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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. – Illinois Wesleyan University's Associate Professor of Nursing Victoria Folse has been named the director of the School of Nursing. Folse, a 1986 Illinois Wesleyan graduate, will assume the position August 1 from Caroline F. Rupert Chair of Nursing Donna Hartweg, who will retire in December.

"Dr. Folse brings to her new position a deep understanding of and a passion for Illinois Wesleyan as an alumna and a solid record as a teacher, scholar, and faculty leader," said Illinois Wesleyan Provost Beth Cunningham.

Earning her bachelor's degree in nursing from Illinois Wesleyan, Folse received her master's degree from the University of Illinois at Chicago in 1989, and her doctorate from Saint Louis University in 2002. She came to Illinois Wesleyan in 2002, after teaching at Bradley University and coordinating programs for OSF Saint Francis Medical Center, both in Peoria.

Last year, Folse was one of 15 people across the state who received the State of Illinois Nurse Educator Fellowship from the Illinois Center for Nursing (ICN). It was the third consecutive year a member of the Illinois Wesleyan nursing faculty has been awarded the fellowship.

A member of the Academy for Eating Disorders, the International Orem Society, and the Midwest Nursing Research Society, Folse has been honored as a 2008 fellow with the Leadership for Academic Nursing Program from the American Association of Colleges of Nursing. She is also a member of the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi and the Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing.

An active researcher, Folse has published studies in *Archives of Psychiatric Nursing*, *Clinical Nursing Research*, and the *Journal of Psychosocial Nursing and Mental Health Service*. She has contributed chapters in recent editions of textbooks, including *Fundamentals of Nursing*, *Leading and Managing in Nursing*, and *Basic Nursing Essentials for Practice*. Folse has presented at international conferences in Germany, South Africa and Canada, and will present in Russia and Mexico this summer.