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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. — Warren Kistner, director of the career center at Illinois Wesleyan University, has co-authored a journal article that examines the differences in the way that prospective teachers interview for jobs.

Kistner and Mary C. Clement, associate professor of teacher education at Berry College in Mount Berry, Ga., are the authors of "Preparing Education Majors for the Job Market: Behavior-Based Interviewing," which appears in the Spring 2004 edition of the *NACE Journal*, published by the National Association of Colleges and Employers.

In their article, Kistner and Clement write that teacher education candidates are liable to find interviewing a more competitive process than in the past and suggest that preparation for the interview is critical.

Customarily, they observe, the job search for teacher candidates was different from the typical search for those entering the business world.

"In times of teacher shortages, seniors in teacher education programs need little help getting a job," they write. "However, when a slow economy forces schools to make cutbacks or when a thriving school district has 150 applicants for one position, a fully certified new graduate in teacher education needs more help in preparing for a successful job search and interview."

Kistner is a graduate of Illinois Wesleyan and holds a master's degree from Illinois State. He has been director of the career center since 1994. He is also Illinois Small College Placement Association and the Illinois Association for School, College and University Staffing.