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- Edgar Lehr (Biology)
- Michael Seeborg (Economics)
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## **WALLS AND BRIDGES THEME**

As part of Illinois Wesleyan's strategic initiatives and commitment to a strong intellectual campus environment, we continue to enhance the use of intellectual themes in curricular and co-curricular programming. This year's theme is "Walls and Bridges". The world continues to be marked by the construction and demolition of both walls and bridges - physical, economic, ideological and political. They serve to separate and unite; however, they are also complex – informed by history, power and ideas. The theme of "Walls and Bridges" calls upon us to examine relations of power and people, in the past, in the present and in the future.