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*Illinois Wesleyan's Highest Teaching Honor*

**Carole Myscowski to Receive the DuPont Teaching Excellence Award**

BLOOMINGTON, Ill.--Carole Myscowski, professor of religion at Illinois Wesleyan University, will receive the 2001 DuPont Award for Teaching Excellence at the annual Honors Day Convocation, on Wednesday, April 18.

The \$1,000 teacher-scholar award, which will be presented to Myscowski at the 11 a.m. convocation, 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.

The Honors Day convocation, which is open to the public, free-of-charge, will be held in Westbrook Auditorium, Presser Hall, 303 E. University St., Bloomington. The 2002 recipient of the university's highest teaching honor will be announced and several IWU students--members of the class of 2001 and others who have earned scholastic and activity honors will be recognized.

Myscowski, IWU's first director of Women's Studies grew up in the Chicago area and received her bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees from the University of Chicago--an A.B. in history and philosophy of religion (1975), and both an A.M. (1976) and Ph.D. in history of religions (1981), from the U of C's Divinity School--considered one of the best programs in religious studies in the U.S.

Myscowski first began teaching in 1981 as a lecturer and visiting assistant professor at Loyola University. She taught as an assistant professor at the University of Missouri-Columbia from 1985-90 before joining Illinois Wesleyan's faculty in 1991. Her studies include Classical Greek and Hellenistic religions and apocalypticism with a concentration on messianism in the republic of Brazil.

Myscowski has been vice president and president of the Midwest American Academy of Religion (AAR). She is editor of the AAR Academy Series for books published in conjunction with Oxford University Press and has served as the editor for *New Religions*, for the AAR-sponsored HarperCollins Dictionary of Religion, published in 1995.

On reflecting on what it takes to be an outstanding teacher, Myscowski said, "I like to provide students with incredible challenges and believe professors should not deliver answers to students, but should give them the best questions possible."

**Honors Day**

At the Honors Day Convocation, members of the class of 2001 and others who have earned scholastic and activity honors, will be recognized. More than 30 students will receive Outstanding Senior awards.

Students will be recognized for membership in 26 honor societies in disciplines ranging from sociology and marketing to music and political science.

Inductees into Phi Kappa Phi, the national scholastic honors society and Phi Beta Kappa, the nation's premier academic honor society for liberal arts undergraduates, will also be recognized.

The School of Fine Arts will recognize student honors in performance, production, art and other fields.

Other awards will be made to students in creative writing, risk management, natural science and nursing.

Students who have distinguished themselves in student government, media and special events also will be honored, along with recipients of the Minority Alumni Network Awards.

Men and women varsity athletes also will be recognized.