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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. — Effective August 1, Illinois Wesleyan University's Board of Trustees has awarded tenure to four faculty members and promotions in rank to two faculty members.

Advancement in tenure and promotion to associate professor from assistant professor are Kira Banks of psychology, Seung-Hwan Lee of mathematics, Jean Pretz of psychology and Kevin Sullivan of religion.

Banks, who joined the University in 2004, received a bachelor's degree in psychology with a minor in music from Mount Holyoke College and her master's and Ph.D. degrees in arts and clinical psychology and clinical psychology respectively, from the University of Michigan.

Lee also joined IWU in 2004. He received a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in mathematics from Chung-Ang University, a master's degree in statistics from Texas A & M University and his Ph.D. degree in mathematics with a concentration in statistics from Texas Tech University.

Pretz, who received a bachelor's degree in psychology and music and a minor in German from Wittenberg also received two master's degrees in psychology and philosophy, and psychology and a Ph.D. in psychology from Yale University. She joined the University in 2004 as well.

Sullivan received his bachelor's and master's degrees in economics and ancient Biblical studies, and ancient civilization and Biblical studies respectively from the University of Michigan, and a master's degree in Christianity and Judaism in antiquity from the University of Notre Dame. He also received a Diploma from the Oxford Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies and a doctor of philosophy from the University of Oxford. Sullivan joined the University in 2006.

Tom Lutze of history and Greg Shaw of political science were awarded advancement in rank from associate professor to professor.

Lutze came to IWU in 1996. From the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Lutze received a bachelor's degree in history and Asian studies, a master's in Chinese history and his Ph.D. in East Asian history (Modern China) with a minor in U.S. history (U.S. foreign relations).

Shaw received a bachelor's degree in political science with a minor in history from Southwestern Oklahoma State University, his master's degree in political science, a master of philosophy in American politics with a minor in political theory and a Ph.D., in political science from Columbia University. He joined IWU in 1998.

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