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Commencement
IN OUR 162nd Year
—1850–2012—
April 29, 2012 | Eckley Quadrangle

ILLINOIS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY
Founded in 1850 by 30 civic and Methodist Church leaders, Illinois Wesleyan today is among the nation’s leading private liberal arts institutions.

The University’s first graduate was James H. Barger, son of founder Rev. John S. Barger, who received his bachelor of science degree July 3, 1853. Hannah I. Shur, the first woman to enroll at Illinois Wesleyan, earned her degree in 1872. In 1880, Gus A. Hill earned a degree from the former school of law, 13 years after the Board of Trustees invited enrollment of African-Americans. Two Japanese students, Y. Osawa and K. Tanaka, became the University’s first international graduates in 1890.

The central portion of the University’s 80-acre campus was acquired in 1854. Wesleyan’s first building, Old North Hall, was erected in 1856 and served for 110 years before it was removed in 1966 to make way for Sheean Library. Old Main, the second campus building, was built in 1870 and renamed Hedding Hall in 1931, after Illinois Wesleyan absorbed Hedding College during the Great Depression. The Hedding College bell, which was saved from the college’s administration building before it was raised, was placed atop a stone marker on the south end of the Eckley Quadrangle. In 1943, Hedding Hall was destroyed by fire and the remaining ground floor structure became known as Duration Hall. The Memorial Center, located on the west end of the quad, was dedicated in 1947 to Wesleyan men and women who served in World War II. The oldest building on campus is Stevenson Hall, which was built in 1910 as the University’s first science building and now serves as home to the School of Nursing.

Richard F. Wilson was named the University’s 18th president in 2004. The Eckley Quadrangle, on which Commencement takes place, honors the University’s 15th president, the late Robert S. Eckley, and his wife, Nell. Clinton W. Sears became Illinois Wesleyan’s first president in 1851.

Graduates of the class of 2012 join the more than 20,000 Illinois Wesleyan alumni living in all 50 states and 52 countries around the world.

Cover Illustration: In 1925, the Theodore Presser Foundation provided a $75,000 matching gift for the construction of a new music building. In 1930 the School of Music moved into its new Presser Hall home, which originally sat along University Avenue before the street was closed. Presser Hall houses the 550-seat Westbrook Auditorium, studios, practice rooms, classrooms, listening rooms and faculty offices. The earliest music instruction of record at Illinois Wesleyan University took place during the academic year of 1863–64. The first Bachelor of Music degree was conferred in June 1921.
America The Beautiful

O beautiful for spacious skies,
For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain!

America! America!
God shed his grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea.

— Katherine Lee Bates
(1859-1929)

Alma Wesleyana

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 dream till dawn,
Grandy thy soul shall with us linger on —
Star-crowned our Alma Mater Wesleyan!

— Professor W. E. Schultz
(1887-1964)

Program

President Richard F. Wilson, Presiding
Professor William Munro, Mace Bearer

Prelude
Illinois Wesleyan Wind Ensemble
Professor Steven W. Eggleston, Conductor

Invocation
Elyse Nelson Winger
University Chaplain

President’s Welcome
Richard F. Wilson
President

Trustee Greetings
George A. Vinyard ’71
Chair, Board of Trustees

Remarks of Class President
Kathryn G. Breisch ’12

Faculty Reflections
Greg Shaw
Professor of Political Science
The 2012 Student Senate Professor of the Year

Investiture of Endowed Professor
David J. Vayo
President Wilson
Mr. Vinaryn
Jonathan D. Green
Provost/Dean of the Faculty

Announcement of Honors
President Wilson

Awarding of Honorary Degree
Awadagin Pratt
President Wilson
Provost Green
Mr. Vinaryn

Address
Mr. Pratt

Conferring of Degrees
President Wilson
Karla Carney-Hall
Associate Professor and Director of the School of Nursing

President’s Welcome
Richard F. Wilson
President

Closing Remarks
President Wilson

Alma Wesleyana
Mr. Riley
National Hymn
George William Warren
(1824-1902)
arr. Peter Andrew Gilbert ’98

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

Please turn off cell phones.
Among the next generation of concert artists, pianist Awadagin Pratt is acclaimed for his musical insight and intensely involving performances that receive tremendous audience response and press attention throughout the United States. Mr. Pratt is also known as a conductor, recording artist, a passionate educator and a philanthropist.

