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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. - Illinois Wesleyan University Professor of English Dan Terkla was named to the Council of the Society for the History of Discoveries, effective Nov. 13, 2007.

The group was formed to stimulate interest in teaching, research, and publishing the history of geographical exploration. Founded in 1960, the society includes members from several academic disciplines as well as archivists, non-affiliated scholars, and laypersons with an interest in history. The scope of the Society's activities encompasses the discovery, exploration, and mapping of the earth's land and sea surface from earliest times to the present. Fields of specialization include the history of European expansion, cartography, navigation, colonial settlement, biography, and bibliography.

Terkla, who joined the IWU faculty in 1995, earned a bachelor of arts in liberal studies with a concentration in comparative literature at California State University-Long Beach in 1976. He earned a master's in medieval studies at CSULB in 1986 and a doctorate in comparative literature with a concentration in medieval studies at the University of Southern California in 1992. His research interests include English and French literature and drama from the twelfth through the fifteenth centuries, cosmology and the aesthetics of narrative space, word and image theory, and medieval travel, art, architecture and cartography.

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