This is the ideal education for today and for the future. Yes, skills-training is worthwhile (and it's especially highly valued

by today's students and families who are concerned about first jobs after graduation). But it is much more valuable when it's combined with the broad liberal arts education which familiarizes a student with many different subject matters, many different modes of thought, with different cultures and historical periods and products of human creativity. This intellectual breadth is what contributes to the problem-solving, innovative thinking, and continuous learning that employers find so valuable in liberal arts graduates — and that contributes so powerfully not only to long-term career success but to a fulfilling life. In other words, here at IWU, we have exactly the kind of education that students need most to succeed in tomorrow's world.

What is the aim of the strategic planning process and what steps have been taken so far?

The aim of the strategic planning process is setting a direction for the future and taking the steps necessary to reach aspirational goals. Toward that

end, a large group of people on campus — staff, faculty and administrators — have worked very hard over the summer, to identify new possibilities for IWU and to outline the steps we need to take to get there. About 60 people have been involved in these working groups. It's an amazing effort, and one that makes very clear how much people care about this place and how much they're willing to contribute to its future.

You've written for Inside Higher Ed about the pursuit of innovation among small independent colleges. What opportunities do you see at Illinois Wesleyan?

Two years ago, I had the opportunity to lead workshops around the country (for the Council of Independent Colleg-


es) in which about 500 campus leaders from more than 100 colleges and universities participated. Those meetings provided a window on the many ways in which institutions of our type are changing to meet their changing environment. Among the many stimulating ideas we heard, my colleagues and I identified eight areas where strategic change was most frequently taking place. Those were: athletics, career connections, community engagement, consortial arrangements, cost containment, curricular reform, new academic programs, and new student populations. Frankly, IWU has opportunities in every one of these areas. And we are taking action in each one. Alumni can expect to be hearing more about those individual efforts in the future.

What are you hoping to accomplish in your time at Illinois Wesleyan?

I believe we are at an exciting, pivotal point where we need to capitalize on our strengths and be willing to embrace change with a greater degree of excitement and curiosity — and at a faster pace — in order to realize our full potential. In today's environment, I believe this is not optional but essential. I hope to provide the leadership and support to enable the campus to move forward with boldness and confidence. ♦



(Above) Nugent waves to the crowd gathered for the announcement of her as IWU's 20th president on Nov. 14, 2019.

A woman with long brown hair and bangs, wearing a bright red trench coat, stands at night. She is looking off to the side with a serious expression. She is illuminated by two bright, warm streetlights behind her, creating a silhouette effect and highlighting the texture of her coat. The background is dark, suggesting a nighttime urban setting.

LIFE OF CRIME

Story by MATT WING

Associate Professor Amanda Vicary, who brings true crime into her psychology courses at Illinois Wesleyan, has become a highly sought-after expert in the crime community.

Did you binge watch *Making a Murderer*? Did you listen to *Serial*?

Do you have a secret true crime obsession?

Amanda Vicary does, too.

But while most of us grapple over innocence or guilt in the true crime we consume, the Illinois Wesleyan

psychology professor asks a deeper question.

Why are we so interested in this?

A self-described “true crime addict,” Vicary also weighs innocence and guilt in the true crime books she devours. But she’s even more interested in the psychology behind crime, at play in the justice system and in prison life, and

our interest in all of it.

And Vicary has found a way to fuse those interests with her academic expertise.

True crime frequently plays a role in the psychology courses she teaches at IWU, including a First-Year Experience centered on wrongful convictions that she’s leading for the first time in

2019-20.

Furthermore, she's become a crime psychology expert who is regularly sought out to provide analysis for leading publications, podcasts and television programs.

"I never thought that I'd find a way to incorporate my obsession with crime into my professional life," Vicary said. "Sometimes I'll be reading through court documents or watching *Dateline* and think, 'I can't believe I'm actually working right now!'"



Vicary can trace her interest in crime back to a singular moment from her childhood growing up in tiny Hanna City, Illinois (pop. 1,013).

"My mom has always been a big true crime fan, and I remember she gave me a book called *The Woodchipper Murder*," Vicary recalls. "I was pretty young, so this was definitely questionable parenting, but I read it and I was hooked."

Reading true crime books became a source of mother-daughter bonding. It continued as a hobby throughout her formative years. She never considered it anything more than that.

Vicary eventually found her way to Bradley University in nearby Peoria, Illinois, where she planned to pursue a degree in journalism. She changed her major to business management. And then psychology.

"I turned in a paper for an experimental psychology class where I had to create a study, and my professor told me he thought I could actually carry out the study if I wanted," Vicary recalls. "It was on attraction and eyeglasses and eyesight, so I carried out the study and I loved it."

"That changed the course of my life."

Vicary left Bradley with a bachelor's degree and headed for the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, where she began pursuit of a doctorate. She studied social psychology with a focus on romantic relationships. She spent years examining attachment theory and its impact on adult relationships.

Meanwhile, Vicary's interest in

crime persisted as she built an impressive personal library of true crime books. She developed favorite authors, favorite topics — even favorite cases of serial killers.

Finally, one day while speaking with her academic adviser, she came clean.

"I just told him I was really into this crime stuff," Vicary remembers. "It was totally outside his realm of interest, but I told him how I really liked to read about crime, and how my mom was really into learning about crime, and he said that his wife was really interested in crime."



(Above) **Amanda Vicary** pauses during a video interview for the true crime show *Married with Secrets*.

"And then it hit me: *is it only women who are into crime?*"

The hypothesis gave way to a study that mostly confirmed her prediction. Women are indeed more likely to develop an interest in true crime, Vicary found, just as they are more likely to fear becoming a victim of crime. Desire

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to understand how one becomes a victim and to know how violent crimes are perpetrated, and to learn techniques to avoid and survive violent crimes, were

identified as the main reasons women are drawn to true crime.

"In reading these stories or listening to these podcasts, you learn how people get murdered, how people get kidnapped. You learn techniques to survive, even if they are as simple as locking your door," Vicary said. "Anyone who knows me can tell you that I'm completely paranoid — I have all these little devices around my house and my husband thinks I'm a total nutcase — but I think learning the survival skills may be why I like crime as well."

"Consciously or unconsciously, when you read these books or watch these shows, you're learning what to do if it happens to you."

Vicary's study on true crime interest veered sharply from her previous study in romantic relationships, yet she found a way to connect the two in her dissertation, which examined women's attraction to serial killers.

But she soon found herself at the proverbial fork in the road: would she focus her career as a psychologist specializing in romantic relationships or would she choose to pursue her passion for crime psychology?

She chose a life of crime.

"I thought that wherever I went, that's what I wanted to do and what I wanted to teach, and that's what I wanted to talk about," Vicary said. "I came to Illinois Wesleyan and presented my true crime research, and fortunately the psychology department liked it enough to offer me a job."



Vicary asks her PSYC359 class what they know about the O.J. Simpson case.

She's astounded by the responses.

The students enrolled in Vicary's social psychology course know Simpson is an ex-football star and most are

aware of a bloody glove as a key piece of evidence. One says he knows something about a car chase with a Ford Mustang.

Vicary reminds herself these students weren't yet born when Simpson was tried and acquitted of double murder. She politely corrects the student, who has misidentified the vehicle in the infamous car chase that played out live on national television. It was a Ford Bronco.

Students will read *Without a Doubt* by Marcia Clark, the lead prosecutor in the Simpson trial. They'll be provided an understanding of the justice system through the lens of the "Trial of the Century."

"The students love it," Vicary says. "They're so excited about it even though it happened so long ago."

Crime plays a part in nearly every course Vicary teaches, though sometimes only tangentially. But crime and the justice system are at the forefront of the First-Year Experience she is leading in 2019-20. First-year students enrolled as "Justice Scholars" will learn how and why people are wrongfully convicted and explore local cases that are currently being represented by innocence projects.

Students will examine the evidence against Barton McNeil, convicted of the 1998 murder of his 3-year-old daughter, and Jamie Snow, convicted of the 1991 murder of a gas station attendant during an apparent robbery. Both murders took place near Illinois Wesleyan's campus, and McNeil is the son of a former IWU art professor (also named Barton McNeil).

"Several big local cases have been overturned and these are two cases that have received a lot of attention with podcasts and innocence projects working on their behalf," Vicary said.

Students will read courtroom transcripts, speak with attorneys and correspond with the men convicted of the murders. They'll also tour the local county jail and juvenile detention center, and attend The Innocence Network's annual conference, in March 2020, in Chicago.



(Above left) Vicary interacts with a student enrolled in the Justice Scholars First-Year Experience. (Above right) Vicary provided insight into the case against Barton McNeil on the WGLT podcast *Suspect Convictions*.

"My goal for the class is that students will have a really immersive, engaging experience," Vicary said. "The hope is that this type of teaching will help bring the material to life and help students see how what they're learning is relevant to their community and social justice more broadly."

"What better way to understand the impact of eyewitness testimony than to talk to a prisoner who was convicted because of it?"



Vicary found an audience in the crime community through her study

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of women's interest in true crime. But her presence continues to grow as she conducts more research, often with the aid of IWU students.

In addition to her study of women's attraction to serial killers, she's studying true crime podcasts and their appeal to both women and men. She previously studied the social media activity of students in the aftermath of school shootings. She's looked at veterans who

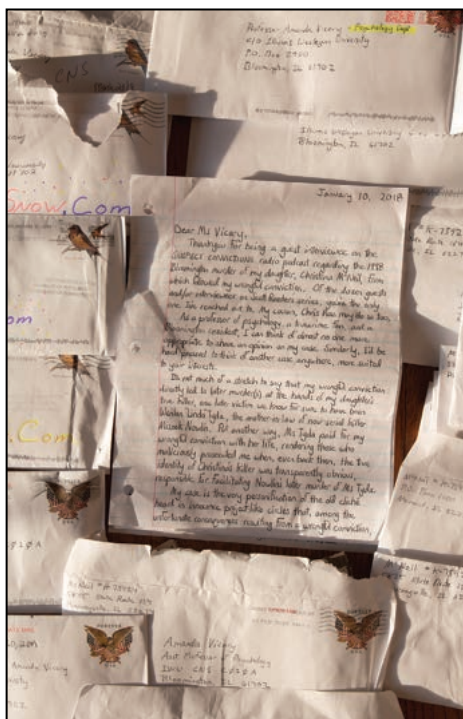
have committed crimes and public attitudes toward them.

Vicary also continues to research wrongful convictions and the implications of eyewitness testimony, false confessions and faulty forensics. She's become especially interested in analyzing camera angles used to capture confessions and how jurors can be influenced by the seemingly unimportant placement of interrogation room cameras.

