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Illinois Wesleyan University

# FOUNDERS' DAY CONVOCATION



Westbrook Auditorium

Presser Hall

February 15, 2017

11:00 AM

# PROGRAM

President Eric R. Jensen, *Presiding*

Professor Victoria Folse

Professor and Caroline F. Rupert Chair of Nursing, *Mace Bearer*

## PRELUDE

Susan Klotzbach

*Organist*

Dorian Toccata, BWV 538

*Johann Sebastian Bach*

*(1685-1750)*

## PROCESSIONAL (*please stand*)

Processional in D

*David N. Johnson*

*(1922-1988)*

## A FOUNDERS INVOCATION (*remain standing*)

*Elyse Nelson Winger*

*University Chaplain*

## FOUNDERS' DAY REMARKS

*Eric R. Jensen*

*President*

## INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER

*Jonathan D. Green*

*Provost and Dean of the Faculty*

## REMARKS

"The Flint Water Crisis: A Journey for Justice"

*Mona Hanna-Attisha*

## ALMA WESLEYANA

*Susan Klotzbach*

*(please stand and join in singing led by Sara Caligiuri '18)*

*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.

*— Professor W. E. Schultz (1935)*

## CLOSING

*President Jensen*

## RECESSIONAL (*remain standing*)

*Susan Klotzbach*

Sinfonia from Cantata 29, BWV 29

*Johann Sebastian Bach*

*Processional participants include the University's Endowed Professors  
and Faculty Committee Chairs*

# **Dr. Mona Hanna-Attisha**

**Director, Hurley Children's Hospital's Pediatric Residency Program**

**Director, Pediatric Public Health Initiative**

**Assistant Professor of Pediatrics and Human Development, Michigan State University**



Dr. Mona Hanna-Attisha has become a national figure in the ongoing water crisis in Flint, Michigan. The program director for pediatric residency at Hurley Children's Hospital, Dr. Hanna-Attisha led a study revealing a steep rise in children's blood-lead levels after the City of Flint switched water sources. Because of the public health implications, Dr. Hanna-Attisha announced her findings at a press conference in September 2015, ahead of publishing the results in a refereed professional journal. This action came at considerable professional risk. State officials initially disputed the results, but confirmed them a little more than a week later.

Named by *TIME Magazine* as one of 2016's 100 Most Influential People in the World, Dr. Hanna-Attisha also appeared on *Crain's Detroit Business'* list of 100 Most Influential Women and was named a Health Care Hero by the same publication. *Medscape* named her as one of the Best Physicians in the World for 2016. She shared the PEN America's Freedom of Expression Courage Award in 2016 with Flint mother and advocate LeeAnne Walters. She has testified about the Flint water crisis before Congress and given hundreds of media interviews to direct the world's attention to the ongoing situation.

Dr. Hanna-Attisha completed medical school at Michigan State University, residency and chief residency at Children's Hospital of Michigan, and public health training in health policy from the University of Michigan. She is an assistant professor of pediatrics and human development at Michigan State's College of Human Medicine. Dr. Hanna-Attisha also directs the Pediatric Public Health Initiative, an innovative and model public health program partnership between Hurley Medical Center and Michigan State University. This initiative's mission is to research, monitor and mitigate the impact of the Flint water lead crisis.

## FOUNDERS' GATE INSCRIPTION



*From a 1931 booklet of pen sketches of Illinois Wesleyan University*

*WE STAND IN A POSITION OF INCALCULABLE RESPONSIBILITY  
TO THE GREAT WAVE OF POPULATION OVERSPREADING THE VALLEY  
OF THE MISSISSIPPI. DESTINY SEEMS TO POINT OUT THIS VALLEY  
AS THE DEPOSITORY OF THE GREAT HEART OF THE NATION.  
FROM THIS CENTER, MIGHTY PULSATIONS, FOR GOOD OR EVIL,  
MUST IN THE FUTURE FLOW, WHICH SHALL NOT ONLY AFFECT  
THE FORTUNE OF THE REPUBLIC, BUT REACH IN THEIR INFLUENCE  
OTHER AND DISTANT NATIONS OF THE EARTH.*

### THE FOUNDERS OF ILLINOIS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

Peter Cartwright	W. H. Allin	Thomas P. Rogers
C. W. Lewis	W. C. Hobbs	John W. Ewing
J. C. Finley	John E. McClun	Lewis Bunn
John S. Barger	John Magoun	E. Thomas
James Leaton	Thomas Magee	Isaac Funk
John Van Cleve	William Wallace	James Allin
James F. Jaquess	Charles P. Merriman	D. Trimmer
William J. Rutledge	James Miller	Kersey H. Fell
C. M. Holliday	William H. Holmes	Silas Watters
W. D. R. Trotter	Linus Graves	Reuben Andrus