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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. – Stacey Shimizu, who has served as interim director of the International Office at Illinois Wesleyan since the fall of 2006, has been named the office’s director.

IWU Provost and Dean of the Faculty Beth Cunningham announced Shimizu’s appointment, which will be effective immediately.

“Stacey has considerable experience in international study abroad, including serving as assistant to the director of the London Program during the fall of 2003,” said Cunningham. “As acting director, Stacey has completed a review of the IWU London Program, helped administer the implementation of our home-school tuition policy, expanded a program for faculty to receive supplemental funding to review study abroad locations during their international travel, and, as part of the International student Admissions Committee, worked to bring a record 36 new international students to IWU this fall.”

In 1996, Shimizu graduated magna cum laude from Boston University with a bachelor’s degree in English literature. In 1991, she earned a master’s degree in comparative literature from the University of Southern California, Los Angeles, where she also received an A.B.D. in the same field of study in 1993. Shimizu has taught in the departments of English at Susquehanna University, Selinsgrove, Penn., Gettysburg College and Dickinson College, Penn.

At Illinois Wesleyan, Shimizu has also served in the positions of visiting instructor in English and as assistant to the director of Corporate and Foundation Relations.

Under Shimizu’s directorship, Illinois Wesleyan was recently ranked in the top 40 of the Institute of International Education’s (IIE) most recent Open Doors report. This report considers the number of total students studying abroad and international students and scholars coming to the United States. For more details, see: http://www2.iwu.edu/CurrentNews/newsreleases08/stn_IIEabroad0308.shtml

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