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# Illinois Wesleyan to Celebrate Inauguration of President Eric R. Jensen

March 21, 2016

BLOOMINGTON, Ill.— The [inauguration of Eric R. Jensen](#) as president of Illinois Wesleyan University will be held on Saturday, April 2, in the Shirk Center. A number of events Thursday, March 31 through Saturday, April 2 will celebrate the inauguration theme “The Liberal Arts in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Spotlight on Collaborative Engagement.”



## Thursday, March 31

On March 31 at 7 p.m., [MacArthur Fellow Juan Salgado](#), a 1991 graduate of Illinois Wesleyan, will speak as part of the Student Senate’s annual “[Do Good](#)” speaker series. Salgado is president and CEO of Instituto del Progreso Latino in Chicago. Salgado’s presentation in the Hansen Student Center is free and open to the public.

## Friday, April 1

Friday’s events include a 1 p.m. session with [six notable alumni](#) sharing their stories at the Hansen Student Center. Alumni speakers include: hedge fund manager Marcus Dunlop ’08, actor Kevin Dunn, a member of the class of 1977; broadcaster and documentarian Demetria Kalodimos ’81; Hall of Fame sportswriter and author Dave Kindred ’63; healthcare executive Stephen Ondra, M.D.’80; and immigration attorney Carlina Tapia-Ruano ’77.

Illinois Wesleyan faculty, staff, alumni and students will present short “lightning talks” highlighting the collaborative or mentoring process beginning at 2:15 p.m. in State Farm Hall room 102. [See a complete schedule](#) of these Artistic and Scholarly Sessions.

Illinois Wesleyan’s vocal jazz ensemble Unlicensed Syncopation will present a concert April 1 at 8 p.m. in Presser Hall’s Westbrook Auditorium.

## Saturday, April 2

A second session of artistic and scholarly presentations will take place Saturday, April 2, from 9 to 11 a.m. in State Farm Hall room 102. The investiture ceremony begins at 2 p.m. in the Shirk Center and will include greetings from the Board of Trustees, faculty, staff, students, alumni and President Emeritus Richard F. Wilson. The investiture ceremony will be [live streamed](#).

Immediately following the ceremony, attendees are invited to a Backyard Barbecue and Bluegrass celebration in the Shirk Center Activity Gym. Music will be provided by The Old Men Boys (TOMB).

The [art exhibit “Instrument”](#) with works by Mark Genrich ’83 will be on display throughout the weekend in the [Merwin](#) and Wakeley Galleries.

All students, faculty, staff, alumni and guests are invited to offer a hope, dream or wish for IWU during the Jensen presidency.



Eric R. Jensen

