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BLOOMINGTON, Ill.— Two **School of Nursing** faculty members at Illinois Wesleyan University have been awarded Nurse Educator Fellowships from the Illinois Board of Higher Education.

Noël M. Kerr and Lisabeth M. Searing, both assistant professors of nursing, are among the 22 faculty members statewide to receive the fellowships. The awards ensure the retention of well-qualified nursing faculty.

Prior to joining the faculty at Illinois Wesleyan in 2010, Kerr taught at the University of Nevada, Reno, and at Bradley University. Before pursuing the faculty role, she held staff nurse, research nurse, case management and clinical nurse specialist positions at medical facilities in California and Nevada.

Kerr earned a Ph.D. in Nursing at Rutgers, a Master's in Nursing at UCLA, and a B.S.N. from San Jose State University. She is a member of the Academy of Medical-Surgical Nurses (AMSN), the Midwest Nursing Research Society (MNRS) and the Honor Society of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau International. She has led or been an active member on multiple AMSN National Task Forces and Committees and served on the AMSN Board of Directors from 2003 – 2006. Kerr also served on the Editorial Board for *MEDSURG Nursing: Journal of Adult Health* from 2006 through 2011. She received the Qualitative Research Section Dissertation Award from the MNRS in April 2012. Her research focuses on nursing documentation and clinical decision-making.

Before coming to Illinois Wesleyan, Searing was Coordinator of Research Programs at the Center for Prevention Research and Development at the University of Illinois. She previously taught in the Department of Kinesiology & Community Health at Illinois' Urbana-Champaign campus.

Searing earned master's degrees in both nursing and public health and a Ph.D. from the University of Illinois at Chicago, and received her B.S.N. at Case Western Reserve University. She has given numerous presentations on public health campaigns related to underage drinking, tobacco use, clean indoor air, safer sex, and on assessing community needs. Her research has involved adolescent risk-taking behaviors and health care utilization. Searing is a member of the Association of Community Health Nurse Educators, the American Public Health Association and the Honor Society of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau International.



Noël Kerr



Lisabeth Searing

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