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BLOOMINGTON, Ill.- David Fryer, assistant professor of religion at Illinois Wesleyan, has been named the first recipient of the University's Nelson Mandela Principle & Action Award by the University's Intercultural Leadership Alliance (I.L.A.).

The I.L.A. is the representative body of the multicultural student organizations. According to Eric P. Infanzon, a junior art major from Chicago and current president of Council for Latin American Student Enrichment (CLASE), the award recognizes Fryer's outstanding commitment to social justice, teaching this principle to his students and his outstanding support of the rights of students.

Fryer has been a member of the Illinois Wesleyan faculty since 1999. His courses cover themes in contemporary religious thought, comparative religious ethics, Continental philosophy, critical theory, gender theory and queer theory, and psychoanalysis.

"In considering Professor Fryer for this award, the I.L.A. received glowing recommendations from his students, and personal accounts of his commitment both in and out of the classroom," said Infanzon.