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ILLINOIS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

CONVOCATION

for First-Year Students



Shirk Center
Performance Arena
August 23, 2005
4:15 PM

PROGRAM

Prelude Maxie Scifres
Pianist

*Procession of Students

*Invocation Dennis Groh '61
University Chaplain

President's Welcome Richard F. Wilson
President

Welcome from the Faculty Roger Schnaitter
Acting Provost

Greetings from the Students Kevin Maliszewski '06
President, Student Senate

Performance

'Spirate, Pur Spirate' Stefano Donaudy
Justin Holloway '09, Tenor
Maxie Scifres, piano

Introduction of the Speaker Kathy Cavins
Vice President for Student Affairs/Dean of Students

Address Mary Ann Bushman
Recipient of the Pantagraph Award for Teaching Excellence, 2006

*Alma Wesleyana NATIONAL HYMN
George William Warren (1828 –1902)

From hearts aflame, our love we pledge to thee,
Where'er we wander, over land or sea;
Through time unending, loyal we will be—
True to our Alma Mater, Wesleyan.

When college days are fully past and gone,
While life endures, from twilight gleam til dawn,
Grandly thy soul shall with us linger on—
Star-crowned, our Alma Mater, Wesleyan

*Benediction Chaplain Groh

Postlude Ms. Scifres

* *Audience will please stand*

** *Please remain seated until dismissed*

MARY ANN BUSHMAN



Mary Ann Bushman, associate professor of English at Illinois Wesleyan, was named winner of the 2006 *Pantagraph* Award for Teaching Excellence during the Honors Day Convocation at the University on April 13, 2005. The annual award is determined by a vote of the Promotion and Tenure Committee based on nominations received from the faculty.

Professor Bushman will formally receive her teaching award at the 2006 Honors Day Convocation where she will present the principal address.

A member of the Illinois Wesleyan faculty since 1980, Professor Bushman teaches courses in Shakespeare, Renaissance literature, and medieval and 18th century British poetry. In addition, she conducts research on feminist perspectives of Renaissance drama.

A Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the University of Illinois where she was both an Edmund J. James Scholar and a Bronze Tablet Scholar, Professor Bushman received her master's and Ph.D. degrees from the University of California at Berkeley. She held a University Fellowship at the UC-Berkeley and was a consultant for the Bay Area Writing Project.

She is a member of Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society and was selected for a National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Seminar for College Teachers.

At Illinois Wesleyan, she has been chair of the Department of English, coordinator of the Freshman Seminar Program, and coordinator of the Academic Skills Center. She directed Illinois Wesleyan's London Program in 2001. In addition, she has served on most of the University's major committees.

FIRST-YEAR STUDENT CONVOCATION

On the Tuesday that first-year students arrive to campus, First-Year Student Convocation is held in the Shirk Center. The incoming class is expected to attend to be matriculated into this community of artists and scholars. Family members and others may also attend this event.

PRESIDENT'S CONVOCATION

The President's Convocation opens the academic year with a prominent speaker invited to address the community. All students, faculty and staff are invited to attend. This year's convocation will be Wednesday, September 7, 2005 featuring Edward O. Wilson, Pellegrino University Professor Emeritus at Harvard University, and one of the most highly respected scientists in the world today. Previous guests at the President's Convocation include author Isabel Allende, Nobel laureate James Watson and scientist/author Sandra Steingraber '81.

FOUNDERS' DAY CONVOCATION

Founders' Day commemorates the founding of the University in 1850 and honors its academic history. All students, faculty and staff are invited to attend this year's convocation on Wednesday, February 8, 2006. Kenneth Pomerantz, the featured speaker, is Chancellor's Professor of History and professor of East Asian languages and literatures at Irvine, former chair of the history department, and director of the University of California Multi-Campus Research Group in world history. While the bulk of his work has revolved around Chinese and comparative economic development, rural social change, environmental change, and state formation, he has also written on the history of popular religion and on family organization and gender roles. Previous speakers include U.S. Civil Rights Commissioner Mary Frances Berry, Pulitzer Prize recipient John Updike, and film director Ismail Merchant.

HONORS CONVOCATION

Graduating seniors are featured at the Honors Day Convocation, set for Wednesday, April 12, 2006 in Westbrook Auditorium. Seniors process in their academic regalia as part of Senior Week activities. Presentations by the Senior Class President, the President, the Provost, and other faculty members, including *The Pantagraph* Awardee for Teaching Excellence, make up this program. All students, faculty and staff are invited and encouraged to attend.