Vicary has also studied the so-called "CSI Effect," which asserts that, due to the proliferation of television programs centered on crime and forensic

evidence, jurors' expectations of the prosecution are higher than ever before. Some speculate the CSI Effect has produced more informed criminals who commit crimes more stealthily, leaving behind little or no evidence.

A student researcher assisted Vicary in a study of the CSI Effect. They polled over 300 students on the steps they'd take to avoid detection if they were to break into a home. "Some of the



(Above) Vicary regularly corresponds with incarcerated individuals as part of her research.

students were expert criminals!" Vicary said, still in disbelief. "Some thought of things I'd never even considered."

Students were also asked which TV shows they watched, and a majority of the students who said they'd wear gloves or drive a different car while committing the hypothetical crime admitted they were really interested in shows like *CSI* and *Law & Order*. "It was that forensic knowledge they had learned from watching those shows," Vicary explained.

But while she marvels at her students' expertise, Vicary has herself become an expert in the crime community, often called upon to provide analysis in the true crime genre she became such a fan of growing up.

Vicary has appeared on an episode of Investigation Discovery's *Married with Secrets*, which detailed the investigation into a Bloomington police officer for a string of rapes, for which he was sentenced to 440 years in prison, one of the longest sentences handed out in state history. She's offered commentary in articles published in wide-ranging publications, from *GQ* to *Forbes*. From

The Indianapolis Star to *The Louisville Eccentric Observer*. She's been featured on radio programs originating from far-away places like Colombia and Sweden.

And she appeared on the podcast *Suspect Convictions* where she offered insight into the Barton McNeil case.

Shortly after the episode was released, Vicary received a letter from McNeil. She wrote back, and they now communicate on a weekly basis. They talk about his case, but discuss other topics as well. Vicary has goaded McNeil into watching *The Bachelor*, which they often recap in their weekly correspondence.

"I like him a lot. He's a funny guy," Vicary said of McNeil, the first incarcerated person she's ever communicated with. "I think he's so desperate for someone to talk to that he's willing to talk to me about *The Bachelor*."

The interaction with McNeil has given Vicary the confidence to reach out to others living in the corrections system. She corresponds with Jamie Snow and his family, and has visited him at Stateville Correctional Center in Joliet, Illinois. She's interviewed over 50

women about their relationships with incarcerated men, including Snow's girlfriend. (For the record, Vicary is happily married to a man outside the corrections system. Together they have a 2-year-old son.)

Vicary's research continues. So does public interest and media demand for her as an expert. And though she's always expecting a wane in that interest and the demand for her views, it hasn't come yet.

"I always think that true crime has reached the peak," she says. "But then two or three more journalists will call. A new true crime podcast will come out. There will be a new show on Netflix."

"It just seems to keep going."

So does her passion for teaching and incorporating crime into the psychology courses she teaches at Illinois Wesleyan.

"I love this school. They hired me knowing I was going to do offbeat research and study offbeat things, and I continue to do so," Vicary said. "And I love my colleagues in the psych department and others here who are so supportive of what I do." ♦



(Above) Vicary prepares for a class in her office in Illinois Wesleyan's Center for Natural Science.



COMMUNITY CARE

Story by MATT WING

Dr. Beth Mulberry '86 provides an upstream approach to healthcare for uninsured and underinsured residents of Greensboro, North Carolina, through Mustard Seed Community Health.

Cynthia Nelson had lost her job. She lost her health insurance. She was losing hope.

The then-62-year-old resident of Greensboro, North Carolina, had long been treated for Type 2 diabetes and high blood pressure, but was now uncertain how she'd be able to afford her medications. She knew the danger of letting her conditions go untreated.

Nelson sought coverage under Medicare. She was told she didn't qualify. She looked into the Affordable Care Act. No help there.

Nelson was falling through the cracks.

"I was surprised because I didn't know what people like me were supposed to do," Nelson said. "I needed insurance. I couldn't afford it, but I had to have it. And it's not just me — there

are a lot of people who fall into the same category."

Nelson eventually spoke to someone who referred her to Dr. Beth Mulberry '86. They informed her Mulberry ran a clinic for uninsured and underinsured residents of the community, right in Nelson's east Greensboro neighborhood.

Nelson scheduled an appointment and met "Dr. Beth" at Mustard Seed Community Health, a nonprofit health-

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— DR. BETH MULBERRY '86

care facility in Greensboro's Cottage Grove neighborhood.

“When I first met Beth, we had a conversation about my health,” Nelson recalled. “She actually listened to me, and she was the first doctor that I had been to in years that saw me as a person and not a number.

“She treated me like a person and gave me the medical care I needed.”



Being part of a community has always been important to Beth Mulberry.

She grew up in the tight-knit community of Metamora, Illinois, where everybody knows everybody else.

“I think of it as being raised by a village. I had awesome parents but I was also raised by that village,” Mulberry said. “Everybody knew who I was, and I knew that I needed to behave, or the news about me misbehaving was going to precede me getting back home.”

Mulberry later found community at Illinois Wesleyan. She felt a sense of belonging as a member of IWU's basketball and softball teams. She felt it as a member of Kappa Delta and the marching band. She relished the opportunity to explore a variety of interests, from photography and theatre classes to religious life involvement, and was inspired by her professors.

“I just never understood why anybody would ever want anything else besides a liberal arts education because you are able to do all that stuff,” Mulberry said.

Mulberry's IWU community also served as a support system when her father died unexpectedly at the end of her sophomore year. Illinois Wesleyan's Parent Fund, which offers donor-funded grants to students who lose a parent while enrolled at IWU, provided much-needed financial assistance. She received compassion from her academic adviser, biology professor Bruce

Criley, who helped her through the difficult time.

“After my dad died, I had to come back to school to sit down with Dr. Criley and get my classes set up because I had missed the sign up,” Mulberry recalled. “He picked up that phone and called people and got me all set up. He came off as gruff to some people, but he was just such a good guy.”

After graduating from IWU, Mulberry moved on to the University of Illinois College of Medicine at Peoria, just a few miles from her hometown. But after completing the combined internal medicine/pediatric program there, and serving her residency at nearby OSF St. Francis Medical Center, she was unsure of her next move. She thought about traveling the world or learning another language. She considered the Peace Corps, but the organization surprisingly showed little interest in the new doctor. “They didn't know what to do with me,” Mulberry said, laughing.

Eventually, she came across an intriguing opportunity found “at the bottom of the job box.”

Mulberry made the long journey to western Alaska, more than 3,200 miles from home, to join Indian Health Service, a division of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. There, she and others provided care for over 50 Yup'ik Eskimo communities. Each physician was assigned to a number of communities — Mulberry was responsible for

three of them — and every six months, physicians would spend a week living in those communities, most of which lacked running water and indoor plumbing.

Mulberry felt that important sense of community during her time in Alaska, while also acquiring a firsthand awareness of the difficulties some face with access to healthcare.

“I had already known I wanted to do something like I am doing now, though I had no clue what exactly, or how,” Mulberry said. “But going up to Alaska and working with some really spectacular individuals really solidified the idea that I would eventually get to where I am now, doing something like this.”



Mulberry worked in private practice in Oregon and North Carolina. It paid the bills, but it didn't bring her the same joy she felt serving the Yup'ik communities in Alaska. She felt the pull to return to that kind of work.

In 2007, she joined HealthServe, a Greensboro clinic serving individuals and families living below the poverty line. The work gave her purpose and allowed her to serve a community in need.

But Mulberry wanted to provide more holistic care. She wanted to address the social determinants of health. The care she provided often felt like



(Above) Dr. Beth Mulberry '86 (right) chats with patient Cynthia Nelson (left) at Mustard Seed Community Health. (Opposite page) Mulberry and Nelson discuss Nelson's health and medications during a visit to the clinic in September 2019.



(Above) Mulberry speaks with a young patient at Mustard Seed Community Health.

temporary fixes, with patients usually returning a few months later with the same ailments.

She wanted to be able to provide health solutions that would more dramatically improve patients' lives.

Mulberry left HealthServe in 2012 and focused on her family while pondering her next move. She eventually found herself at Church Health, a faith-based nonprofit in Memphis, attending a series of workshops for individuals interested in starting nonprofit healthcare clinics in their communities. The prospect of opening and operating a clinic — and providing unprecedented access — suddenly seemed possible.

Mulberry left Memphis confident she could move forward, but spoke with a few trusted advisers before taking the leap.

"Even before Mustard Seed, Beth and I had numerous conversations about her work with those without adequate healthcare or insurance," said Julie Peeples, senior pastor at Congregational Church in Greensboro. "When we began talking about starting a new clinic, she shared her dream of providing a place where everyone is treated with dignity, where health and wholeness take priority over the bottom line and the needs of the medical and insurance systems."

Mulberry followed the steps she had learned in Memphis. Paperwork was submitted for nonprofit status. A board was formed. A location in east Greensboro, where most of the clinic's patients would be coming from, was secured.

Mustard Seed Community Health was born.

"I have witnessed Beth's deep commitment to this vision when she speaks with potential partners, donors and people in the community," Peeples said.

"The seeds she has been planting will bear good fruit for generations to come in a community that was in dire need of access to healthcare and decent housing, in dire need of hope." — JULIE PEEPLES

"Her vision has been a vital part of transforming an entire community."



The biblical parable of the mustard seed suggests that big things can come from small beginnings.

What started as a weekly volunteer clinic in 2013, is now open five days a week. Mustard Seed serves a diverse population Mulberry says is primarily African American and Hispanic/Latinx, with smaller populations of whites, and

Asian Americans and Asian immigrants, including a number of refugees from Bhutan, Myanmar and Vietnam.

Last year, the clinic served nearly 700 patients who made about 2,200 visits (Mulberry also frequently conducts home visits for those physically or financially unable to visit the clinic). Most patients pay about \$20 for a visit, and Mulberry and her team help them obtain prescriptions as affordably as possible.

Beyond providing accessible and affordable care, Mustard Seed takes a holistic approach to healthcare. Rather than simply treating symptoms, Mulberry and her team seek to identify and address the causes of health issues. This "upstream" approach has clinicians looking at the social, economic and environmental origins of health problems instead of only managing symptoms.

Early on, Mulberry noticed an alarmingly high rate of asthma in her Greensboro patients. Taking the upstream approach and looking for root causes, Mustard Seed partnered with a local housing coalition to study the conditions in local residences. They found mold and mildew in many housing complexes, and they now help steer local residents to housing that meets acceptable standards.

Other health issues are addressed by applying the upstream method. Patients facing mental health issues have access to counseling. Families without access to fresh food have a community garden at their disposal. Patients feeling isolated are welcome to group events as diverse as the patients themselves.

Mustard Seed's blueprint for healthcare has been praised by both local and national media, with stories in the local *News & Record* and a December 2018 segment on *PBS NewsHour*.



