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BLOOMINGTON, Ill.— Illinois Wesleyan University has announced the 2017 recipients of the Robert S. and Nell B. Eckley Scholars and Artists Program.

Established by President Emeritus and Mrs. Robert S. Eckley, the recognition provides a stipend of \$4,000 for each scholar to spend the summer on campus conducting scholarly research or artistic activity under the mentorship of a faculty member. The program is designed to develop and deepen a student's creative and research competencies.

Students selected for the fellowship, their projects, and their faculty sponsors are:

**Student:** Liuting Chen '18 (Beijing, China)

**Project:** "The Search for Reliable Witnesses"

**Sponsor:** Andrew Shallue, Associate Professor of Mathematics

**Student:** Jamie Kreppein '18 (Gurnee, Ill.)

**Project:** "Exploring Relationships between Public Events and Audience Reactions to Theatrical Performances"

**Sponsor:** Dani Snyder-Young, Associate Professor of Theatre Arts

**Student:** Rebekah Nulty '19 (Washington, Ill.)

**Project:** "Spanish Translation of 'Living Kidney Donors' Website"

**Sponsor:** Carolyn Nadeau, Byron S. Tucci Endowed Professor of Hispanic Studies

**Student:** Mansi Patel '18 (Schaumburg, Ill.)

**Project:** "The Effects of Thyroid Hormone on Corneal Nerve Regeneration"

**Sponsor:** Tyler Schwend, Assistant Professor of Biology

**Student:** Ashley Sons '18 (Wheaton, Ill.)

**Project:** "Health Literacy and Knowledge of Female Reproduction"

**Sponsor:** Ann Eckhardt, Assistant Professor of Nursing

