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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. – James Sikora, Illinois Wesleyan professor of sociology and winner of the University's 2007 *Pantagraph* Award for Teaching Excellence, will tell entering students to "Be Like Paul Revere: Know, Connect, and Lead" during the First-Year Convocation at 4:15 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 22, in Westbrook Auditorium of Presser Hall (1210 Park St., Bloomington).

As the convocation's featured speaker, Sikora will "challenge the students to be leaders of integrity, to think and act critically, and to work with others of diverse backgrounds to guide tomorrow's society."

The First-Year Convocation signals the start of students' academic careers as they embark on a week of orientation activities--known as Illinois Wesleyan's Fall Festival--through Sunday, Aug. 27. IWU classes begin Aug. 28.

Sikora joined Illinois Wesleyan's faculty in 1979. Together with Associate Professor of Political Science James Simeone, he developed the Action Research Center (ARC), which engages students with faculty and community leaders in researching and solving community problems. Sikora earned his bachelor's degree at Southern Illinois University and received his master's and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.



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