(Above left) Mulberry was active in a number of groups at Illinois Wesleyan, including (clockwise from top left) Kappa Delta, basketball, marching band and softball. (Above right) Mulberry married IWU classmate **Earl Wang '86** (left) and the couple has a son, Eli (center). (Below) The Mustard Seed Community Health staff poses for a photo outside the clinic's front door.

Mulberry, though, is the lone physician treating patients at the clinic, which only employs a handful of others, including a nurse and an office manager. Much assistance comes from volunteers, including a number of translators.

The modest overhead requires Mulberry to cultivate partnerships to expand services. She's worked closely with the City of Greensboro, local colleges and universities, local churches and youth groups. Mulberry partners with local schools to begin teaching healthy lifestyles early on.

The community partnerships Mulberry has fostered — combined with devoted fundraising efforts — has allowed Mustard Seed to live up to its name. What started as a once-a-week volunteer clinic has become a community-centered integrated care clinic offering a wide range of programs and services.

"Beth has built a community coalition of neighbors, social workers, nurses, educators, gardeners and physicians, who are working together to vastly improve the quality of life for many," said Peeples. "The seeds she has been planting will bear good fruit for generations to come in a community that was in dire need of access to healthcare and decent housing, in dire need of hope."

"I will go wherever Beth goes. It's to the point that if she moved away, I would find a way to move where she is so I could continue to be seen by her." — CYNTHIA NELSON



For the first time in her life, Cynthia Nelson has a doctor she trusts.

The admittedly stubborn 64-year-old resisted Mulberry's advice initially. Now she embraces it.

Mulberry has helped Nelson manage the medication to treat her diabetes and high blood pressure. She's encouraged her to eat healthier. She even persuaded Nelson to see a mental health specialist to treat depression.

Nelson refused at first, but eventually relented after Mulberry's persistence.

She now admits her doctor was right. "We all need someone to talk to," Nelson said. "Your mental health affects your physical health, and I'm concerned about both. You can't treat one without the other, because they work together."

Once distrustful of all doctors, Nelson has changed her tune. She says the world needs more physicians like "Dr. Beth." She says Mulberry is "like a best friend."

"I will go wherever Beth goes," Nelson

says matter-of-factly. "It's to the point that if she moved away, I would find a way to move where she is so I could continue to be seen by her."

But Mulberry's not planning a move. She's found in Greensboro the same feeling of community she found in Metamora, at Illinois Wesleyan, and in the Yup'ik villages of Alaska.

And in Mustard Seed, she's created a community for a population in need.

"To me, it's very energizing, the community aspect of this. Seeing a community thrive, it just lights my fire, basically," Mulberry said. "That's what we're hoping to continue to build here in this community." ♦



Alumni Update

NEWS, WORKS AND CELEBRATIONS OF IWU ALUMNI & FRIENDS



1967

Alan Leahigh recounted the evening of July 20, 1969, the date of the Apollo 11 moon landing, in a story in *The Pantagraph* on the 50th anniversary of the event. Then a 24-year-old who had worked at the local newspaper since his junior year at Illinois Wesleyan, Alan was tasked that evening with laying out the front page of the newspaper (see above). He marked up the wire copy, selected and sized the wire photos, and laid out the front page detailing one of the most historically significant events of the time. Alan, now 74, left *The Pantagraph* in 1970 and now resides in Geneva, Illinois. He is semi-retired as a healthcare management consultant and chief executive officer of the Cord Blood Association. Alan volunteers for a number of groups, including the IWU Alumni Association Board of Directors.

1971

William Farrar was named CEO of The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center's James Cancer Hospital and

Solove Research Institute in August 2019 after serving in the role on an interim basis the past two years. In addition to being a clinically active surgical oncologist, Dr. Farrar has directed the Division of Surgical Oncology in the Department of Surgery at Ohio State for 28 years and was director of Medical Affairs at The James for 22 years. He currently holds the Dr. Arthur G. and Mildred C. James-Richard J. Solove Chair in Surgical Oncology, serves as director of the Stefanie Spielman Comprehensive Breast Center and is a member of the Molecular Carcinogenesis and Chemoprevention Program in Ohio State's Comprehensive Cancer Center. Dr. Farrar has served on numerous national committees, authored or coauthored more than 100 cancer research articles in leading medical journals, and earned many national accolades, including 16 appearances on the "Best Doctors in America" list.

1972

Deborah E. (Bartlett) Nelson joined the law firm of Chiesa Shahanian & Giantomasi, PC, as a member, in West Orange, New Jersey, where she will continue her practice in family law, including adoptions, guardianships, divorces, premarital agreements, mediation, arbitration, collaborative law and estate litigation. Admitted to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court as well as the superior and district courts of New

Jersey, Deb continues her commitment to divorce with mutual respect, serving on the Supreme Court Committee on Alternate Dispute Resolution and as a court-appointed mediator.

1975

Birda (Buzan) Ferguson retired from First Presbyterian Church of Hackettstown, New Jersey, where she served as pastor for nine years, on Feb. 1, 2019, and relocated to South Carolina with her husband.

1977

George Jones was one of the first two recipients of Pekin (Ill.) Community High School's Distinguished Alumni Award, celebrated during PCHS homecoming festivities on Oct. 4, 2019. George was recognized at the school's homecoming pep assembly, rode in the homecoming parade and was honored before the start of the homecoming football game.

Carlina Tapia-Ruano was among those named to a Northern District screening committee by Illinois senators, to help evaluate candidates for Federal District Court Judge, in September 2019. Carlina is the founder of the Chicago office of Tapia-Ruano & Gunn PC. She has practiced in immigration law for over 30 years, focusing on family and employment matters. She is a former president of the American Immigration Lawyers Association and



Alan Leahigh '67



William Farrar '71



Deborah E. (Bartlett) Nelson '72



Carlina Tapia-Ruano '77

former chair of the Chicago Bar Association Section on Immigration Law. She is currently an adjunct professor at the Illinois Institute of Technology Chicago-Kent School of Law. A native of Cuba, Carlina is a former member of Illinois Wesleyan's Board of Trustees.



Dirk Behrends '87 & Gabe



Kristine Condon '84



Darryn Dunbar '90



Srinivas Cheenu Kappadath '91 (p. 26)

1980

Mike Maynard, the head football coach at the University of Redlands since 1988, earned his 200th career coaching victory when his Bulldogs defeated No. 11 Linfield College, 27-19, on Sept. 21, 2019. Mike, who entered the 2019 season with an overall coaching record of 197-89-1, has won 13 conference championships and guided his team to eight NCAA postseason appearances.

1983

Kirk Johnson married Susan Lopez at Ridgewood United Methodist Church, in Ridgewood, New Jersey, on July 27, 2019. **James Higgins** officiated the ceremony, and **Reid Rozen** was among the attendees.

1984

Kristine Condon, a professor at Kankakee (Ill.) Community College, was nominated for Campus Compact's 2019 Thomas Ehrlich Civically Engaged Faculty Award. The award recognizes exemplary leadership in advancing student civic learning, conducting community-based research, fostering reciprocal partnerships, building institutional commitments to engagement, and enhancing higher education's contributions to the public good. Kristine was nominated for her design and delivery of the high school-focused Illinois Civics Academy for Teachers and its companion Illinois Civics Academy for Teachers Junior Edition for elementary and middle-school teachers. Kristine has taught at KCC since 1998.

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1986

Jeff Lambert was named a senior regional sales director for Boston Mutual Life Insurance Company. Based in Hinsdale, Illinois, Jeff will oversee Illinois and Wisconsin in managing sales and producer relationships for the national insurance company.

1987

Dirk Behrends made a generous gift to Illinois Wesleyan's Dog Cognition Lab in July 2019 in memory of his dog, Gabe, a chocolate lab who died earlier this year. Dirk, a longtime IWU supporter and member of the Alumni Association Board of Directors, provided the gift for technology upgrades in the lab.

1988

Patty (Zabel) Peebles earned a doctor of nursing practice degree at Chamberlain University in April 2019. After teaching at Goshen College, in Goshen, Indiana, since 2016, Patty began teaching palliative care at the University of Bradford, in West Yorkshire, England, in August 2019.

Joe Ruffolo is a finalist for the Illinois State Board of Education's 2020 Teacher of the Year Award. Joe is a physics teacher at West Leyden High School, in Northlake, Illinois.

1989

Tim Braun joined the Illinois Central College faculty in August 2019 as an adjunct professor teaching freshman and sophomore music theory. He will also be performing on clarinet as a member of the Prairie Wind Ensemble this season. He completed several arrangements for handbell choir that have been performed over the past year and is currently working on a collection of handbell choir arrangements.

1990

Karla Bailey-Smith announced her intent to run for the Illinois House of Representatives 88th House District seat in 2020. The Bloomington, Illinois, resident owns Artistic Answers, a painting business. Karla also works as a guest scenic artist for IWU's School of Theatre Arts. She made a formal announcement of her candidacy on Oct. 3, 2019.

Darryn Dunbar graduated from Johns Hopkins University with a Doctor of Nursing Practice in executive leadership in May 2019. His academic endeavors focused on emergency department crowding, patient flow and capacity management in health-care organizations. Darryn's scholarly project, "Reduction of Emergency Department Length of Stay for Patients Requiring Intensive Care Admission," evaluated the impact of implementing an expedited

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handoff process for critically ill patients. Darryn is a healthcare innovator and consultant for Medecipher Solutions, Inc., a healthcare technology startup in Denver. He resides in Chevy Chase, Maryland, and has held senior nurse leader positions in Washington, D.C. since relocating there in 2013.

1991

The American Association of Physicists in Medicine announced **Srinivas Cheenu Kappadath** has been elected a Fellow of the Association at the annual AAPM meeting held in San Antonio in July 2019. The fellowship honors AAPM members who have distinguished themselves through contributions in research, education or leadership in the community. Dr. Kappadath is a board-certified and licensed medical physicist with specialties in nuclear medicine physics and instrumentation, and diagnostic radiologic physics, supporting clinical nuclear medicine and radiology at the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center.

Vikki (Walczak) Meloy earned a master's degree in nursing education from East Tennessee State University in May 2017. She recently completed her first year as a clinical lecturer at the University of Tennessee College of Nursing and, at the school's commencement on May 10, 2019, was honored with an Excellence in Clinical Teaching Award by the graduating class.

Juan Salgado, Chancellor of the City Colleges of Chicago, was one of 25 individuals selected as "Chicago's Most Powerful Latinos," by *Crain's Chicago*

Business.

Kathy (Kasher) Thoma joined Illinois Wesleyan's advancement staff as an information specialist in December 2018.

