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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. -- Three Illinois Wesleyan University faculty members have been appointed to endowed professorships at the university, it was announced during the annual President's Convocation on campus today.

Donna Hartweg, professor of nursing and director of the IWU School of Nursing, is the recipient of the Carolyn F. Rupert Professorship of Nursing; Lawrence Campbell, professor of music and chair of the IWU piano department, was appointed to the Fern Rosetta Sherff Professorship of Music; and Thomas A. Griffiths, professor of biology, was named for the Beling Professorship of the Natural Sciences, which was established earlier this year.

Donna Hartweg, Carolyn F. Rupert Professorship of Nursing

Hartweg, who joined the IWU faculty in 1978, served as acting director of the nursing school in 1990-91 and was named director in 1991. Prior to joining IWU she held posts at the University of Iowa Hospital and at three hospitals in Champaign, Urbana, and Bloomington. At IWU Hartweg has been an instructor in medical-surgical nursing.

Hartweg's research interests focus on what healthy, middle-aged women do to spur their well-being. She is the author of several publications, including "Dorothea Orem: Self-Care Deficit Theory," a monograph published in October 1991 as part of a four-volume series detailing nursing concepts and theories.

In 1993 Hartweg was part of a group of 50 deans of colleges of nursing to attend a White House meeting on President Clinton's plan to overhaul the nation's health-care system.

Hartweg earned a bachelor's degree in nursing from the University of Iowa, a master's degree in education from Illinois State University, a master's in nursing sciences from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and a doctorate in nursing from Wayne State University.

The Rupert Professorship was established in 1967 to honor Carolyn Flatt Rupert, the first director of the Brokaw School of Nursing at Illinois Wesleyan. Rupert, who lived from 1867 to 1967, was also the first superintendent for nurses at Brokaw Hospital and became an Illinois state legislature lobbyist advocating stricter nursing education standards. In Bloomington-Normal, she influenced public health decisions and helped strengthen relations between IWU and Brokaw.

Rupert's relationship with IWU also resulted in the establishment of an annual senior nursing award, bestowed at commencement to a graduating nursing major for outstanding achievement. That award is funded by the estate of Rupert and her granddaughter, Mrs. Robert P. Tate. Other Rupert descendants with IWU connections include Robert P. Tate and Ellen Dooley, Rupert's great-granddaughter, both of whom served on the school's Board of Trustees; and Stefanie Lewis, a 1987 graduate, who is Rupert's great-great-granddaughter.

Lawrence Campbell, Fern Rosetta Sherff Professorship of Music

A native of Tennessee, Campbell joined the IWU faculty in 1978 and served as the acting director of the School of Music in 1997-98. He has performed extensively throughout the U.S., Canada and Great Britain. During 1986, the Franz Liszt centenary year, he presented some 30

recitals devoted exclusively to the music of Liszt. Campbell has been the featured artist at conventions of the Missouri Music Teachers Association and the Wisconsin Music Teachers Association.

Campbell has been a winner or finalist in a number of competitions, including the Chicago Young Artists's Competition, the Allied Arts Piano Competition, the Talman Musical Arts Competition, and the international auditions of the Artists's Advisory Council.

Campbell, who frequently serves as an adjudicator, guest clinician and lecture-recitalist, holds degrees from Northwestern University and from Indiana University, where he was awarded the doctor of music degree in performance "with highest distinction." He has studied with Pauline Lindsey, Gyorgy Sebok, and Alfonso Montecino, and another major influence was Clifford Curzon, for whom he played during several months of study in London, England.

The Sherff Professorship of Music was established by and honors Fern Rosetta Sherff, in appreciation of her many contributions to the university. Mrs. Sherff, who died in 1977, and her husband, Earl Edward Sherff, for whom IWU's former science building was named, became interested in IWU in 1962, when Mr. Sherff, who died in 1966, was curator of the botany section of Chicago's Field Museum of Natural History. Mrs. Sherff was a concert singer and pianist.

The professorship was previously filled by emeritus music professor R. Bedford Watkins, an IWU faculty member from 1956 to 1988.

Thomas A. Griffiths, Beling Professorship of the Natural Sciences

Griffiths, well-known nationally for his research on bats, won IWU's top teaching honor in 1990 and, in 1991, was named one of the nation's best college teachers by Rolling Stone Magazine. He came to IWU in 1981 following an instructorship at the State University of New York-Plattsburgh and a similar position in the University of Vermont department of zoology.

In October 1996 Griffiths was the program director for the 26th annual North American Symposium on Bat Research, hosted by IWU. In 1988 he was awarded a grant by the Illinois State Natural History Society to study the distribution and biology of bat species in 10 Illinois counties. Since 1984 he has been a research associate in the department of mammalogy at New York City's American Museum of Natural History.

A native of Maine, Griffiths received his bachelor's degree from Bates College, a master's at Vermont, and his doctorate in zoology at the University of Massachusetts.

The Beling Professorship of the Natural Sciences was established in April 1998 by the family of Earl H. and Marian A. Beling, commemorating their contributions as humanitarians and philanthropists.

Mr. Beling was once quoted as saying, "The joy in helping out those who can't help themselves is the greatest joy that has ever been invented," a philosophy embodied by Earl and Marian throughout their lives. A native of Chicago, Mr. Beling is a 1923 graduate of the University of Illinois with a degree in mechanical engineering. He was a design engineer for Warren Webster & Company in Chicago from 1923-28, then served as director of research, sales manager and director for Moline's Herman Nelson Corporation (now a division of American Air Filter) from 1928-36.

In 1936 he founded Beling Engineering Consultants, Inc., a consulting engineering firm that grew to eight branch offices in Midwestern cities. Among the firm's services were designing heating, air conditioning, plumbing, electrical and structural systems for buildings; water supply, sewage collection and pollution control systems; municipal projects; subdivision layouts; and

land surveying.

The Belings became very active in civic leadership in Moline and belonged to a number of fraternal, service, civic and church organizations, including the Quad-City Music Guild, which Mr. Beling helped found; and the First United Methodist Church in Moline. Following Marian's death in 1970, Mr. Beling made a gift to the church in her name for a new pipe organ.

Mr. Beling, who died in 1977, served for six years as president of the Moline Board of Education, for two years as president of the Illinois Association of School Boards, is acknowledged as a founder of Moline's Black Hawk College, and served on the Board of Directors for Alaska Methodist University. He received the "Man of the Year" award in 1971 from the John Gellerman Lodge of B'nai B'rith, was awarded the Distinguished Alumni Award from the University of Illinois Department of Mechanical and Industrial Engineering in 1969, and the University of Illinois College of Engineering "Alumni Honor Award for Distinguished Service in Engineering" in 1971.

A native of Lincoln, Ill., Mrs. Beling is a 1924 University of Illinois graduate with a degree in elementary education and taught for a number of years prior to getting married in 1927. She later accepted several leadership positions with the Central Illinois Conference of the United Methodist Church. She was an avid collector of antiques and glassware and enjoyed traveling with her husband to such international destinations as Mexico City, Tokyo, Sydney and Moscow.

Earl and Marian are survived by three children: Mrs. Howard L. (Eleanor) Lydick of Richardson, Texas; Thomas E. Beling of Saxonville, Mass.; and Mrs. Charles D. (Alice Anne) Jenks of Mt. Prospect, Ill.

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