In 1997, he joined his mother and sister in creating the Dr. T.A.E.C. Pratt Music Foundation in honor of his late father. The Foundation helps elementary and secondary students in the Bloomington—Normal area receive classical strings and piano lessons through Illinois Wesleyan’s Music Preparatory Program. To support the Foundation’s mission to help children with motivation, talent and financial need, he personally funds an annual Awadagin Pratt Piano Scholarship and has performed two recitals on its behalf, including one that established a Cello Scholarship with world-renowned cellist Zuill Bailey. In 2004, Mr. Pratt accepted a position as Associate Professor of Piano and Artist-in-Residence at the College Conservatory of Music at the University of Cincinnati.

Born in Pittsburgh, Pa., his family moved to Normal, Ill. where Mr. Pratt began to study piano at the age of six. He soon studied violin as well, taking lessons with Illinois State University faculty and participating in the Illinois Wesleyan Summer Music Camps. At the age of 16, he entered the University of Illinois at Urbana—Champaign (UIUC), where he studied piano, violin and conducting.

Following his studies at UIUC, he enrolled at the Peabody Conservatory of Music at Johns Hopkins University, where he became the first student in the school’s history to receive diplomas in three performance areas — piano, violin and conducting. Mr. Pratt received the 2008 Distinguished Alumni Award from Johns Hopkins in recognition of this achievement, in addition to his work in the field of classical music.

In 1991, at the age of 26, Mr. Pratt became the first African American to win the coveted Naumburg Award from Johns Hopkins in recognition of this achievement, in addition to his work in the field of performance areas — piano, violin and conducting. Mr. Pratt received the 2008 Distinguished Alumni Award from Johns Hopkins in recognition of this achievement, in addition to his work in the field of classical music.

As a conductor, he has worked with several orchestras in the Washington D.C. area, orchestras in New Mexico, Ohio and North Carolina, as well as two orchestras in Japan.

Mr. Pratt has played with a number of orchestras, including the New York Philharmonic, the Los Angeles Philharmonic at the Hollywood Bowl, the Cleveland and Minnesota Orchestras, as well as the Pittsburgh, Atlanta, Baltimore, St. Louis, National, Detroit and New Jersey symphonies, among many others. He has toured internationally, from Japan to Germany, Italy, Switzerland, Poland, Israel, Brazil and South Africa.

Today we welcome and honor Awadagin Pratt for his creative artistry and support of music and education, which make an invaluable difference in our world.
Academic Colors and Regalia

Like judicial robes, the garments worn on academic occasions such as today’s Commencement derive from the ecclesiastical garb of medieval England. The scholar in the Middle Ages, to most people, was a dark figure, and therefore required to wear the clerical gown and toga. Certainly, at Oxford and Cambridge, at least in the earlier times, the robes were nominal in origin, although the hood was adapted from a clay garment common to both sexes and all classes.

As early as the fourteenth century, scholars of certain colleges required by statute to wear “a decent habitation” both to mark and to indicate their rank. It is in these robes that we first see the distinction between masters, bachelor’s, master’s, and doctoral robes. All were black, commonly of wool’s wool, most were faced for warmth or at least for trimming, and the only mark of difference was in the fuller cut and ankle length of the master’s gown. The cope, or closed cloak, was also black and followed the style of the cope mantles of the clergy.

Hoods were worn by all and probably had no academic significance at the beginning. By 1350–60 doctors began to adopt scarlet for their hoods, and by 1410, the third style with black starred on the master’s robes and bachelor’s doctorate. As an act of Henry VIII in 1535 clarified the meaning of robes of other colors. Hoods were lined with silk and miniver fur, a custom surviving until about 1500, for their robes, with black retained by the masters of arts and bachelors of divinity. Hoods were in the fuller cut and ankle length of the master’s gown. The cope, or closed cloak, was also black and followed the style of the cope mantles of the clergy.