1992

Bob Cofield was appointed Director of School District Partnerships at Waubesa Community College, in Sugar Grove, Illinois. Prior to his appointment, he was responsible for the development of curriculum partnerships within the community college district, specifically in the areas of dual credit and administration of a summer high school program for advancement and credit recovery. Bob was instrumental in preparing college and public high school partners to implement the statewide transitional math initiative and ensuring college compliance with all aspects of the Dual Credit Quality Act.

1993

Mark Denzler, president and CEO of the Illinois Manufacturers' Association, will continue to serve on the Workers' Compensation Advisory Board, with a new appointment by Illinois Governor JB Pritzker.

1995

Deborah Obalil has served as president of the Association of Independent Colleges of Art and Design, a nonprofit consortium of leading arts schools, since 2015. Deborah has more than 20 years of experience as a leader in the national arts and culture industry, having led organizations and served as a management consultant in the field.

Deborah joined AICAD as executive director in 2012 after serving in leadership roles with the Foundation for Art and Healing, and the Alliance of Artists Communities. She also operated a successful boutique arts management consulting firm, Obalil & Associates, for four years. At AICAD, she leads the organization in achieving its mission of strengthening and connecting its member schools, thus advancing art and design education. Deborah also serves as board chair of College Visions, a Rhode Island nonprofit empowering low-income and first-generation college-bound students to realize the promise of higher education by providing advising and resources to promote college enrollment, persistence and graduation.

1996

Emily Chang joined Cass County Health System, in Atlantic, Iowa, in November 2019. Dr. Chang, an OB-GYN, has worked in both Illinois and Iowa, and brings over a decade of experience to the practice, where she will care for patients at Atlantic Medical Center and Cass County Memorial Hospital. Dr. Chang practiced most recently at Obstetrical & Gynecological Associates PLC, in Des Moines, Iowa, for six years. She is certified through the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology, a fellow of the American Congress of Obstetrics and Gynecology and a diplomate of the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

Bob Hitchcock was named chief technology officer at Brightway Insurance, a market-leading insurance distribution company. Bob joins Brightway with 20 years of experience in technology development, providing technical leadership and overseeing several teams. Prior to joining Brightway, he spent seven years at Fanatics, Inc., where he served as chief technology officer and vice president of technology.

Scott Stevens joined Guggenheim Securities, the investment banking and capital markets division of Guggenheim Partners, as senior managing director, as part of an expansion of its Chicago office. Scott brings more than 20 years of



Deborah Obalil '95



Emily Chang '96



Bob Hitchcock '96



Gwendolyn (Alexander) Tedeschi '96



Andrew Baldock '99

financial experience in technology as an investment banker and corporate finance professional. He joins Guggenheim from William Blair, where he spent more than 12 years, most recently serving as managing director in the technology investment banking group where he focused on enterprise information technology, security, infrastructure software and IT services.

Gwendolyn (Alexander) Tedeschi is the department chair and a professor of economics at North Central College in Naperville, Illinois. Gwendolyn joined the faculty this fall after previously teaching at Manhattan College and Fordham University.

1999

Andrew Baldock summited Denali, formerly known as Mount McKinley, on June 12, 2019. Andrew reached the top of North America's highest peak, 20,310 feet above sea level, after spending 15 days on the mountain in Interior Alaska's Denali National Park and Preserve. Denali is one of the famed "Seven Summits," of which Andrew also has climbed Russia's Mount Elbrus, in July 2017. His next planned

summit is Argentina's Aconcagua.

2000

Matt Boyd earned a doctorate in Slavic languages and literatures from the University of Washington in 2017 and accepted a position as a lecturer in the Department of Slavic and East European Languages and Cultures at Ohio State University. Matt began his new job in August 2019.

Joshua Newport joined Illinois State University's Milner Library staff as a science librarian in August 2019. Joshua previously served as a technology librarian at Barton College in Wilson, North Carolina.

2001

Jeffrey Becker, partner and chair of Swanson, Martin & Bell, LLP's Entertainment and Media Law Practice Group, was recognized among *Billboard Magazine's* 2019 Top Music Lawyers. Jeffrey was the only Chicago-based attorney on the list and one of only three representing the Midwest. He has been a Swanson, Martin & Bell attorney for nearly 10 years and founded the firm's Entertainment Law Practice Group in 2013.

Alison Sweeney joined the faculty at Yale University as an associate professor of physics and ecology and evolutionary biology. Alison was most recently an associate professor in the Department of Physics and Astronomy at the University of Pennsylvania.

2003

Bradley Grant is the owner and operator of Clinton Mid-State Eye Medical Eye Care Clinic and Optical, which has locations in Clinton, Illinois, and Shelbyville, Illinois. Dr. Grant was profiled in a story in *The Clinton Journal* in August 2019.

Chad McGehee teaches mindfulness, a way of training the mind to cope with stress and increase overall well-being, as a learning and program development manager for Healthy Minds Innovations, a nonprofit affiliated with



Jordan Ault '04



Jessica Deahr '04 (p. 29)

the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Chad has delivered training to law enforcement officers, students, athletes and others who operate in high-stress environments. He was featured in the *Wisconsin State Journal's* "Know Your Madsonian" series in June 2019. Chad was also interviewed for an ESPN College GameDay segment on the mindfulness training of University of Wisconsin running back and Heisman Trophy hopeful Jonathan Taylor.

2004

Jordan Ault is a partner in the Jefferson City, Missouri, office of Husch Blackwell. Jordan recently launched and co-chairs the firm's Nonprofit Organizations and Religious Institutions team. In June 2019, he was elected to serve as chancellor to the annual Missouri Conference of the United Methodist Church and represents over 700 churches across the state. He is one of four Missouri attorneys to be awarded the 2019 Pro Bono Publico Award from the Missouri Bar for outstanding pro bono service to indigent or low-income persons in need of legal assistance. Jordan received the honor for his work challenging Missouri's parole policies on behalf of a class of Missouri youth offenders who received mandatory sentences of life without parole. Jordan helped secure summary judgment in favor of the class, resulting in new parole procedures that give class members a meaningful and realistic opportunity for release based on demonstrated maturity and rehabilitation.

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Alumni Association News

My Fellow Titans,

First, I want to thank you for the honor of being named President of the Alumni Association Board of Directors (AABD). I plan on working hard the next few years to expand the Alumni Board's presence.

I have the pleasure of working with an amazing team on the board, and I have high hopes for the upcoming year. My goal is to increase communication, collaboration and transparency overall. Currently, the Board has set the following goals:

Alumni Involvement — we need your help!

◆ **Admissions Recruitment** — How can alumni assist in recruiting prospective students? The AABD partners with the admissions office and alumni are calling, writing and meeting with potential students. Based on the feedback from those students, these interactions were a key reason they chose IWU.

◆ **Classroom Speaker** — Do you want to share your professional experience with students? Speaking in classes to help students better prepare for the world beyond the classroom is a unique opportunity to impact their career development. Working with faculty to offer alumni assistance in the classroom is another way to engage and share your experience with current students.

◆ **Affinity Groups** — Did you know the International Alumni Network was formed last year? There are several affinity groups available for alumni to align with based on your various affiliations. These groups host amazing events and programs throughout the year. We would love to have more alumni in attendance.

◆ **Regional Events** — Do you want to work with an alumni committee to plan or host IWU events in your region? We need you to be involved to be sure we host events alumni want to participate in and attend. Your ideas are always welcome.

Homecoming and Class Reunion

◆ I had the pleasure of celebrating my 20th reunion this year. While I am still shaking my head realizing it's been 20 years since I graduated and how quickly time flies, I was excited to see fellow classmates and learn how much IWU shaped who we have become. I was able to attend some pretty cool events while back on campus, including the President's Reception, the Best of Illinois Wesleyan Awards Ceremony, the Reunion Tailgate and, of course, my reunion dinner. Connecting with alumni and reconnecting with old friends was so amazing! Be sure to check out all of the photos from Homecoming 2019 and make plans to be back at IWU next year, Oct. 9-11, 2020!

I hope this gives you a little insight into the work of Alumni Association Board of Directors. We want to lead the vision of engaging more alumni in support of the University's strategic plan to ensure Illinois Wesleyan is a top choice in liberal arts education. Again, I am so excited for the opportunity to be President of such an amazing Board and I look forward to hearing from as many alumni as possible!



Molly Rollings '99, President

Alumni Association Board of Directors



Meet your Alumni Association Board of Directors!

Kim (Norton) Bankston '96

Dirk Behrends '87

Al Black '79

Claudia Brogan '77

Debbie Burt-Frazier '75

Paige Buschman '17

Dave Darling '79

Marilynn (Woodson) Graves '79

Meg Howe '05

Que Jackson '21

Yolanda Juarez-Sotelo '17

Alan Leahigh '67

Preslav Mantchev '17

Beth Messina '81

Tom Monken '92

Ade Olayinka '11

Ed Pacchetti '91

Rachel Paturi '13

Desiree Quizon-Colquitt '89

Teddy Petrova '10

Jim Richter '93

Molly Rollings '99

Kathy Serrano '16

Ryan Siemers '98

Amy Tenhouse '97

John Thiel '66

Derrick Tillman-Kelly '09

Kira (Larson) West '86

Mary (Miller) Wilson '07



(Above) Minority Alumni Network members (from left) **Deon Hornsby '97**, **Dr. Ansel Johnson '81** and **Danny Sherrod '03** posed for a photo at The Network Mixer in Chicago on Sept. 12, 2019.



(Above) Alumni (from left) **Jess Scharf '13**, **Joe Bakke '16** and **Steph McAtee '16** attended the Seattle Connection on July 21, 2019.

COMING SOON: Alumni Survey

Check your inbox for a message requesting your participation in an alumni survey. Your feedback is critical to the success of alumni engagement. Please take 15 minutes to complete the comprehensive survey. We will be sure to share the results and use your responses to inform our planning. Thanks in advance for your participation!

Upcoming Alumni Connections

◆ THURSDAY, JANUARY 23:

Titan Young Alumni
Connection – Arizona
Phoenix, Arizona

◆ SUNDAY, JANUARY 26:

Titan Connection – Arizona
Scottsdale, Arizona

◆ SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1:

Jack Sikma Hall of Fame Induction
Celebration
Bloomington, Illinois

◆ FRIDAY-SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21-22:

Council for IWU Women Summit
Bloomington, Illinois
All alumnae are welcome

◆ SUNDAY, MARCH 8:

Titan Connection – Florida
Naples, Florida

◆ TUESDAY, MARCH 10:

Career Immersion Excursion:
Student and Alumni
Networking Event
Arlington, Texas

◆ MARCH-APRIL 2020:

Titan Connection – Chicago
Chicago, Illinois
Featuring President Georgia Nugent

Watch your inbox for information about upcoming alumni events in a region near you. For more information, call (309) 556-3251 or visit www.iwu.edu/alumni.

