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Illinois Wesleyan University

PRESIDENT'S SESQUICENTENNIAL CONVOCAATION



Shirk Center Performance Arena
September 27, 2000
7:00 P.M.



PROGRAM

President Minor Myers, jr., *Presiding*
Professor Bruce B. Criley, *Mace Bearer*

- Prelude Illinois Wesleyan Wind Ensemble
Professor Steven W. Eggleston, *Conductor*
- Folk Song Suite *Ralph Vaughan Williams*
I. March - "Seventeen Come Sunday" (1872-1958)
- Processional (*please stand*)
Crown Imperial *William Walton*
(1902-1983)
- Invocation (*remain standing*) Dennis E. Groh '61
University Chaplain
- Welcome President Minor Myers, jr.
- Greetings from the Trustees Board President Craig C. Hart
- Greetings from Alumni and Faculty Professor R. Dwight Drexler '34
- Greetings from the Students Student Senate President Matthew T. Glavin '01
- Recognition of Presidential Scholars and
The Anderson Physics Scholar Roger H. Schnaitter
Associate Provost
- Awarding of Honorary Degrees President Myers
Provost Janet M. McNew
- Remarks Dr. James D. Watson
Nobel laureate
- "The Human Genome"
- Alma Wesleyana NATIONAL HYMN
(*please stand and join in singing*) *George William Warren*
(1828-1902)
arr. Peter Andrew Gilbert '98
- From hearts aflame, our love we pledge to thee,
Where'er we wander, over land or sea;
Through time unending, loyal we will be—
True to our Alma Mater, Wesleyan.
- When college days are fully past and gone,
While life endures, from twilight gleam til dawn,
Grandly thy soul shall with us linger on—
Star-crowned, our Alma Mater, Wesleyan.
- Professor W. E. Schultz
(1887-1964)
- Benediction (*remain standing*) Chaplain Groh
- Recessional (*remain standing*) Illinois Wesleyan Wind Ensemble
Procession of the Nobles *Nicolai Rimsky-Korsakov*
(1844-1908)
Arr. Erik W.G. Leidzén



ELIZABETH L. WATSON

Historic Preservationist

Elizabeth L. Watson, a researcher in the field of architectural history, received the 1999 New York State Historic Preservation Award.

She is the author of *A Limner's View: An Architectural Odyssey* (1993) and *Houses for Science: A Pictorial History of Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory* (1991). She also is a contributor to *Long Island Country Houses and Their Architects* (1997), *Guide to Long Island Architecture* (1993), and the *Long Island Historical Journal*.

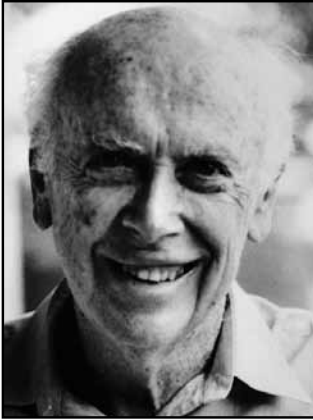
Houses for Science traces the unique architectural and scientific evolution of Cold Spring Harbor from a whaling village, to a "summer camp" for biologists, to a world-renowned research and educational institution. The Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory has a 100-year heritage of basic research in genetics and an architectural patrimony that spans nearly two centuries. Elizabeth Watson's husband, Nobel Laureate James D. Watson, is president of the Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, the Long Island, N.Y.-based facility known for its cancer research. Elizabeth Watson has been active in helping to preserve the many historic buildings that grace the 95-acre campus situated along the western shore of Cold Spring Harbor.

Elizabeth Watson has worked as an architectural historian and archivist for the Planting Fields Foundation in Oyster Bay, N.Y., Royal Institute of British Architects, Historic District Board in Roslyn, N.Y., National Museum of American History, and the Archives of American Art.

She is affiliated with the boards of several organizations including the American-Russian Young Artists' Orchestra, Cold Spring Harbor Whaling Museum Council, Heckscher Museum of Art, Huntington Historic Preservation Commission, and the Society for the Preservation of Long Island Antiquities.

Elizabeth Watson is a Radcliffe College graduate. She received a master's degree in historic preservation from Columbia University and a master of library-science degree from Long Island University. She received an honorary doctorate from the College of Charleston in 1992.

