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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. – Frank Boyd, the associate dean of faculty at Illinois Wesleyan University, has accepted the position of associate provost for academic planning and standards. Boyd will assume the post in August of 2009, replacing Roger Schnaitter, who returns to the classroom as a member of the psychology faculty.

Boyd joined the political science faculty at Illinois Wesleyan in 1995, and later served as the department chair. Prior to coming to the University, he taught at Olgethorpe University in Atlanta, Ga., and Georgia State University. Boyd earned his bachelor's degree in Latin American studies from the University of Alabama in 1989, and his doctorate in political science from Emory University in Atlanta in 1996.

A popular teacher on campus, Boyd was named Illinois Wesleyan Professor of the Year by the Student Senate in 1997 and again in 1999. He also received a Pi Sigma Alpha Award for Teaching Excellence in 1999. His research has focused on political economy in developing countries and had appeared in publications such as *Political Science and Politics* and the *Policy Studies Journal*, among others.

“Under his leadership as associate dean, Dr. Boyd has helped secure funds to support our writing program and planned workshops focusing on a variety of issues, including environmental sustainability, instructional technology and globalization,” said Illinois Wesleyan Provost Beth Cunningham. “He has provided support in the development of individual faculty members as scholars and teachers.”

Before joining Illinois Wesleyan, Boyd was also active in assisting The Carter Center, acting as a coordinator and observer in 1992 of Mexican state elections in Michoacan and Chihuahua, as well as a project coordinator of Mexican observations of elections in the United States.

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