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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. – Professor of History Michael Young has been named the first recipient of the James D. Dougan Award for Contributions to Faculty Governance, named in honor of the late professor of psychology, who died Oct. 10, 2010.

The Award was created by the Illinois Wesleyan chapter of the American Association of University Professors (AAUP), to recognize valuable service by a faculty member in keeping with Dougan's commitment to the faculty's right to a voice in shaping the direction of the University.

Young, who was selected by a committee of AAUP chapter members, was announced as the Dougan Award recipient at the April 4 faculty meeting by Joerg Tiede, associate professor of computer science and president of the IWU AAUP Chapter.



*Michael Young*

The award seeks to recognize an individual who demonstrates extraordinary service, such as in advocating for faculty interests, for academic freedom, or in finding cooperative solutions to campus challenges.



*James D. Dougan*

Young has exemplified these traits throughout his 40 years at Illinois Wesleyan, Tiede said. At his first faculty meeting after joining the faculty in 1970, Young weighed in — supporting students' academic freedom.

"Since that first faculty meeting, we have always been able to count on Mike to speak out for what's right. Mike has always been an advocate for the faculty," Tiede said, adding Young has been described as "the conscience of the faculty."

Young said he was completely surprised at the honor and deeply touched by Tiede's remarks in presenting it.

"I am deeply, profoundly grateful for this award," Young said. "Next to teaching, championing faculty governance has always been a paramount concern for me. I think it is entirely fitting that our AAUP chapter has created this award as a tribute to Jim Dougan, and I am honored to be its first recipient."

Tiede noted that Young was instrumental in ensuring faculty a place at the table in the past two presidential search committees. Among his many other contributions, he has served on the Faculty Handbook Review Task Force, the Health Care Advocacy Committee, and the Strategic Planning and Budgeting Committee.

"I and many other faculty learned what faculty advocacy is by observing the example Mike has set and still sets every day," Tiede said.

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