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The School of Nursing

Candidates for the degree

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Miaad S. Abdulrehman
Kelsey Jo Adams
Edward Louis Boyer III, Cum Laude
Melissa Marie Bridges
Nicole Ann Brown
Kelly Ann Cantlin, Cum Laude
Jessica JoAnn Christy
Kaitlin Marie Clark
Katelyn Marie Demonebrenz
Marie Sue Gehhardt, Cum Laude
Cassandra Lin Glaizer
Alyssa Rita Goergen
Bryce Madison Haynes
Colleen L. Hennigan
Abigail Lynee Hookstra, Magna Cum Laude
Jennifer Christine Holhle
Joseph Fisher Howard
Stephanie L. Humbert

Joe H. Jacobus
Emily Ann Jaster, Cum Laude
Holly Elizabeth Kelson, Magna Cum Laude
Emily Marie Krencner
Angela Nicole Lugg
Erika Olsen
Meagan E. Pavich
Katherine Rae Racanelli
Carly Lynn Speidel
Valerie Steele
Benjamin M. Sterrett
Lisa Kiara Strack
Dana Marie Tomasetti
Elizabeth Katherine Towery
Lauren Mary Van Moefre, Magna Cum Laude
Alexandra Lee Voitengruber

Erika Van Der Linden

College of Fine Arts

Candidates for the degree

Bachelor of Fine Arts

Miles B. Jappa
Ekaterina Kobiosta, Cum Laude
Renee P. Schade

Amber Marie Sipich, Magna Cum Laude
Sherri L. Strandberg, Magna Cum Laude
Shanshan Zhao

Theatre Arts

Kirsten M. Andersen, Acting, Magna Cum Laude
Caitlin Michelle Borek, Music Theatre
Blake Peters Brauer, Music Theatre
Joshua Walter Conrad, Music Theatre, Cum Laude
Ian Palawn Coulter-Butford, Music Theatre
Caitlin Sullivan Frantzius, Design & Technology
Samantha Erin Grant, Acting
Michael Jon Holding, Acting, Cum Laude

Krystal B. Martinez, Design & Technology
Laura A. Martinez, Music Theatre
Chase Michael Miller, Music Theatre, Magna Cum Laude
Rosalind Marie Prickel, Music Theatre, Cum Laude
Abigail E. Root, Music Theatre
Katelyn Marie Schmidt, Music Theatre
Peter James Studio, Music Theatre
Laura Kristine Williams, Music Theatre

Candidates for the degree

Bachelor of Music

Melissa M. Adamson
Maxwell David Briggs
Rachel Anne Carreras, Cum Laude
Cassandra Rose Cogliano, Cum Laude
Erin Patricia Donegan, Cum Laude
Juan Camilo Hernandez
Qingfan Jiang, ΦΚΦ, Summa Cum Laude
Scott D. Keegan
Kyle S. Lewis
Audra Ives Loveland

Meagan Marie Melloy, Cum Laude
Amanda Mendez, Magna Cum Laude
Joseph Muriello, Cum Laude
Jordan C. Pettis
Hanna Rane Pritmave
Stefan McKeanie Riley
Matthew William Skibo
Rachel Ann Weiss, ΦΚΦ, Summa Cum Laude
Suzanne Elizabeth Whitney, Cum Laude

Candidates for the degree

Bachelor of Music Education

Melissa Kirsten Anderson
Sarah Marie Bencomo, ΦΚΦ, Summa Cum Laude
Jacob Wayne Bisaillon, Cum Laude
Stephanie M. Cesarini
Drew Benjamin Eteson
David Russell Getz, ΦΚΦ, Summa Cum Laude
Stephanie Andrea Merellon, Cum Laude
Samuel Thomas Miller

Catherine Elizabeth Osborn, Cum Laude
Jonathan F. Smith
Michelle Lynn Stanbery
Sarah Renee Stroebing
Gretchen M. Wendlandt
Sarah Michelle Whitaker
Kaitlin Elizabeth Zawacki
Athletics

