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BLOOMINGTON, Ill.— Three Illinois Wesleyan University students have been awarded Mellon Humanities Scholarships. The students, their projects and sponsors are:

Student: Nicholas Berardelli '16 (Orland Park, Illinois), philosophy and religion double major

Project: “Dhamma and the Hard Problem: A Neurophenomenological Approach to Consciousness”

Sponsor: Associate Professor of Religion Tao Jin

Student: Lydia Hartlaub '16 (Shorewood, Wisconsin), English-literature major

Project: “Charles Dickens and America: Values and Differences in Social Reform between the U.S. and England during the Victorian Era”

Sponsor: Associate Professor of English Alison Sainsbury

Student: Anna Lowenthal '16 (Petersburg, Illinois), English-writing major

Project: “From Chains to 2 Chainz: Slavery and Black Masculinity in Contemporary American Rap Culture”

Sponsor: Assistant Professor of English Molly Robey

The Mellon Scholars program allows students to conduct research with faculty members over the summer. The program is part of a \$300,000 grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation for humanities initiatives at Illinois Wesleyan. Each Mellon Scholar is awarded a \$4,000 stipend for his or her project.