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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. – Thomas Griffiths, the Earl H. and Marion A. Beling Professor of Natural Science at Illinois Wesleyan, has been named Provost and Dean of the College at Lycoming College in Williamsport, Pa. The appointment was announced Monday by Lycoming President James E. Douthat.

Griffiths was selected to become Provost at Lycoming from more than 100 candidates following a four-month national search. He also will serve as a Professor of Biology when his new appointment begins July 1, 2007.

“Dr. Griffiths brings many talents and experiences with him from Illinois Wesleyan University,” Douthat said. “The combination of his years in the classroom, his scholarly research and his administrative experiences has prepared him well for his new role as Lycoming’s chief academic officer.”

Griffiths began teaching at Illinois Wesleyan in 1981. His administrative roles at the University have included Acting Dean of the Faculty, Associate Dean of the Faculty and Director of the Andrew W. Mellon Center for Teaching and Curriculum Development.

As Professor of Biology, Griffiths’ specializations include evolution, anatomy and histology. He is a member of several professional societies, including the Association of American Colleges and Universities and the American Society of Mammalogists. He has conducted numerous research projects and has published extensively in professional journals.

Griffiths has been recognized for his teaching excellence and campus leadership, and was named Professor of the Year at Illinois Wesleyan in 1990. In 1991, he was selected as one of America’s “Top 10 College Professors” by *Rolling Stone Magazine*.

Griffiths holds a bachelor of science in biology from Bates College, a master of science in zoology from the University of Vermont, and a Ph.D. in zoology from the University of Massachusetts. He is a member of the academic honor societies Phi Beta Kappa, Phi Kappa Phi and Sigma Xi.

Griffiths will succeed Dr. John F. Piper, Jr., who will retire June 30 after 38 years of service as Professor of History and 15 years as Dean of the College.



Thomas Griffiths