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BLOOMINGTON, Ill.--The 2001 DuPont Award for Teaching Excellence, Illinois Wesleyan University's top teaching honor, will go to Carole Myscowski, associate professor and acting chair of religion.

Myscowski's award was announced April 19 at IWU's Honors Day Convocation. She will receive the DuPont Award next April as part of Honors Day 2001 festivities.

Myscowski, IWU's first director of Women's Studies, a post she formerly held, said she was "thrilled" and "stunned" to be selected for the teaching award.

"I have great respect for the other winners," Myscowski said, "and I'm proud to be counted among them."

Myscowski was perched in the balcony of Westbrook Auditorium in Presser Hall, when she heard the surprise announcement by IWU's Provost and Dean of Faculty Janet McNew before an audience of several hundred graduating seniors, faculty, and others.

Prior to joining the IWU faculty in 1991, Myscowski was a visiting associate professor at Loyola University (1981-85) and an assistant professor at the University of Missouri-Columbia (1985-90).

Myscowski received her bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees from the University of Chicago.

Myscowski was named the next DuPont award winner at IWU's annual Honors Day Convocation. Teodora (Teddy) O. Amoloza, associate professor of sociology and director of the international studies program, received the DuPont Award for Teaching Excellence this year.

The \$1,000 teacher-scholar award is sponsored by DuPont Agricultural Products, Inc., of El Paso, Ill., a subsidiary of the Delaware-based chemical industry leader, E.I. du Pont de Nemours and Co.

IWU, founded in 1850, enrolls about 2,070 students in a College of Liberal Arts, and individual schools of Music, Theatre Arts, Art, and Nursing. Since 1994, these facilities have been added to the IWU campus: a \$15 million athletics and recreation center, a \$25 million science center, a \$6.8 million residence hall, a \$5.1 million Center for Liberal Arts, and a \$1.65 million baseball stadium. A \$26 million library and a \$6 million student center are under construction. Kiplinger's Personal Finance Magazine ranks Illinois Wesleyan University 12th among the nation's top

1,600 private colleges in providing a top-quality education at an affordable cost. Also sharing IWU's rank are Princeton and Dartmouth.