College of Liberal Arts

Candidates for the degree

Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science

Jeremy Michael Adams, Accounting
Lauren Anne Alpert, Psychology, Cum Laude
Lauren Allison Andziuszczak, Biology, Cum Laude
Robin Walter Baue, History, Hispanic Studies
Travis Joseph Bates, Art, English—Literature
Lori Elizabeth Baturn, Philosophy, Religion
Patricia Renee Baumann, Biology, Cum Laude
Kyle Andrew Beasley, Biology
Jazmyn Nicole Becket, Business Administration, Interdisciplinary Educational Studies, Summa Cum Laude
Patrick Elliott Beggs, Business Administration, Magna Cum Laude
Katherine Anne Bell, Educational Studies
Brooke Bernardoni, Biology
Daniel Edward Berchet, Risk Management, History
Melissa Ering Bitner, Educational Studies
Gaylon Myles Black, History, Physics
Kiara Sharnae Blake – Knight, Business Administration
William Patrick Conlon, Business Administration
Jacaqueline Marie Connelly, English—Writing, French, Latin, Magna Cum Laude
Lauren Davis Contoontsa, Political Science, Philosophy, Latin, Magna Cum Laude
Kimberly Marie Conway, English—Writing, French, Latin, Magna Cum Laude
Lauren Elizabeth Cowles, History, Latin, Magna Cum Laude
Arielle Nicole Kramer, Accounting
Jillyn Ashley Cross, Psychology, Spanish, Cum Laude
Rebecca Cruz, Mathematics, Hispanic Studies
Parker John Cummings, Business Administration
Andra Rae Cupp, Accounting
Clare Elizabeth Current, Educational Studies
Dana Elise Crewe, American Studies, History
Jacy Crona, Business Administration
Ashley Nicole Crawsohn, Psychology
Patrick Michael Dahl, Physics
Nhi L. Dam, Business Administration, Mathematics, Latin, Magna Cum Laude
Elizabeth Rachel Daniels, Anthropology, History, Latin, Magna Cum Laude
Margaret Louise Dayhoff, Sociology
Sean P. Deering, Business Administration
Marissa Leigh DeWeese, Mathematics, Physics, Latin, Magna Cum Laude
Meaza R. Deyards, Economics
Jordan Lee Deuhl, Business Administration
Jennifer Anne Ceisel, International Studies, Phi Kappa, Magna Cum Laude
Amy Paijci Chang, Risk Management
Michael T. Chau, Business Administration, Cum Laude
Brittany Suzanne Childs, Biology, Phi Kappa, Magna Cum Laude
Hyung Joon Choi, Mathematics, Cum Laude
Michael Christian, Philosophy, History, Magna Cum Laude
Geoffrey M. Clayton, Accounting
Ashley Noelle Clifford, Psychology
Daniel Adam Cochran, English—Writing
Laura Marie Cohen, International Studies, French & Francophone Studies, Phi Kappa, Phi Lambda, Summa Cum Laude
Liam T. Condon, English—Writing
William Patrick Conlon, Business Administration
Jacquelyn Marie Connelly, English—Writing, Latin, Phi Kappa, Phi Lambda, Summa Cum Laude
Lauren Davis Contoontsa, Political Science, Phi Kappa, Latin, Summa Cum Laude
Hannah Griffith, Political Science, Phi Kappa, Phi Lambda, Summa Cum Laude
Marianne P. Conroy, History
Michael L. Fengler, Political Science
Tara M. Ferrara, Psychology
Kristin Fields, English—Writing, Cum Laude
Mari Elizabeth Fike, English—Writing
Jonathan S. Fine, Business Administration
Jocelyn L. Finley, International Studies
Michael Joseph Firth, Chemistry
Ryan James Flish, History
Samantha Kay Ford, Educational Studies, Latin, Magna Cum Laude
Michael Ross Forrest, History
Ronald Joseph Fowler Grider, Chemistry, Phi Kappa, Magna Cum Laude
Megan L. Franscomb, Theatre, Arts History, Cum Laude
Caium Michael Frankiewicz, English—Writing, Business Administration, Cum Laude
Kirsten Elizabeth Fredrickson, Educational Studies, Latin, Magna Cum Laude
Leah Leigh Freeman, International Studies, Hispanic, Phi Lambda, Magna Cum Laude