There is strength in numbers. We need you to be in the number. We are looking for more alumni to join regional committees to help plan events and activities throughout the year. If you are interested in getting involved, contact **Adriane Powell** at apowell@iwu.edu or (309) 556-1355.

Jessica Deahr is the artistic director of Chicago Dance Crash, a fusion-style contemporary dance company. Emphasizing athleticism and accessibility, the company's aesthetic is most recognized through its combination of concert and hip-hop techniques in works ranging from full-length productions to repertory pieces and freestyles. Chicago Dance Crash performed at Make Music Normal, an annual music festival held in uptown Normal, Illinois, June 21-22, 2019.

Becky (Heine)

Rowland became the Director of Maternal Child Health for the City of Milwaukee Health Department in May 2019. Becky's career in public health started in Chicago, where she worked extensively with the LGBTQ and HIV-positive communities. Her work was recognized by the *Windy City Times*, which highlighted her in its "30 Under 30" series, and by the Chicago Department of Public Health, which granted her the Hope and Spirit Award. Becky later worked for the City of Evanston (Ill.) Department of Health and Human Services as a public health specialist before relocating to Milwaukee in 2017. In her current role, Becky supervises public health managers, supports programmatic operations and co-manages budgets for nine public health programs. In 2018, she was selected as a "City Leader" by CityMatCH, a national organization of urban maternal-child health leaders, and, in 2019, she was selected as a fellow by the New Leaders Council. She also recently started work toward an MBA in healthcare administration/management at Cardinal Stritch University.



2005

Illinois Wesleyan Assistant Professor of Nursing **Lydia Bertschi** will continue to research cardiovascular disease in Haiti as the recipient of a 2019 Nurse Educator

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Lindsay Sicks '06 and Erick Henderson '12

Fellowship from the Illinois Board of Higher Education and the Illinois Nursing Workforce Center. As part of her fellowship, Lydia plans to repeat a study of cardiovascular disease risk among a resource-poor, rural Haitian population.

Jonathan Charak, Zurich North America's vice president, senior pricing actuary-emerging solutions, earned a *Business Insurance* Break Out Award in June 2019 for his work with the Schaumburg, Illinois-based multi-line insurer. Jonathan previously earned the Young Researcher Award (2018), Above and Beyond Achievement Award (2016) and New Member Award (2014) from Casualty Actuarial Society.

Gautham Narayan joined the faculty at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign as an assistant professor in the Department of Astronomy. Gautham earned his Ph.D. at Harvard University in 2013. He was a postdoctoral scholar at the National Optical Astronomy Observatory in Tucson, Arizona, and the Barry M. Lasker Data Science Fellow at the Space Telescope Science Institute in Baltimore. His research interests include multi-messenger astrophysics, observational cosmology, wide-field surveys, and data science and artificial intelligence.

2006

Lindsay Sicks and Erick

Henderson '12 had the opportunity to work together at the American Optometric Association's annual meeting in St. Louis. Drs. Sicks and Henderson spent the day teaching optometrists and optometry students about scleral contact lens fitting. Lindsay is an assistant professor of optometry at the Illinois College of Optometry. Erick is an education consultant with Valley Contax.

Ryan Smith was named vice president of product and engineering for Grabango, a leading checkout-free technology service provider for grocers and convenience stores, that was founded by Will Glaser, former CTO and co-founder of Pandora Radio. Ryan began his career at Amgen, a multinational biopharmaceutical company, and led a team of engineers in developing and deploying robotics, and novel vision algorithms, for pharmaceutical applications. Most recently, he served as vice president of product and engineering at Sight Machine, a company that enables original equipment manufacturers to leverage artificial intelligence and stream processing for automation.

2007

Krey Leesman serves as pastor to three Methodist congregations in Minnesota. Krey started his ministry in Minnesota in June 2019 and serves congregations at churches in Olivia and Danube, as well as a rural church known as Middle Creek. He previously served congregations in

northern Illinois. Krey was profiled in a story in the *Redwood Falls (Minn.) Gazette* in July 2019.

2008

Caitlin (Ludwig) Pusateri is the vice president for leadership development for the Rockford (Ill.) Chamber of Commerce. Also active with the Rockton (Ill.) Zoning Board of Appeals and as a board member of the Illinois Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives, Caitlin was featured in the *Rockford Register Star's* "Next Up" series, highlighting future leaders, in July 2019.

2009

Adam Cordray graduated from a Critical Care Fellowship at Franciscan Health Olympia Fields (Ill.) this summer and accepted a position as an intensivist with Lakeland Medical Center in Saint Joseph, Michigan.

Bob Huppert was inducted into the Gibson City-Melvin-Sibley (Ill.) High School Hall of Fame at halftime of the school's Homecoming football game on Sept. 27, 2019. Bob was a three-year starter for the GCMS baseball team, where he twice earned all-conference distinction. He left as the program's all-time leader in career hits, home runs, runs scored, batting average and stolen bases. Bob was also an all-conference running back for the school's football team. He was later a standout member of the Illinois Wesleyan baseball team.

Michael Zarembo Jr. finished nursing school at the College of DuPage and passed



Ryan Smith '06

Caitlin (Ludwig)
Pusateri '08

Michael Zarembo Jr. '09



Brett Luy '10

boards in June 2019. He is currently a registered nurse in the intensive care unit at Good Samaritan Hospital in Downers Grove, Illinois.

2010

United Soccer League (USL) Senior Vice President for League Operations **Brett Luy** has developed a player safety proposal to address concussions. As head of the USL's Competition Committee, he formed a task force to evaluate player safety procedures, with particular emphasis on head injuries, and the group proposed that teams be allowed a head injury substitute beyond their normal allotment of three in-game substitutes. Brett presented the proposal to the International Football Association Board last summer, and the USL hopes to have the rule in place in its professional leagues, the USL Championship and USL League One, in time for the 2020 season. Brett, who has been with the USL since 2015 and in his current position since January 2018, also led the USL's study and implementation of the video assistant referee system while serving on a committee to explore and implement the use of the replay system in international soccer.

Angela (Rotta) KupperSmith joined the Illinois Small Business Development Center of McLean County at Illinois Wesleyan University as the center's assistant director in July 2019. Angela brings a decade of marketing experience to the SBDC, where she is responsible for ensuring the success of the center's consulting operations while working with Director of the SBDC **Karen Bussone**, along with University faculty, students, economic development organizations, lending partners and business support partners to identify small business needs and resources available to support entrepreneurial development. Angela, who is also beginning her pursuit of an MBA at Illinois State University this fall, joins the SBDC after serving as a marketing specialist at COUNTRY Financial for the past 10 years.

John Mastandona was named assistant director of finance for the Village of Western Springs (Ill.) at the village's board meeting in May 2019. John previously



Brett Moore '10



Steven Sturlis '10

served as the accounting manager for the Village of Bloomingdale (Ill.).

Brett Moore served as a press officer for USA Baseball over the summer, providing press services for the Collegiate National Team during its International Friendship Series against Cuba, played at various North Carolina locales, and on trips to play in Taiwan and Japan. Brett, a member of Illinois Wesleyan's 2010 national champion baseball team, is an assistant director in the University of Illinois Athletics Communications office and the primary contact for the Fighting Illini baseball team. He was featured in a story in *The Pantagraph* in July 2019.

Steven Sturlis joined Brinks Gilson & Lione, one of the largest intellectual property law firms in the United States, as a scientific adviser based in the firm's Ann Arbor, Michigan, office. With a technical background in biochemistry, chemistry, drug research, and organic chemistry and synthesis, Steven previously served as a research laboratory specialist at the University of Michigan. He also served as a Technology Transfer Fellow at the University of Michigan's Office of Technology Transfer. At Brinks, Steven will apply his scientific experience to new technologies from a variety of fields while considering market analysis, competitive landscapes and commercialization strategies.

Chris Unger joined the Denver-based law firm of Wells, Anderson & Race, LLC. Chris' practice focuses on commercial litigation, insurance defense, extra-contractual insurance defense, insurance coverage and other civil matters. Before joining the firm, Chris was an attorney at Dewhirst & Dolven, LLC and Mountain West Business



Chris Unger '10



Monica (Simonin) Bullington '11

Law, PC.

2011

Monica (Simonin) Bullington was one of *The Pantagraph's* "20 Under 40" featured in the October 2019 issue of *The Limited*, the newspaper's companion monthly magazine. Monica is a realtor with RE/MAX Rising, in Bloomington, Illinois. She received a Rising Star Award from the Bloomington Normal Association of Realtors in 2017, and a Presidential Award from the group in 2018. Monica was recognized by RE/MAX in 2017 with the Executive Club Award and in 2018 with the 100% Club Award.

Daniel Megli accepted a position as an adjunct voice instructor at the College of Charleston, in Charleston, South Carolina.

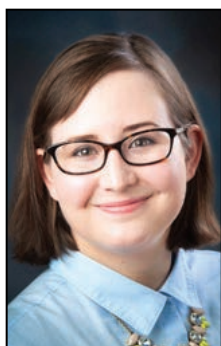
2012

Tracy Lytwyn accepted an account supervisor role with Chicago's Spectrum Science, a leading health and science public relations agency, in September 2019. Tracy previously worked for the American Cancer Society's Cancer Action Network as a senior regional media advocacy manager.

Christopher Schaeffer joined the Royal Oak, Michigan-based law firm Howard & Howard in August 2019. Chris, who focuses his practice in all areas of business and commercial litigation, joined the firm's Business Litigation Practice Group. Prior to joining Howard & Howard, Chris was a litigation associate at an education law firm, where he represented educational institutions in state and federal courts, and

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Christopher Schaeffer '12
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Colleen O'Connor '14

before state and federal agencies. After graduating law school and before entering private practice, Chris was a judicial law clerk for Justice Kathryn E. Zenoff of the Illinois Appellate Court. In addition to his role at Howard & Howard, Chris is an adjunct professor at Loyola University Chicago School of Law, where he teaches a class on civil appeals.

2013

Britt Boles was promoted to business tax manager at RSM US LLP, a leading audit, tax, and consulting firm, in September 2019. Britt, who joined RSM in 2013, will be responsible for providing detailed review and analysis of complete tax returns and advising clients on consultative tax services in his new role.

Kevin Carey returned to Illinois Wesleyan as Director of Student Involvement on July 1, 2019. Kevin was previously the associate director of student involvement at Wittenberg College and assistant director of student life at Ball State University.

Ted Delicath completed an Urban Leaders Fellowship, a paid summer fellowship for early- to mid-career professionals looking to accelerate their leadership through a seven-week fellowship with a focus on policy and practice. Ted is also currently in the Alumni Ventures Group Ventures Fellow Program, where he is afforded access to the skills, network and experience necessary to break into the venture capital industry. He joined McChrystal Group, an elite advisory services and leadership development firm in Alexandria, Virginia, as an associate in August 2019.