Elizabeth Watson is an avid photographer, community volunteer and world-wide traveler.



JAMES D. WATSON

Nobel laureate

In 1953 James D. Watson and Francis Crick proposed the double helical structure of DNA, a key substance in chromosomes that transfers genetic characteristics in all life. This feat has been described as “the greatest achievement of science in the twentieth century.” For this work, Watson, Crick—and Maurice Wilkins—were awarded the 1962 Nobel Prize in Medicine. Watson’s work with DNA, deoxyribonucleic

acid, was recounted in his best-seller, *The Double Helix*.

Watson is a past director of the National Center for Human Genome Research at the National Institutes of Health. His visit to Illinois Wesleyan University comes just months after scientists announced the successful mapping of the human genome, a 10-year, multi-billion-dollar effort that has been dubbed biology’s equivalent to the moon landing or splitting the atom.

Watson, who was born in Chicago in 1928, enrolled in the University of Chicago at age 15, graduating in 1947 with a bachelor’s degree in zoology. He received a Ph.D. in zoology from Indiana University in 1950. During the 1950s, he was a researcher at the University of Copenhagen, the Cavendish Laboratory at Britain’s Cambridge University, and the California Institute of Technology. Watson joined the Harvard University faculty in 1956. He remained at Harvard for many years until he became the director on a full-time basis of the Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory. For the last half-dozen years, Watson has served as president of the Long Island, N.Y.-based facility. Under his direction, the Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory has focused on research into the field of tumor virology. These studies have led to new understandings of oncogenes (cancer genes) and the molecular basis of cancer.

Watson has received many honors, including the Albert Lasker Prize from the American Public Health Association, John J. Carty Gold Medal of the National Academy of Sciences, Copley Medal of the British Royal Society, and the Lomonosov Medal from the Russian Academy of Sciences. Other honors bestowed upon Watson by the U.S. government include the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation’s highest civilian honor, in 1977, and the National Medal of Science, which was awarded to him in 1997. He was elected to membership in the National Academy of Sciences in 1962.

Watson, who has received honorary degrees from about 22 universities, also is the author of several other books, including *Molecular Biology and the Gene*, *The DNA Story*, *Molecular Biology of the Cell*, *Recombinant DNA: A Short Course*, and *A Passion for DNA*.

PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARS

Class of 2004

Jordan Ault

Jordan graduated first in a class of 398 at Pekin (Illinois) High School. He plans on a major in political science, with law school following that. A career in government and possibly elective office appeal to him: "President Ault has a nice ring," he says. He has played piano since the age of five and has written a weekly column for the *Pekin Daily Times*.

Joseph Binder

Joe is a National Merit Scholar from Decatur, Illinois, where he graduated first in his class at St. Theresa High School. Joe is an Eagle Scout and participated in track and cross country. At Illinois Wesleyan, he will major in chemistry.

Lauren Boegen

From Waukegan, Illinois, Lauren is a graduate of Warren Township High School. Lauren has been involved in Jazz Band, Symphonic, Marching, and Concert Band. She has also played varsity basketball and soccer. Lauren enters Illinois Wesleyan undecided as to major, with interests in psychology and English.

Matthew Childers

Matthew is a National Merit Scholar who graduated first in his class at Byron (Illinois) Community High School. He will major in mathematics, with teacher certification, and also hopes to minor in chemistry, English, or physics.

Casey Clark

Casey is a National Merit Scholar from Bethalto, Illinois. She is an actor and a vocalist who has performed in *Big River*, *Annie Get Your Gun*, *The Crucible*, and many other productions. She will be a Music Theatre major at Illinois Wesleyan.

Matthew Guerrero

Matt graduated second in a class of 537 at Waubonsie Valley High School, Aurora, Illinois. For three summers, Matt has volunteered at the Henderson Settlement in Frakes, Kentucky, on work details in the Appalachian Mountains. Matt is undecided as to his major, but is considering psychology and history.

Jill Hochstetter

Jill is a National Merit Scholar from Littleton, Colorado, where she graduated from St. Mary's Academy. She has participated in music theatre productions and built houses for Habitat for Humanity. At Illinois Wesleyan, Jill will be a physics major as she pursues the 3-2 engineering program.

