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BLOOMINGTON, Ill.— Illinois Wesleyan students who are participating in **May Term** can attend multiple co-curricular events that surround the theme of “Making Human Rights Real.” Among the events is the Tunnel of Oppression, a self-paced, informative display of prejudice, discrimination and the subversion of human rights through multiple media.

The tunnel, which is free and open to the public, will be presented on Tuesday, May 28 from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Wednesday, May 29 from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. at the Hansen Student Center (300 E. Beecher St.). The Tunnel of Oppression provides a way to raise awareness about instances of structural and institutional social bias by incorporating student work in a variety of May Term classes.

“Students will come to understand how they may directly or indirectly contribute to systems that benefit some and marginalize others,” said Matthew Damschroder, assistant dean of students for campus life.

A fundamental part of the Tunnel is the Hall of Enlightenment where participants can understand what they can do to help lessen oppression and suffering. The Hall of Enlightenment provides the opportunity for students to learn about specific actions they can take in order to create change in regards to the issues presented in the tunnel.

“The goal of the experience is to raise awareness and motivate individuals’ personal investment in making our campus, our country and our world a better place,” said Damschroder.

May Term is a month-long opportunity for students to enroll in one intensive class that encompasses an entire semester's worth of material and earns them one class credit. On-campus May Term classes enable students to fulfill general education requirements, as well as take classes that would not typically be available to them during the fall and spring semesters, such as "Song and Dance in Latin America," "Field Ornithology" and "Greek and Roman Comedy." There are also multiple travel courses that allow students to study abroad in Italy, the U.K., France, Hawaii, Germany and Bulgaria.

For additional information, contact Damschroder at (309) 556-3113.

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