2014

Shannon Baker joined Sterling Seacrest Partners, an insurance brokerage and consulting firm headquartered in Atlanta, as a client advisor in July 2019. Shannon's primary focus is to manage the risk management needs of her clients, specifically in the area of employee benefits. Shannon joined Sterling Seacrest after nearly five years at brokerage firm Lockton Companies, where she managed accounts in St. Louis and Nashville.

Sarah Bussmann earned a master's degree in statistics at Washington University in St. Louis in May 2019.

Marjorie Miller joined Illinois Wesleyan's Division of Student Affairs as assistant director of student involvement on July 1, 2019. She was most recently a hall director at Texas Christian University.

Colleen O'Connor received the YWCA McLean County Woman of Distinction Award, in the young professional category, at the 30th annual Women of Distinction Awards banquet on June 25, 2019, at the Marriott Hotel and Conference Center in Normal, Illinois. Colleen is a prevention education specialist at Project Oz, a nonprofit human services agency that empowers young people to reach their full potential. Colleen initiated and coordinates a school-based youth suicide prevention and mental health education program that is implemented in every public school district in McLean County.

2015

Alexandra Bidner earned a master's of education in curriculum and instruction from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Alexandra is a math interventionist in the Round Lake (Ill.) public school district.

Hannah Dhue joined Walt Disney Studios in May 2019 as an associate project manager for the exclusive Disney+ Streaming Service, launched in November 2019. Hannah previously served as a television account coordinator for Sony Pictures

Entertainment.

Pat Sodemann was named an assistant coach of the University of Illinois Springfield men's basketball team in June 2019. Pat, a former member of the Illinois Wesleyan men's basketball team, previously served as an assistant coach at Truman State University, Ohio Dominican University and Missouri Baptist University.

2016

Miranda Baldwin returned to Illinois Wesleyan as an administrative specialist, serving IWU's advancement team, in May 2019.

Anfernee Roberts joined Illinois Wesleyan's enrollment and marketing staff as an admissions counselor, with coverage responsibilities in Chicago, Ohio and Louisiana, in September 2018. Anfernee is also an assistant football coach at a local high school and a youth basketball official, and is currently pursuing a master's degree in psychology and physiology of sport and physical activity at Illinois State University.

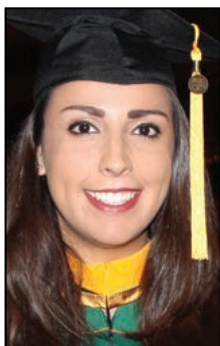
Emily Shankar returned to her alma mater as an admissions counselor in October 2018 after spending the past two years as a Peace Corps volunteer in Panama, where she worked with an indigenous community to improve water, sanitation and hygiene practices.

2017

Preslav Mantchev was published in the *Illinois Business Law Journal* in September 2019. His note, "Another Brick in the Wall," analyzed variations in federal circuit courts' application of Illinois Brick Company v. Illinois, a popular antitrust law doctrine.

Heartland Bank and Trust Company named **Trevor Seibring** portfolio manager in the Bloomington-Normal area in August 2019. Trevor previously worked as a credit analyst and has additional experience in asset management and trust services.

Raelynn Parmely earned a master's degree in sociology at Illinois State University in August 2019 and joined the Illinois Farm Bureau as an environmental



Veena Hamill '18



Emma Dalton '19

program manager.

2018

Matt Campbell returned to his alma mater as a systems analyst, serving Illinois Wesleyan's advancement staff, in January 2019. Matt most recently was in a sales position at Zep, Inc. His current duties include report development, data analytics, programming, and delivery and maintenance for advancement requests and strategies.

Veena Hamill earned a master's degree in biotechnology at Rush University in Chicago on April 27, 2019. She accepted a position as a chemist with biopharmaceutical company AbbVie, headquartered in North Chicago, in August 2019.

Maria Hanna, a second-year medical student at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine in Chicago, is a contributing writer for *in-Training*, an online peer-reviewed publication for medical students.

Mackenzie Marquis married Kurtis Hoekstra on Sept. 13, 2019, in Bloomington, Illinois, with many alumni present. Members of the bridal party included **Andrea Flynn**, **Maria Dominguez** and **Summer Stitt**.

2019

Emma Dalton was one of 20 recipients of the 2019 Miracle Network Dance Marathon Distinguished Leadership Award, presented to students making an impact within their Dance Marathon program, on their individual campus and for their local Children's Miracle Network Hospital. Emma's leadership of IWU TitanThon helped raise \$22,125

Tiny Titans

Kirk Johnson '83 and Susan; Joshua Wayne, born April 18, 2019

Alison Diaz-Mountford '00 and Marcus; Mia Louise, born June 3, 2019

Matt Garard '02 and Elizabeth; Levi Henry, born Feb. 22, 2019

Samantha (Janci) Buccini '03 and Dan; Alexander Marco, born June 8, 2019

Brandon Christol '04 and Susanne Bertucco; Ben Bertucco, born April 22, 2019

Kristy (Rygiel) Bequette '05 and **Tom '05**; Felicity Marie, born April 5, 2019

Katie Lee '07 and Jeff Kuznekoff; Alexander Lee, born June 3, 2019

Erin (Storck) Rome '07 and Matt; Jacob Mark, born July 25, 2017

Kimberly (Wolski) Duback '08 and **Michael '08**; Evelyn Grace Marie, born July 23, 2019

Bryan Duling '08 and Jenny; Nolan Leo, born May 21, 2019

Christine Friedrichs '08 and Garet Koxlien; Greyson Russell, born April 18, 2019

Suzanne (Diener) Sleezer '09 and **Chris '09**; Silas Daniel, born March 20, 2019

Kathy (Pechous) Risch '10 and Chris; Cameron Gary, born Nov. 25, 2018

Katie (Wolski) Jefferson '11 and Kyle; Broderick Edward, born July 7, 2019

Jack Thornburg '11 and Melissa; Avery Clare, born June 3, 2019

Mary (Quinlivan) Murphy '12 and Matt; Gabriel Edward, born July 9, 2019

Krista (Felten) Piotrowski '12 and **Brian '12**; Benjamin Joseph, born April 2, 2019

Emma (Clark) Lawson '13 and **Jeff '11**; Jack Nieman, born June 22, 2019

Vanessa (Rodriguez) Macias '14 and Alejandro; Caliana Arya, born June 1, 2019

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for OSF Children's Hospital in Peoria, Illinois, in 2019.

Madelyn Dulin and IWU Adjunct Professor and Scholar in Residence **James E. House** published "An Adsorption Experiment Utilizing Bentonite, a Green and Inexpensive Clay" in *The Chemical Educator*. Madelyn is currently attending the University of Illinois College of Medicine in Rockford.

Talli Hardt joined Illinois Wesleyan's enrollment and marketing staff as an admissions counselor in June 2019 after serving an internship in the admissions office during her final semester as an IWU student.

Alani Sweezy was selected for a Rotary Global Grant Scholarship in July 2019. Alani began her pursuit of a Master of Philosophy in politics, with a concentration in comparative government, at Oxford University this fall. She was nominated for the scholarship by the Rotary District 6490 Scholarship Committee, which successfully nominated **Shannon Maloney '18** for a Global Grant in 2018.

Veronica Torres Luna returned to Illinois Wesleyan as an outreach coordinator after spending the previous semester with CitiCorp in Chicago. She will work with underrepresented IWU students in her new role.

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(Above left) **EJ Schiller '12** married Emily Hayes on June 15, 2019, at Evelyn Chapel.



(Above right) **Stephanie Buhrow '14** (left) and **Emily Considine '15** (right) were married Sept. 21, 2019, at Evelyn Chapel.



(Above) **Pam (Cole) Wessel '06** married **T.J. Wessel '06** on March 9, 2019, at Illinois Wesleyan, with many alumni in attendance, including (from left): **Ashley (Batson) Crown '05**, **Drew Kelly '06**, **Andrea (Pierce) Luke '06**, **Maggie Plog '06**, **Meghan McCreary '06**, **T.J. Wessel**, **Pam (Cole) Wessel**, **Rachael Liesman '06**, **Christine (Lassandrello) Manuel '06**, **Cheri (Whitney) Simpson '06**, **Mark Tomasino '06**, **Peter Alford '06**, **Jessica (Dixon) Sarros '06** and **Emily (McCracken) Lee '06**.



(Above) **Hannah (Smith) Phelps '14** (center) married Neal Phelps on May 25, 2019, in Champaign, Illinois. Her bridesmaids included **Jennifer (Boll) Sloboda '14** (third from left), **Laura (Woodsmall) Hardisty '14** (fourth from right) and **Melissa Woo '14** (third from right).



(Above) **Theoni Richardson '15** married George Acosta on June 8, 2019, in Chicago, with many classmates in attendance, including (from left): **Jon Blome '07**, **Dorothy Kulikowska '16**, **Nicole Bacigalupo '15**, **Meridith Beird '15**, **Alyssa Gibson '16**, **Olivia Anderson '15**, **Clara Ehrhart '15**, **Richardson, Acosta**, **Gemma Cozzi '17**, **Kristen Johnson '15**, **Larissa (Kowal) Thomas '15**, **Ashley Miller '16**, **Cassidy Campbell '13**, **Laurel Forlano '16**, **Jordan Riddle '14** and **Cam McGlynn '15**.



(Above) **Christina Hoblin-Lamorena '13** and **Kelly Hoblin-Lamorena '14** were married June 22, 2019, in Aurora, Illinois.



(Above left) **Katy (McCortney) Guren '12** (second from left) married Nicholas Guren (third from left) at the Bridgeport Art Center in Chicago on Sept. 7, 2019, with many IWU alumni in attendance, including maid of honor, **Arielle Cramer '12** (far left).



(Above right) **Sarah Whitchurch '14** and **Justin Feng '15** were engaged on May 11, 2019. Justin proposed at the Chicago Botanical Gardens on the couple's six-year anniversary.



(Above) **Ali Dallinger '10** married **Tim Sunzeri '11** on May 18, 2019, in Chicago, with many classmates in attendance.

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(Above) **Lucas Diller '16** and **Jordan Harding '16** were married May 11, 2019, in St. Louis, with many alumni in attendance, including (from left): **Meg Stanley '17**, **Mikey Kelley '16**, **Kyle Moody '17**, **Elizabeth Hassett '16**, **Taylor Winterland '16**, **Frank Toland '16**, **Caitlin (Kelley) Philp '16**, **Jared Philp '16**, **Mackenzie Jenkins '16**, **Harding, Diller, NuBari Kanee '17**, **Melissa O'Carroll '16**, **Carlo Fava '16**, **Zack Strock '16**, **Andrew Javorka '16**, **Sydney Fox '16**, **Brie Siebert '15**, **Katie Cappas '16** and **Christopher Collins '18**. **Sean Flaherty '16** (not pictured) was also a member of the wedding party.



