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## **Greek and Roman Studies Professor Awarded for Excellence in Teaching**

BLOOMINGTON, Ill. – Nancy Sultan, professor and director of Greek and Roman Studies at Illinois Wesleyan University received one of three “Excellence in Teaching” awards given by The American Philological Society (APA) for 2008. Sultan was honored with a certificate, cash prize and public recognition at the Plenary Session of the APA’s annual meeting, which took place on Jan. 10 in Philadelphia.

James Matthews, associate professor of French and humanities nominated her for the award in May 2008.

“This is a really huge and unexpected honor,” said Sultan. I am grateful to my colleague Jim Matthews for nominating me for this prestigious award.”

During the selection process, the APA considers excellence in the teaching of Classics at the undergraduate or graduate level; subject matter that is “classical” in the widest sense, i.e. Greek and Latin language, literature, culture, mythology, history and etymology; and the design and successful implementation of new courses and programs.

“I’m humbled and proud to be among those dedicated and devoted teachers who have won this award over the years,” said Sultan.

Sultan started the interdisciplinary minor program in Greek and Roman Studies at Illinois Wesleyan in 1994. It became a major program in 2003. She has published and taught widely in the area of Hellenic cultural studies. Her interests include cross-cultural approaches to oral poetics, mythology and folklore, ethnomusicology, Aegean archaeology, modern Greek folk poetry and gender studies. Her most recent article about the influence of classical ideals on the Kennedy administration is forthcoming in *The Classical Bulletin*. She will be delivering a faculty colloquium on “Jacqueline Kennedy and the Classical Ideal” in April.

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