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BLOOMINGTON, Ill.— Illinois Wesleyan University Professor of Sociology Teodora O. Amoloza has received an alumni award for outstanding performance from the University of the Philippines College of Agriculture.

The Distinguished Alumna for International Service and Cooperation from College of Agriculture's Alumni Association honors Amoloza for her "outstanding performance in directing the Illinois Wesleyan University's International Studies Program and the development of Asian Studies in Higher Education; her passionate leadership of the ASIANetwork (a consortium of liberal arts colleges and universities in the US dedicated to teaching about Asia) led to deepening of IWU's relationship with other Asian institutions; and her passionate commitment to expand learning about Asia, not only in IWU, but throughout the USA."

A native of the Philippines, Amoloza received a bachelor's degree in agriculture and a master's degree in statistics from what is now known as the University of Philippines Los Baños campus.



Teodora "Teddy" Amoloza



Three of her siblings, also fellow alumni, were present when Teddy Amoloza (second from left) was honored.

"It was the only place my parents could afford to send me," said Amoloza. Her nine surviving siblings all earned college degrees, including four who also attended the University of the Philippines Los Baños; three were on hand when she received her Distinguished Alumna award.

A member of the Illinois Wesleyan faculty since 1990, Amoloza earned a Ph.D. in sociology from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln. In 2000 Amoloza received Illinois Wesleyan's highest teaching award, the then-named DuPont Award for Teaching Excellence.

In the past she has been the director of International Studies program at IWU, director of two Title VI grants for International Studies from the US Department of Education, the director of the ASIANetwork Student-Faculty Fellows Program funded by the Freeman Foundation, and the Executive Director of ASIANetwork. At the end of her third

three-year term in 2014, ASIANetwork awarded her the Van J. Symons Distinguished Service Award and named a new program, the Teddy Amoloza Junior Faculty Conference Award, in her honor.

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