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## Illinois Wesleyan Junior Awarded Research Grant From Harvard University

BLOOMINGTON, Ill.— Dan Glade, a junior religion major from Port Byron, Ill., has been awarded a summer research grant from The Pluralism Project at Harvard University.

The Pluralism Project is a research endeavor started in 1991 by Harvard University to engage students in studying religious diversity in the United States. Sponsored by the Ford and Rockefeller Foundations, the project aims to document and better understand the changing contours of American religious demography through research grants, outreach and related publications.

The grant is in the amount of \$1,000 and will support Glade's project "Mapping the Multi-religious Diversity of the Quad Cities: A Case Study in Asian Religions Outside Major Metropolitan Areas." Glade created the project under the sponsorship of Brian Hatcher, Illinois Wesleyan professor of religion and humanities.

"Using interviews and survey information, I'll work to construct a portrait of the increasingly dynamic nature of the communities as they establish themselves in the Quad Cities' religious scene," said Glade about his project. "The overriding goal will be to increase the lack of data on Illinois religious centers outside the Chicago metropolitan area."

For additional information, contact Brian Hatcher, professor of religion, at (309) 556-3160.