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BLOOMINGTON, Ill.— Illinois Wesleyan University graduating senior Amelia Smith '15 (Lakewood, Colorado) has received a fellowship to teach in Austria.

The Austrian-American Educational Commission (AAEC) awarded Smith's fellowship. AAEC is one of 50 bi-national commissions under the Fulbright Program.

Smith said Illinois Wesleyan graduates have a good track record of being selected for the AAEC and that Professor of German Sonja Fritzsche recommended Smith apply for the program, which required proficiency in the German language.

"I can't stress enough how glad I am that I was able to take German at IWU and how it is now helping me receive this fellowship," said Smith.

A psychology major, Smith said she was not able to study abroad as an undergraduate, so she is looking forward to improving and practicing her German skills in a German-speaking country. She will teach English in Klagenfurt am Wörthersee, an Austrian city located in the Southern Alps.

"I also look forward to being immersed in the culture," she said. "I want to pursue teaching in the future and being able to work with students in the program will be valuable."

At Illinois Wesleyan Smith was a member of Phi Beta Kappa, Delta Phi Alpha German honor society, Psi Chi psychology honor society, Ethics Bowl, Philosophy Club, Society of Physics Students, IWU Pride Alliance, and served as editor-in-chief of the student newspaper *The Argus* and as a Writing Center tutor.

After she completes the one-year appointment, Smith plans to enroll in a graduate program in philosophy.



Amelia Smith '15