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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. - Teodora (Teddy) O. Amoloza, professor of sociology at Illinois Wesleyan University, has been named executive director of ASIANetwork, a consortium of more than 160 liberal arts institutions in North America whose mission is to stimulate the study of Asia and to strengthen the role of Asian Studies within the framework of a liberal arts education.

A member of the Illinois Wesleyan faculty since 1990, Amoloza is a native of the Philippines. She earned her bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of the Philippines, Los Baños, and her Ph.D. from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln.

Formerly director of Illinois Wesleyan's interdisciplinary program in international studies, Amoloza teaches a course in the peoples and cultures of Southeast Asia, women in international development as well as social statistics and methods of social research.

Amoloza has been active in ASIANetwork, having served on its Board of Directors from 1996-1999, and since 1998 as director of the Freeman-funded Student-Faculty Fellows Program, which supports innovative research projects in Asia.

In 2000, Amoloza received the DuPont Award for Teaching Excellence, the highest faculty honor at the university.

ASIANetwork began in April 1992, when representatives from more than 45 liberal arts colleges with an interest in Asian studies met in Colorado Springs, Colo., and Pinehurst, N.C., to explore ways to strengthen the study of Asia on their campuses. Grants from The Henry Luce Foundation, The Ford Foundation, The Japan Foundation and The Freeman Foundation have enabled ASIANetwork to expand its activities and to provide consultation and training for member institutions.