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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. – Illinois Wesleyan University's Professor of Hispanic Studies and Chair of the Hispanic Studies Department Carolyn Nadeau was announced as the inaugural Byron S. Tucci Professor on Friday at the University's annual Fall Breakfast.

Tucci, a 1966 Illinois Wesleyan graduate with a double major in business administration and economics, has been a long-time supporter of Illinois Wesleyan, serving on the Leadership Giving Board for decades. He is also a member of the Illinois Wesleyan Associates and the IWU Board of Trustees. Tucci established the named professorship as part of the [*Transforming Lives campaign*](#) for Illinois Wesleyan.

"Dr. Nadeau's passion for creative and dynamic teaching perfectly defines her as a teacher/scholar and role model for our faculty and students," said President Richard F. Wilson. "She is a well-respected senior faculty member and a distinguished addition to the list of endowed chairs and professors at Illinois Wesleyan."

Professor Nadeau specializes in 16th and 17th century Spanish literature. Along with teaching, she is the author of more than a dozen articles and two books, *Women of the Prologue: Imitation, Myth, and Magic in Don Quixote I* (Bucknell University, 2002) and a critical edition of Francisco de Quevedo's *El buscón* (European Masterpieces, Cervantes and Co., 2007). She is currently completing her next book, *Feeding Between the Lines: The Social Significance of Food in Early Modern Spanish Literature*, and will soon appear in the film *Trekking with Quijote: A Journey into the Soul of 21st Century Spain*.

The recipient of two National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Institutes, Nadeau has been honored by the Spanish Ministry of Culture with Cultural Cooperation grants. She has also been awarded many Illinois Wesleyan University grants for her scholarly work and for the development of new curriculum, and was honored with the University's teaching excellence award in 2003.

Nadeau earned her doctorate from Pennsylvania State University in 1994. She is a graduate of the University of Virginia, where she earned a bachelor's degree in 1985, and New York University in Madrid, Spain, where she earned a master's degree in 1988. She joined the faculty of Illinois Wesleyan in 1994, and became the inaugural director of the IWU London Program in 2000, the inaugural director of the IWU Madrid Program in 2005, and the chair of the Hispanic Studies Department in 2008. Throughout her time at Illinois Wesleyan, Nadeau has also served as the coordinator of the First-Year Advising Program, the study abroad coordinator, advisor to Alpha Lambda Delta National Honors Society, and worked on 17 campus committees.

She is a member of the Association of Hispanic Classical Theatre, managing director of the Cervantes Society of America, the Modern Language Association and Phi Kappa Phi.

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