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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. -- Six new faculty members have been added to tenure track positions at Illinois Wesleyan University for the 2001-02 academic year, while 10 more have joined the faculty as visiting professors.

The new tenure-track faculty are:

- David Barrett, instructor in physical education. Barrett received his bachelor's degree from Wesleyan University (Conn.) in 1993 and has worked since 1997 as assistant men's soccer coach at Yale University. He will be the head coach for the men's and women's soccer teams at Illinois Wesleyan.
- Julia Dickinson, public services librarian and assistant professor. Dickinson has worked since 1990 as reference librarian at the Daniel Burke Library of Hamilton College in Clinton, N.Y. She earned her bachelor's degree in sociology from DePauw University and her master's in library science at Indiana University.
- Lynda Duke, public services librarian and assistant professor. Duke has a bachelor's degree from Michigan State University and a master's degree in urban planning from the University of Michigan. She earned a master's degree in library and information science from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, where she has served as a graduate reference assistant in the education and social science library since 1999.
- Sonja Fritzsche, assistant professor of German and Eastern European studies. Fritzsche received her bachelor's degree in German and history from Indiana University, her master's degree in modern European history from the University of California, Los Angeles, and earned her doctorate in Germanic studies from the University of Minnesota.
- Beth Hasheider, instructor in physical education. Hasheider received her bachelor's degree in management information systems from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale. She has been a part-time assistant women's basketball coach at IWU for three years and will serve as head softball coach and full-time assistant women's basketball coach.
- Scott Trost, associate professor of physical education. Trost received his bachelor's degree in physical education from the University of Minnesota at Morris, and his master's degree in athletic administration from Illinois State University. A former head men's basketball coach at Elmhurst College and assistant coach at the University of Michigan, Trost will be the head men's basketball coach at Illinois Wesleyan.

Four who were faculty members last year in a visiting role have been added as tenure-track faculty appointments. They are:

- Sarah George, instructor and information services librarian. George, who came to IWU in 1999, received her bachelor's degree in chemistry from the College of Wooster and her master's degree from Indiana University. She earned the William Z. Bennett Prize for Outstanding Senior Chemistry major at Wooster.

- William Jaeckle, assistant professor of biology. Jaeckle, who has been a visiting professor at Illinois Wesleyan since 1996, received his bachelor's degree in zoology from Humboldt State University, and earned his doctorate in biology from the University of Southern California. At IWU he has been supervisor of the scanning electron microscope laboratory since 1999.
- Diego Mendez-Carbajo, assistant professor of economics. Mendez-Carbajo came to IWU in 2000. With a bachelor's degree from Autonomous University of Madrid and master's and doctoral degrees from Florida International University, Mendez-Carbajo has presented papers on the current Spanish economy and on the formation and dissolution of economic unions.
- J. Tim Query, assistant professor of finance. Query, who joined the IWU faculty in 1999, has a bachelor's and master's degree from Indiana State University and received his doctorate from the University of Georgia. At Georgia, Query was awarded the John M. Breen Fellowship in Insurance Teaching as well as the 1996 Outstanding Graduate Teaching Award. He has also won two national awards for writing scholarly papers.

The new visiting faculty members are:

- Forest Baker, assistant professor of psychology. Baker earned his bachelor's degree in psychology from California State University, while receiving his master's degree and his doctorate in experimental psychology from State University of New York at Stony Brook. Baker earned his postdoctoral fellowship in psychopharmacology from the University of Vermont.
- Curt Foltz, assistant professor of physics. Foltz earned his bachelor's degree in physics from Pennsylvania State University, while receiving his master's degree in experimental physics and his doctorate in experimental nuclear physics from Catholic University of America. He has taught previously at the University of Massachusetts, St. Lawrence University and Western Maryland College.
- Colin McCoy, assistant professor of history. McCoy earned his bachelor's degree in history and economics from the University of Michigan, and received his master's degree in U.S. history from the University of Illinois at Chicago. McCoy completed his doctorate in U.S. history from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, where he won an outstanding teaching award and was granted the William C. Widenor Teaching Fellowship.
- John O'Leary, assistant professor of English and writer-in-residence. Last spring O'Leary was a writer-in-residence at Illinois Wesleyan and in May 2000 he worked with music professor Todd Tucker on his "Celtic Culture on the Emerald Isle" course. O'Leary has a bachelor's degree from Trinity College, Cambridge, and his master's from Trinity College, Dublin. He has lived most of his life as a sheep-farmer and fisherman in Allihies on the remote Beara peninsula in southwest Ireland.
- Tamara Olson, instructor in nursing. Olson received her bachelor's degree in nursing from Illinois Wesleyan University in 1987 and earned her master's degree in medical/surgical Nursing from the University of Illinois at Chicago College of Nursing. She has taught for the past several years at Mennonite College School of Nursing/Illinois State University.

- Andrew Pavelich, assistant professor of philosophy. Pavelich earned his bachelor's degree in philosophy from Fort Lewis University, while receiving both his master's degree and doctorate in philosophy from Tulane University. At Tulane he taught a wide range of courses, including ethics and symbolic logic.
- Daniel Rodgers, assistant professor of art. Rodgers earned his bachelor's degree in art and design from Bridgewater College, and received his master's degree in illustration/design from the Savannah College of Art and Design. For the past eight years, Rodgers has been a self-employed art director, graphic designer, and artist, with clients including the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Department of the Interior.
- James Seeber, associate professor of sociology. Seeber earned his bachelor's degree in sociology from Simpson College, while earning both his master's degree and doctorate in sociology from Kansas State University. He taught for the 12 years at California Baptist College, where he attained the rank of associate professor.
- Cesar Valverde, assistant professor of Hispanic studies. Valverde has been an assistant professor at the University of Iowa, the College of Wooster, and the University of Redlands (Calif.). He earned his bachelor's degree in English and American Literature and his master's degree in Spanish Literature from the University of California, San Diego, and received his doctorate in Spanish from the University of California, Irvine.
- William Yurcik, instructor of mathematics and computer science. Yurcik earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Maryland, and has master's degrees from Johns Hopkins University and George Washington University. He has taught for the past two years in the Department of Applied Computer Science at Illinois State University and is pursuing his doctorate at the University of Pittsburgh.