(Above) **Courtney Adams '96** married **Brian Whited** on Oct. 7, 2018, in Naperville, Illinois, with many alumni in attendance, including (from left): **Robert Johnson '95**, **Lynn (Ellerbruch) Johnson '96**, **Julie (Stefely) Vanderville '96**, **Whited, Adams, Philip Derrig III '96**, **Amanda (Weber) Seldera '96**, **April (Saunders) O'Donoghue '96** and **Jill Czarnowski '96**.



(Above left) **Emily (Sawyer) Moore '09** married **Adam Moore** on July 13, 2019, in Hobart, Indiana, with many classmates in attendance, including: **Becky (Kiverts) Goodrich '09**, **Andrea Ambrosia '09**, **Alexandria (Salansky) Gohla '09**, **Helen Conklin Toronyi '09**, **Laura (Murray) Kashner '09**, **Meg Connolly '10** and **Steven Sturlis '10**.

(Above right) **Jack Sikma '77** (right) threw out the ceremonial first pitch and **Wayne Messmer '72** (left) sang The Star-Spangled Banner before a Chicago Cubs game against the New York Mets at Wrigley Field on June 22, 2019.



CHICAGO CUBS/STEVE GREEN



(Above left) A spontaneous meeting of alumni took place at the summit of Colorado's Chief Mountain, 11,800 feet above sea level, on Sept. 11, 2019. IWU apparel tipped off the connection between (from left) **Mike Felz '78**, **Kim Jones '78**, **Denise (Le Var) De Graaf '82** and **Greg DeGraaf '81**, who met for the first time on the picturesque mountaintop. Mike and Kim live in nearby Golden, Colorado. Denise and Greg reside in Bloomington, Illinois.



(Above right) **Karen Petersen '07** married **Paul Winters** on June 29, 2019 at Bluestem Hall, in Urbana, Illinois, with many alumni in attendance, including (from left): **Ryan Smith '06**, **Leslie Coleman '07**, **Susan Abraham '08**, **Leslie Morrison '08**, **Kelly Petersen '10**, **Karen Petersen, Winters, Anne (Fell) Cohen '07** and **Ian Cohen '07**.



(Above) **Zach Walz '07** (center) married **David Scherer** on Oct. 18, 2018, with several classmates in attendance. Those present included (from left): **Myla Green '07**, **Scherer, Walz, Sarah Collins '07** and **Lauren Hensley '07**.



(Above) **Crystal Muro '19** (right) and **Kelly Riordan '19** (left) pose with Adjunct Instructor of Music **Ingrid Kammin** (center) at the 2019 National Student Auditions, in Northfield, Minnesota, in June 2019. Muro took first and Riordan second in the Upper College/Independent Studio Women category.

In Memory

Faculty and Staff

Edwin Carpenter of Kirksville, Missouri, died April 14, 2018. He was 84. Ed was a professor of speech and debate coach at Illinois Wesleyan in the 1950s and 1960s. He attended high school in Peoria, Illinois, before earning bachelor's and master's degrees at Illinois State University. He earned a doctorate at Southern Illinois University and conducted postdoctoral work at Harvard University. He completed basic training for the U.S. Army in 1958 and was in the reserves until 1979. After his time at Illinois Wesleyan, he served as a vice president at Lincoln College and a department chair at Truman State University. Ed was active in civic life as a member of the Kirksville City Council and Kirksville Rotary Club, and as a volunteer for United Way and Boy Scouts of America. He is survived by his wife, two daughters and four grandchildren.

Alumni

Ruth (Martin) Parks '42 of Macomb, Illinois, died May 25, 2019. She was 100. Ruth worked for the U.S. Army Special Services Department as an assistant director of social activities on Army bases during World War II, and met her future husband during this time. Following her service, she taught in Blandinsville, Illinois, and El Paso, Illinois, before becoming the choral director at Macomb High School. In retirement, she began a second career as director of the Spoon River Singing Seniors. She also served as organist at First Baptist Church of Blandinsville for 57 years. Ruth received many honors and awards over the years. She was: admitted to the Gallery of Ageless Achievers by the WIU Area on Aging (1993); grand marshal in the Macomb Heritage Days Parade (1994 and 2016); named one of the area's "Living Treasures" by WGEM-TV (1998); recognized by the collegiate Music Educators National Conference for outstanding contribution to music in schools (2004); nominated for the Illinois Community College Trustees Association Lifelong Learning Award (2006); and recognized with McDonough County's "Quality of Life" Award (2016). She is survived by two sons, three grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Jean (Holdridge) Reeves '42 of Pittsboro, North Carolina, died June 5, 2019. She was 99. Jean earned a bachelor's degree in home economics while active in Kappa Kappa Gamma at Illinois Wesleyan. She later earned a master's degree in child development from the University of Connecticut. Feeling a sense of duty, she enlisted in the American Red Cross to serve during World War II, and was stationed in New Guinea and the Philippines. Jean and her husband met during her service and the couple raised four daughters. Jean was active in the Pittsboro United Methodist Church, and Pittsboro public schools and library. She is survived by three daughters, eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren, and many nieces, nephews and friends.



Betty (Yontz) Smelcer '42 of Urbana, Illinois, died May 26, 2019. She was 98. Betty studied music at Illinois Wesleyan. She loved God, music and nature. She was a member of First United Methodist Church in Urbana, and a member of the Sierra Club and National Audubon Society. Among her favorite memories were numerous birding trips with her late sister, **Elaine (Yontz) Regehr '49**. Betty is survived by several cousins and many friends.

Bernadine Corinne (LaForge) Douglass '43 died Sept. 12, 2019, in Mesa, Arizona. She was 98. Corinne studied music at Illinois Wesleyan, where she was active in Delta Omicron. She also met her future husband, the late **Thomas Douglass '42**, at IWU. Corinne taught for a short time after her graduation, and she and Tom married after he completed service in the U.S. Navy. Tom was soon hired by Southwestern University in Georgetown, Texas, and so began their married life. Corinne stayed active in music, even while starting a family, singing frequently in church settings, often at weddings and funerals. "I married them and buried them," she'd often say. She and Tom moved to Arizona in retirement in 1990, but they ultimately returned to Georgetown in 2005. She is survived by three children and three grandchildren.

Helen (Geneva) Harbison '47 of Falls Church, Virginia, died July 17, 2019. Helen majored in history and minored in English at Illinois Wesleyan, where she was also active in Kappa Delta. Helen became a stewardess for United Airlines and later ran her own business as a diet consultant. She was a proud Illinois Wesleyan alum who attended many reunions and kept in touch with her sorority sisters. Helen came from an IWU family and was preceded in death by a sister **Bette Lou (Geneva) King '49** and her father **William Geneva, Classes of 1911 and 1917**. She is survived by two sons and three grandchildren.

Mary (Goodyear) Green '48 of Delphi, Indiana, died July 8, 2019. She was 92. Mary studied music at Illinois Wesleyan. She married **Kenneth Green '51** in 1951. Mary was a vocal and instrumental teacher in elementary and middle schools in Metcalf,

Illinois, and Clifton, Illinois. She was a member of the Delphi United Methodist Church, where she was active in Friendship Circle, serving as secretary treasurer. She was also co-chair of the church prayer chain and an original member of the church's bell choir. She enjoyed camping and attending musical performances. She is survived by her husband, three children and two grandchildren.

Nancy (Hoose) Froelich '52 of Lake Bloomington, Illinois, and formerly of Gridley, Illinois, died July 17, 2019. She was 88. Nancy was a partner with her late husband, **William Froelich '49**, in Froelich Memorial Homes and Heritage Enterprises, and was a licensed funeral director for over 50 years. She was involved in many areas of public service, including elementary and higher education, and the McLean County Board. She also served on the board of the Mennonite College of Nursing and received an honorary nursing degree. Nancy was a longtime supporter of IWU and an active member of the IWU Board of Visitors. Her service was acknowledged through many awards and recognitions, including: the IWU Distinguished Alumni Award, YWCA Woman of Distinction Award, Bloomington Rotary's Paul Harris Fellowship, State of Illinois Preservation Award, John Maitland Jr. Commitment to Education Award, McLean County Mayors' Association Person of the Year, and as a McLean County Museum of History "History Maker." Nancy is survived by three children, 11 grandchildren, including **Katharine (Laiming) Bachelor '99**, 15 great-grandchildren, sister **Susan (Hoose) Jefferson '54**, and three nephews.

Leonard Genung '52 '57 of Bayport, Minnesota, died Jan. 27, 2017. He was 88. Len, or "Lennie" as he was known during his time at Illinois Wesleyan, served in the U.S. Army before coming to IWU. He earned a Bachelor of Music in 1952, and served as editor of *The Argus*, and later returned to IWU to earn a Bachelor of Science in 1957. He went on to receive an MBA from the University of Chicago in 1962. He is survived by his wife, two daughters, four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Louis Polovich '53 of Benld, Illinois, died Aug. 28, 2019. He was 89. Louis was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force. After his time at Illinois Wesleyan, he earned a master's degree at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville. Louis was a retired teacher, principal and coach for Unit School District 7. He was a member of Croatian Fraternal Union Lodge 217 of Benld, Knights of Columbus and the Retired Teachers Association. He was also active in St. Joseph's Church in Benld. He is survived by his wife, seven children, 20 grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

John Stutzman '54 of Waterloo, Ontario, Canada, died Aug. 9, 2019. He was 91. John was raised in Bloomington, Illinois, and fell in love with science early in life. His passion motivated him to become a physician, and he practiced for many years as

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a urologist. John was also passionate about music. He sang in church and played the clarinet. He began cello lessons at age 77 and took great pride when his instructor told him he had become an “advanced student.” John was a loyal supporter of Illinois Wesleyan and an emeritus trustee. In 2007, he and his wife established the John and Erma Stutzman Peace Fellows Program to encourage talented IWU students to pursue focused study in areas involving peace, conflict resolution and social justice. He is survived by his wife, and several nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews.

Ronald Heveran '55 of Fairhope, Alabama, died July 4, 2019. He was 87. Ron grew up in Gurnee, Illinois. He earned an MBA from the University of Chicago after his time at Illinois Wesleyan. His professional career was spent at U.S. Steel, Transunion, Vulcan and Waste Management, and took him from Chicago to Ohio, Florida, Alabama and Washington, D.C. He retired in 1990 to Fairhope, where he designed and built a home where he and his wife lived for 25 years. Ron was active with the Eastern Shore Art Center, Baldwin County and Alabama master gardeners, Eastern Shore Institute of Lifelong Learning, environmental advisory boards of both Baldwin County and Fairhope, and St. James Episcopal Church. He was preceded in death by two children and a brother, **Edward Heveran '60**. He is survived by his wife, son, two grandsons and two siblings.