Anne Katherine Fritsch, English—Writing
Jennifer Katherine Furnace, Biology
Laura Lynn Gaffey, Political Science, Hispanic Studies, Phi Lambda, Magna Cum Laude
Kristen Joy Gattuso, Educational Studies, Hispanic Studies, Summa Cum Laude
Jordan Brooke Geiger, Psychology
Brittania Francesca Giddens, Accounting, Hispanic Studies
Thomas Joseph Gilbert, History, Phi Kappa, Phi Lambda, Summa Cum Laude
Karlyl Frances Gladhell, English—Literature, French & Francophone Studies
Kaitley Glazbrook, Accounting, Magna Cum Laude
Kelsie Lorraine Gleason, Biology, Hispanic Studies, Magna Cum Laude
Brittany Christine Goldman, Business Administration, Economics, Magna Cum Laude
Brittany Donata Gono, Mathematics, Cum Laude
El hid De Jesus Gonzalez, Business Administration
Timothy J. Gordon, History
Jessica A. Gorczyi, English—Literature, Interdisciplinary Educational Studies
Stephanie Nicole Gosman, Biology
Caitlin Margaret Grabarits, Biology
Antonia M. Gracias, Theatre Arts
Amy Katherine Groll, History, Magna Cum Laude
Claire Elizabeth Grindle, Sociology
Meghan Elizabeth Grano, Psychology
Cindy Margaret Gregory, Biology, Phi Lambda, Magna Cum Laude
Ryan Gregson, Business Administration
Hannah Griffin, Political Science, Magna Cum Laude
Elizabeth Rose Greiner, Psychology
Michael Thomas Greinert, Music
Jenna Josephine Guarriero, Psychology, Magna Cum Laude
Elizabeth Mary Gumm, Sociology
Susan Theresa Hagedorn, Educational Studies, Music, Cum Laude
Sarah C. Hallford, Accounting, Magna Cum Laude
Scott J. Hamilton, Psychology
Christopher Ryan Hammer, Hispanic Studies, Cum Laude
Michael G. Hansen, Religion
Kelsey Anne Hanson, Accounting
Adam Todd Harrison, Psychology
Tyler Hartley, Business Administration
Sarah Beth Hartman, Neurobiology, Magna Cum Laude
Jennifer Marie Haske, Sociology, French & Francophone Studies, Cum Laude
Brittany Elizabeth Hasselbring, Accounting, Magna Cum Laude
Stacy Marie Hassinger, Chemistry
Nichole Marie Hayes, Business Administration
Steven Paul Hayman, Mathematics, Phi Lambda, Magna Cum Laude
Patrick Thomas Hayn, Business Administration
Dillon Heinzen, History, Business Administration
Ackerman, Magna Cum Laude
Katie Hitch, Sociology
Nicolette Marie Hintz, Education
Katherine Margaret Henning, Biology
Timothy J. Henry, Interdisciplinary Studies, Hispanic Studies
Stephen P. Hermes, French & Francophone Studies
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Assistant Vice President for Institutional Research, Planning and Evaluation
Before the ceremony, light refreshments may be purchased at Hattie’s and Tommy’s in the Hansen Student Center and the Coffee Shoppe in Memorial Center. The University Bookstore in the Hansen Student Center offers many items for sale.

Near the Eckley Quadrangle, restrooms are located on the first floor of the following buildings: Shaw Hall, Center for Liberal Arts (wheelchair accessible), Memorial Center, and Holmes Hall. In the Shirk Center, the restrooms are located to the north of the lobby.

Following the ceremony, the Illinois Wesleyan Alumni Association invites you to a short reception in the tents on Eckley Quadrangle. If the ceremony is in the Shirk Center, the reception will be in the Activity Center. Faculty look forward to greeting the graduates and their families during the reception.

Senior marshals for the Commencement ceremony are Professors Frank Boyd, Rebecca Roesner and Zahia Drici. Student marshals from the Class of 2013 are Rachel Paturi and Susan Boyle.
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