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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. — Four college presidents will address the variety of issues facing higher education as part of a special panel at Illinois Wesleyan University on Thursday, April 7.

The Panel of Presidents is the opening event in a three-day celebration of the inauguration of Richard F. Wilson as Illinois Wesleyan's 18th president.

The program, which is free and open to the public, will be held at 7 p.m. in Westbrook Auditorium of Presser Hall.

Wilson will serve as moderator for the panel which features:

- Donald Harward, president emeritus of Bates College in Maine;
- S. Georgia Nugent, president of Kenyon College in Ohio;
- Russell K. Osgood, president of Grinnell College in Iowa;
- John A. Roush, president of Centre College in Kentucky.

Harward was Bates' president from 1989 until his retirement in 2002. Prior to the Bates presidency, he taught and served at the University of Delaware, where he designed the University Honors Program, and then was vice president for academic affairs at The College of Wooster. He earned his Ph.D. in philosophy from the University of Maryland, and among his areas of published research are the foundations of mathematics, analytical philosophy, epistemology, and logic.

Nugent became Kenyon's 18th president in 2003. She is the first woman to be president of Kenyon. Previously, Nugent was dean for the Harold McGraw Jr. Center for Teaching and Learning at Princeton University. She received her undergraduate degree from Princeton and her Ph. D from Cornell University.

Osgood has been the president at Grinnell since 1998. He previously spent 18 years at Cornell University where he was the Allan R. Tesler Dean of the Cornell School of Law. Osgood received both his bachelor's degree and his law degree from Yale University.

Roush was named the 20th president of Centre in 1998. He earned a bachelor's degree in English at Ohio University and both the master's and doctoral degrees from Miami University. Prior to becoming Centre's president, Roush was executive assistant to the president at the University of Richmond.