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BLOOMINGTON, III. – Professor of Mathematics Lawrence Stout has been named the second recipient of the James D. Dougan Award for Contributions to Faculty Governance, named in honor of the late professor of psychology. The behavioral and rat-lab psychologist and IWU faculty member from 1990 until his death on Oct. 10, 2010, Dougan was known for his upfront personality, his love of politics, music and behavioral psychology.

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.

Stout was selected by a unanimous vote by AAUP chapter members. 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.



Lawrence Stout

Stout has been a professor at IWU since 1977. He earned his A.B. from the University of Chicago and a Ph.D. from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He has performed research in category theory, fuzzy logic and other non-classical logics, and in the philosophy of mathematics.

President of the Selection Committee, James Matthews, associate professor of French and Humanities, said of Stout, "he has modeled a fearless commitment to holding all speakers at faculty meetings, especially administrators accountable for their proposals and their comments. We all know him to be a relentless seeker of truth, and as such a staunch opponent to anything that keeps that truth out of our classrooms and our faculty work."

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