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Mary Jane (Roberts) Plummer '47; March 10, 2019

William Mundt '48; Feb. 8, 2019

Betty (Hollman) Clark '49; Sept. 26, 2019

Charles Davidson '50; June 12, 2018

Marge (Russell) Egger '51; May 23, 2017

Jacqueline (Leonard) Clark '52; Aug. 20, 2019

Virgil Cole '52; May 17, 2019

Thomas Partington '52; Feb. 5, 2019

Mickey (Jewett) Pollock '53; June 29, 2019

Janet (Bridge) Aten '58; Oct. 13, 2017

Gerald Roth '58; Nov. 10, 2018

Cecilia (Bower) Nettleton '59; Sept. 12, 2019

George Allen '60; June 1, 2019

David Ayers '61; May 21, 2019

Steven Hills '61; June 6, 2019

Frederick Ritscher '64; July 14, 2019

Ann (Bloomquist) Hougham '69; Sept. 11, 2019

Randy Best '74; Aug. 1, 2019

Douglas Williams '79; June 11, 2019

Scott Layman '81; April 6, 2019

Scott Pannier '82; Aug. 25, 2019

Sue (Carlock) Maisch '59 of Louisville, Kentucky, died July 10, 2019. She was 81. Sue studied nursing at Illinois Wesleyan and was active in Kappa Kappa Gamma. Sue began her nursing career in Chicago. She and her husband **Weldon Maisch '57** moved frequently before settling in Louisville. Sue took time off to be a full-time mother to their two sons before resuming her nursing career. She also volunteered her time to Meals on Wheels and for mission work at Springdale Presbyterian Church. She is survived by her husband, two sons and six grandchildren.

John “Jack” Rhind '59 of Mequon, Wisconsin, died May 16, 2019. He was 82. John was active in Phi Gamma Delta and played football at Illinois Wesleyan. After leaving IWU, he went on to a successful career with Miller Brewing company (later MillerCoors). Jack and his late wife **Judy (Onsgard) Rhind '61** were loyal supporters of Illinois Wesleyan, and Jack honored his wife by establishing the Jack and Judy Onsgard Rhind Annual

Scholarship for Nursing. Jack is survived by three children, seven grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, one brother and many other relatives and friends.

Lois (McNeil) Thoman '59 died July 10, 2019, in Lancaster, California. She was 83. Lois studied music at Illinois Wesleyan and was an accomplished musician with the ability to play seven instruments. She taught music and math in Moline (Ill.) schools for nearly 30 years before retiring in 1991. Lois and her husband joined Oakwood Country Club in 1977 and became avid golfers, and she was a volunteer for the Quad Cities Open/John Deere Classic for over 30 years. She also enjoyed traveling, often to warmer climates to play golf. She is survived by two sons, four grandchildren, four step-grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Marilyn Frazier '61 of Largo, Florida, died May 2, 2019. She was 82. Marilyn earned a bachelor's degree at Illinois Wesleyan and a master's degree at the University of Georgia. She enjoyed a career in theatre and later taught English, speech and drama, first in Bay Village, Ohio, before many years at Seminole (Fla.) High School. Marilyn was also an active member of the Church of the Isles. She positively impacted the lives of her family, friends, students and all who knew her. She is survived by her brother, two nieces, one nephew, one grandniece and four grand-nephews.

Robert Newell '61 died July 4, 2019, in Naples, Florida. He was 79. Rob studied music at IWU and became internationally known as both a composer and conductor. He was twice a Fulbright grantee, first in Paris and later in South America. His prize-winning work, *Ryo-nen*, was performed by the Tokyo Philharmonic Chorus and Orchestra in 1986. He later toured major cities in South America to conduct orchestras and lecture on 20th century music. Upon his return to the United States, he was commissioned by the state of Ohio to compose and conduct a work to celebrate the bicentennial of the Northwest Ordinance, for which he received the coveted Ohioana Award. Rob served as an artist and teacher at the University of Illinois, California State University, Chapman College and Ohio University, as well as music director at various churches across the country. He is survived by his wife, son, two siblings, and many nieces and nephews.

Wayne Grove '62 of Morris, Illinois, died Aug. 8, 2019. He was 79. Wayne was a member of Phi Gamma Delta at Illinois Wesleyan, where he also played football and baseball. Wayne taught in Cleveland and Le Roy, Illinois, prior to a banking career. He was an elder at the Presbyterian Church in Princeton, Illinois, and later a deacon at First Presbyterian Church of Morris. He served in the Army National Guard of Illinois, from 1966-68, and the U.S. Army Reserve, from 1968-72. He was a 50-year member of the AF & AM Lodge 534, Valley of Bloomington Scottish Rite and Mohammed Shrine of Peoria, Illinois. He was an avid supporter of his grandchildren's athletic endeavors and



took pleasure in hunting and fishing. He is survived by his wife **Linda (Wilson) Grove '65**, two daughters, including **Jennifer (Grove) Heinsius '89**, three grandsons and four siblings.

Janet (Radakovich) Huss '63 of Shorewood, Illinois, died July 5, 2019. She was 78. Janet was raised in Joliet, Illinois, and she married **Frank Huss '61**, who survives. Frank's employment took them to Cincinnati for nine years before they returned to Joliet in 1972. Janet enjoyed traveling with her family and shopping. In addition to her husband, she is survived by two children, five grandchildren, and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and other relatives.

William Kenneth Gaeddert '64, also known as Bill or Ken, died May 7, 2019, in Lawrence, Kansas. He was 80. Bill earned a master's degree in music at Illinois Wesleyan after undergraduate studies at Bethany (Kan.) College. Bill taught in Lebanon (Kan.) public schools before his time at IWU, and at East Moline (Ill.) United Township High School immediately after. He later taught at Northwestern State University and Baker University, retiring in 2001 with the rank of professor. He was a member of Plymouth Congregational Church in Lawrence, as well as the National Association of Teachers of Singing and Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia. In retirement, he established the William Gaeddert Voice Studio. His interests included concerts and recitals, travel, woodworking and furniture refinishing. He is survived by his wife and many friends and relatives.

Alan Law '67 of Fort Worth, Texas, died July 5, 2019. He was 88. Alan served in the Air Force during the Korean War, attaining the rank of staff sergeant. He returned to the family farm in Mt.

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Carroll, Illinois, after his service. But, not interested in farming for his career, he enrolled at the University of Illinois on the GI Bill. He later transferred to Danville Area Community College before finishing work on a business degree at Illinois Wesleyan, all while working several jobs to support his family. He soon secured employment with the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, which eventually led to a transfer to Texas. He later served as vice president of Republic Bank in Garland, Texas, and then moved to another bank in McAllen, Texas. Alan then changed careers and began a 17-year stint as a high school economics teacher. After his wife's death, he moved to the Fort Worth area to be closer to family. He is survived by three children, nine grandchildren and 34 great-grandchildren.

Bruce McGee '68 of Houston died June 11, 2019. Bruce was a consultant to the Minute Maid Company and managed the Minute Maid Grand Slam for Youth Baseball scholarship partnership with the Houston Astros. His career in advertising and marketing spanned over 50 years. He is survived by three children and two grandchildren.

John Leupold '69 died Aug. 14, 2019, in Green Bay, Wisconsin. He was 72. During his time at Illinois Wesleyan, John served as senior class president, ran track and held the office of treasurer for Phi Gamma Delta. John raised his family in Mequon, Wisconsin, where he was a successful commercial lender. He retired in 2012 and split his time between Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin, and North Port, Florida. He was a dedicated family man who enjoyed golf, archery, yard work and time with his dog. He also enjoyed coaching youth football and baseball for many years. John was a diehard Green Bay Packers fan, attending nearly every home game since 1970. He is survived by his wife **Gretchen (Grandfield) Leupold '69**, three daughters, including **Susan Leupold '02**, and a granddaughter.

Jeffery King '72 of Joliet, Illinois, died Aug. 9, 2019. He was 74. Jeffery studied economics at Illinois Wesleyan. He served in the Vietnam War and earned a Purple Heart. He was employed by Caterpillar Tractor and Unocal. He was a gifted writer and was well known for creating and distributing CDs with personalized music for anyone who asked. He is survived by his wife, six children, two stepchildren, five siblings, and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and friends.

Arthur Cameron "Cam" Willey '73 died Aug. 8, 2019. He was 67. Cam studied business and was president of Theta Chi during his time at Illinois Wesleyan. He earned a doctorate in jurisprudence at Drake University, where he was the editor-in-chief of *Drake Law Review*. Cam served as a sheriff's detective, range officer and sergeant in Peoria County, Illinois. He worked with three Denver-area law firms and also had a solo practice. He was admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of the United States in 1987. Cam was a deep thinker, author, man of faith, loyal friend, loving brother and adoring husband, who enjoyed adventure, sailing, skiing and

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the beach. He is survived by his wife, four siblings and five nephews.

James "Jim" Robinson '74 of Normal, Illinois, died June 12, 2019, after enjoying his regular exercise routine at Illinois Wesleyan's Shirk Center. He was 67. Jim was known for his boisterous personality and church involvement. He was an enthusiastic runner and proud father. He is survived by his wife **Shirley Craig '74**, two children and one grandchild.

John Marc Albright '77 died Aug. 13, 2019, at his residence in Ladera Ranch, California. He was 64. Marc studied mathematics at Illinois Wesleyan. He was active in Theta Chi, where he earned the nickname "Sunshine." Marc was a triathlete and long-distance runner, who, as a young man, rode his bicycle across the country from the Pacific Ocean to the Atlantic Ocean. He is survived by his wife, daughter and two sisters.



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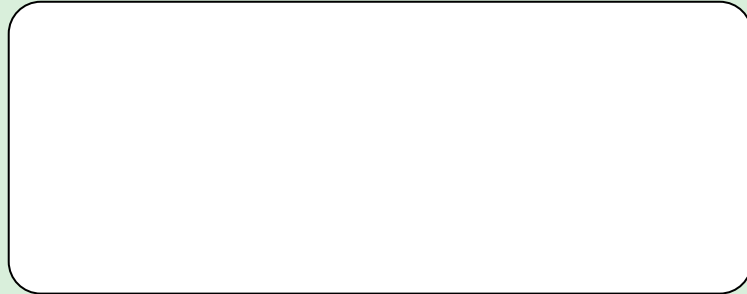


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