Matthew LaScala

From Chapel Hill, North Carolina, Matt is a graduate of Durham Academy. Matt has been an actor in the Young People's Performing Company and wrote and produced his own one act play last year, titled "For Stupid Apes." He was also editor of his school's literary magazine. At Illinois Wesleyan, Matt will major in theatre. He is also interested in creative writing and psychology.

Edward McCormick

Mac is a National Merit Scholar from Lincoln-Way High School in New Lenox, Illinois. Acknowledging Thucydides' claim that "History is philosophy teaching by examples," he intends to major in history with additional study in anthropology and philosophy. He has been a varsity swimmer and intends to participate in swimming at Illinois Wesleyan.

Serena Orwick

Serena is a graduate of Crescent Valley High School in Corvallis, Oregon. She has studied modern dance for seven years and participated in the Corvallis Youth Symphony, where she played flute. At Illinois Wesleyan, she will major in biology.

Jennifer Pierce

Jennifer comes from Hobbs, New Mexico. She is a National Merit Scholar and recipient of the Jack Mattox Distinguished Scholarship. She has studied dance and piano and participated in varsity track. Here she will major in biology.

Katherine Scholten

Katie is a graduate of Elk Grove High School, Elk Grove Village, Illinois, where she received the Lieutenant Governor's Award for Youth Excellence. Katie participated in dance, choir, and other vocal groups, as well as volleyball. For three years she was student choreographer for her school's spring musical. At Illinois Wesleyan, she will major in mathematics in the teacher education program

Emily Waecker

Emily is a graduate of Maine West High School in Des Plaines, Illinois. She is a school record-holder in swimming and has written for her school's literary magazine. She is undecided as to major, but is interested in architecture and chemistry.

Benjamin Weber

Benjamin is a graduate of Oak Park-River Forest High School, Oak Park, Illinois. He is a violinist and has participated in the Chicago Youth Symphony Orchestra, Honors Orchestra of the Illinois Music Educator's Association All State Festival, and the Windy City String Ensemble. In addition to violin, Benjamin also has interests in history and English.

Sarah Wells

Sarah is a National Merit Scholar who graduated first in her class at Meridian High School, Decatur, Illinois. She plays trumpet and piano. Sarah has participated in theatre and the Decatur Youth Symphony Orchestra. At Illinois Wesleyan, she will major in biology.

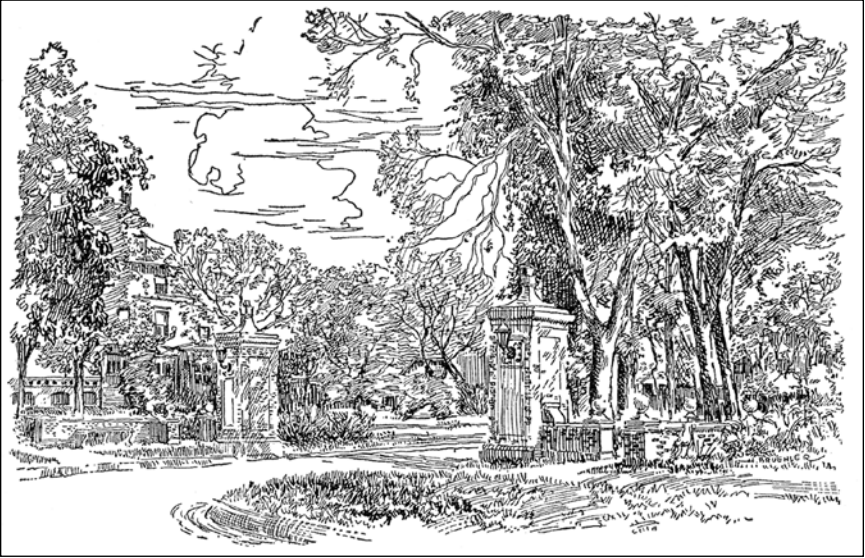
THE ANDERSON PHYSICS SCHOLAR

2000-2001

Ileana Rau

Ileana began working on a research project with Professor Gabe Spalding during her first year and has presented at two student research conferences. This year she is participating in a study abroad program at Karlsruhe University in Germany. A native of Sibiu, Romania, Ileana will return to Illinois Wesleyan for her final year of undergraduate study.

THE FOUNDERS' GATES INSCRIPTION



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