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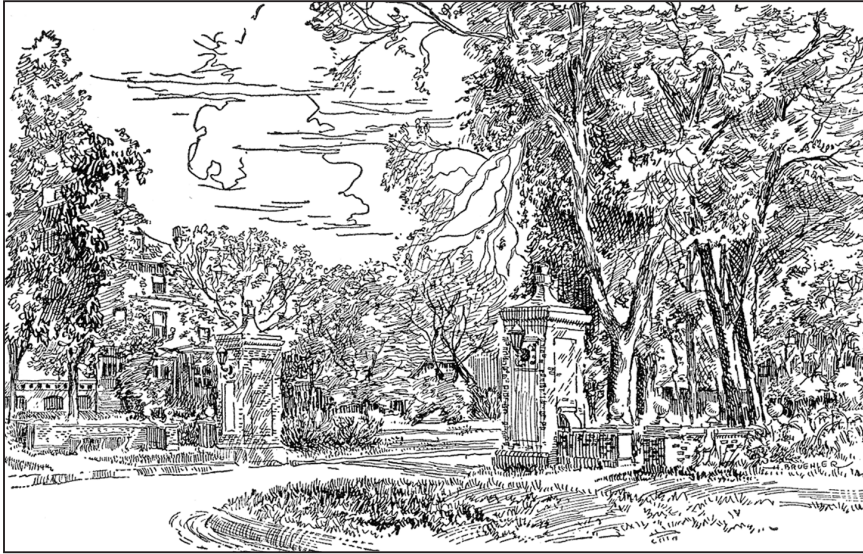
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FOUNDERS' GATE INSCRIPTION



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

Illinois Wesleyan University

FOUNDERS' DAY CONVOCATION



Westbrook Auditorium
Presser Hall
January 16, 2019
11:00 AM

PROGRAM

President Eric R. Jensen, *Presiding*
Professor Carolyn Nadeau, *Mace Bearer**

PRELUDE: For the Beauty of the Earth

Craig Phillips
(b.1961)

Susan Klotzbach, *organist*

PROCESSIONAL (*please stand*)

Grand Chœur Dialogue

Eugène Gigout
(1844-1925)

A FOUNDERS INVOCATION (*remain standing*)

Elyse Nelson Winger
University Chaplain

FOUNDERS' DAY REMARKS

Eric R. Jensen
President

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER

Mark Brodl
Provost and Dean of the Faculty

Remarks

"Why Should We Trust Science?"

Naomi Oreskes

ALMA WESLEYANA (*please stand and join in singing*)

NATIONAL HYMN

Andrew Johnson '20, *soloist*

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 dream 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*)

Toccata in B Minor

Eugène Gigout

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



Dr. Naomi Oreskes

Dr. Naomi Oreskes serves as a professor of the history of science and affiliated professor of earth and planetary sciences at Harvard University. She is an internationally renowned geologist, science historian and author.

Oreskes arrived at Harvard in 2013 after spending 15 years as a professor of history and science studies at the University of California, San Diego, and as an adjunct professor of geosciences at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography. Oreskes's research focuses on the earth and environmental sciences, with a particular interest in understanding scientific consensus and dissent.

Her 2004 essay "The Scientific Consensus on Climate Change" has been widely cited, both in the U.S. and abroad, including in the Royal Society's publication, *A Guide to Facts and Fictions about Climate Change*, in the Academy-award winning film, *An Inconvenient Truth*, and in Ian McEwan's novel, *Solar*.

Her opinion pieces have appeared in The Washington Post, The Los Angeles Times, The Times (London), Nature, Science, The New Statesman, Frankfurter Allgemeine and elsewhere. Her 2010 book, *Merchants of Doubt: How a Handful of Scientists Obscured the Truth on Issues from Tobacco to Global Warming*, co-authored with Erik M. Conway, was shortlisted for the Los Angeles Time Book Prize, and received the 2011 Watson-Davis Prize from the History of Science Society.

In 2014, Oreskes met Pope Francis during a special meeting at the Vatican on climate change and sustainability, and in 2015, she wrote the introduction to the Melville House edition of the Papal Encyclical on Climate Change and Inequality, *Laudato Si'*.

Oreskes' talk is a co-curricular event which complements Illinois Wesleyan's annual intellectual theme "Changing Climates."

*Jensen Mace

This use of the Jensen Mace was crafted in celebration of the inauguration of President Eric R. Jensen and the Class of 2016. The mace replaces the The Eckley Mace, which was first carried at the 1969 inauguration of Dr. Robert S. Eckley, the 15th president of the University.

Made of bronze for power and endurance and of walnut for organic strength, its cupola represents the bell tower of Old North Hall, Illinois Wesleyan's first building, which was erected in 1856 and demolished in 1967. State Farm Hall now sits on the former site of Old North. The staff of the Mace was made from the walnut of Old North Hall and was used on the Eckley mace. The names of University founders' are engraved on a band surrounding the cupola.

The mace was cast and constructed by Kevin Strandberg, retired Professor Emeritus of Art.