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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. – Illinois Wesleyan University will welcome Carol Colbeck on Tuesday, Nov. 16 at 4 p.m. in room C101 of the Center for Natural Science Learning and Research (201 E. Beecher St., Bloomington). Her talk, titled “Vision of the Possible: Work-Personal Balance,” will focus upon the challenges faculty confront and the strategies they employ in negotiating a suitable balance between work and personal life.

The event, which is free and open to the public, is sponsored by the Illinois Wesleyan’s Andrew W. Mellon Center for Faculty and Curriculum Development. The Center is designed to enhance academic excellence throughout the University.

Colbeck is the dean of the College of Education and Human Development at the University of Massachusetts-Boston (UMass), where she investigates the social and organizational context of academic work, including understanding how faculty members balance professional and personal responsibilities. She has been principal investigator or co-principal investigator of projects funded by the National Science Foundation, the United States Department of Education, the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation and the Pennsylvania Department of Education. Prior to her work at UMass, Colbeck was director of the Center for the Study of Higher Education at the Pennsylvania State University.

A graduate of Stanford University, Colbeck has a bachelor’s degree in English, a master’s in sociology and a doctorate in education with a focus on administration and policy analysis.

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