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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. – Sponsored by Illinois Wesleyan University’s Student Senate, C.L. Lindsay III, founder and executive director of the Coalition for Student & Academic Rights (CO-STAR), will deliver a multimedia program titled “Campus Computing: From Free Speech to Facebook” on Tuesday, Sept. 25 at 7 p.m. in the Hansen Student Center (300 Beecher St., Bloomington).

The event is free and open to the public.

“Campus Computing” is a seminar that teaches students how to protect themselves online, both legally and personally. Lindsay, a nationally recognized expert and leader in the field of student and academic rights, will break down the “legalese” surrounding the issues of internet copyright infringement, plagiarism and intellectual property, and computing privacy. The interactive program is designed to guide students through social networking sites like Facebook and MySpace and provide tips on how to use the sites without putting at risk academic achievements and future job opportunities.

Student Senate Issues and Programming Commissioner Carissa Nemmers, class of 2009, was instrumental in bringing Lindsay to IWU. “I feel this program will be a great opportunity for our campus to learn about free speech and how Facebook can send the wrong message to others,” said Nemmers.

In 1998, Lindsay left a New York City law practice to found CO-STAR, a not-for-profit network of lawyers dedicated to helping college students and professors with their legal problems. CO-STAR offers a variety of services, including legal counseling, mediation and on-campus educational programs.

Lindsay has appeared on national television and radio and has been featured in national publications such as *U.S. News and World Report* and *The Chronicle of Higher Education*. His syndicated weekly column “Ask CO-STAR” is one of the most popular features distributed on Knight Ridder/Tribune’s College Wire Service. He has also published a book, *The College Student’s Guide to the Law: Get a Grade Changed, Keep Your Stuff Private, Throw a Police-*

Free Party, and More! A magna cum laude graduate of Denison University in Granville, Ohio, Lindsay earned a juris doctor degree from the University of Michigan. When not on the lecture circuit, he teaches courses in law and literature at the University of Pennsylvania.

For additional information about Lindsay or CO-STAR, visit the Web site at <http://www.co-star.org>. For additional information about the Student Senate-sponsored program, contact Nemmers at cnemmers@iwu.edu.

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