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Faculty and Administrator Retire at IWU

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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. – Four faculty members and one administrative staff member will retire from Illinois Wesleyan University as of July 31.

Retiring are Susan Anderson-Freed, professor of computer science; Barbara Bowman, professor of English; Donna Hartweg, Caroline F. Rupert professor of nursing, Christopher Prendergast, professor of sociology and Roger Schnaitter, professor of psychology and former associate provost for academic planning and standards.

Anderson-Freed has served at the University for 33 years. Starting as a professor of sociology, she was later named to lead the then newly formed Computer Science Department in 1989.

Anderson-Freed received her bachelor's degree from St. Norbert College in 1970, her master's and doctorate degrees from Indiana University in 1977 and her master of science degree from Bradley University in 1986. In 1992, she published a computer science textbook, *Fundamentals of Data Structures in C*. Seven years later, Prentice Hall awarded her a contract to author a book about programming web pages. The book, which was published in August of 2001, is called *Weaving Arachne's New Web* and deals with web programming for people with little to no computer science background.

Bowman has given 34 years of service to the University, beginning as an instructor in the Department of English in 1976. Bowman was the Chair of the English Department from 1985-1990 and the Director of the Humanities Division from 1990-1993.

Bowman received her bachelor's degree in literature from Antioch College in 1970. In 1972, she received her master's degree from the University of Maryland in English literature since 1800 and received her doctorate from the University of Maryland in the fields of eighteenth century, Romantic and Victorian literature in 1977. Bowman's awards include a grant of \$2,500 to attend Summer Seminars for College Teachers offered by the National Endowment for the Humanities and she was published in *Master Space: Film Images of Capra, Lubitsch, Sternberg and Wyler (Contributions to the Study of Popular Culture, Number 31)* (Greenwood Press, 1992).

Donna Hartweg, former director of the Illinois Wesleyan University School of Nursing retired after 31 years at the University. A graduate of the University of Iowa, Hartweg began teaching at Illinois Wesleyan in 1978. Earning master's degrees from the University of Illinois at Chicago and Illinois State University, she was appointed acting director of the Illinois Wesleyan's School of Nursing in 1990.

She earned her doctorate from Wayne State University in Michigan in 1991, the same year she was named director of the IWU School of Nursing. Recently given a 2009 Illinois Nurses Association (INA) Nurse Educator Award.

Along with her administrative duties, Hartweg has been active in research, which focuses on assisting health-care professionals in communicating with Spanish-speaking immigrant women on healthy living. She has presented on the topic at an international conference in Japan, and helped to create a Spanish minor for nursing students at Illinois Wesleyan. Hartweg has also written many articles and made presentations nationally and internationally on the concept of health promotion and self-care.

A member of the Illinois Wesleyan faculty since 1985, Prendergast received his bachelor's degree from Brooklyn College of The City University of New York in 1970. He went on to earn his master's and doctorate degrees from Southern Illinois University in 1974 and 1979.

After six years at the University of Evansville, Prendergast came to Illinois Wesleyan, teaching courses in the History of Social Thought, Social Organization, Community and Urban Society and the American Social Institutions Today. In 1995, Prendergast became the chair of the department.

Prendergast received the 2005 Pantagraph Award for Teaching Excellence. His research interests are both classical and contemporary sociological theory, philosophy of science, urban sociology and social organization and stratification.

Schnaitter joined Illinois Wesleyan in 1969 and became chairman of the psychology department in 1971. The 1964 University of Minnesota alum later earned his doctorate degree from the same university in 1969. From 1977-1990 he acted as director of the IWU science division and in 1979 Schnaitter was promoted to full professor of psychology.

In 1988, Schnaitter became part-time associate dean of academic affairs and in 1990 was promoted to full-time associate dean of academic affairs. He also acted as associate provost for academic planning and standards since 2005.

Schnaitter's awards include a grant from the National Science Foundation in 1993 to build a laboratory to continue studying Alzheimer's disease.

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