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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. -Two faculty members and one member of the administrative staff at Illinois Wesleyan University will retire as of July 31.

Retiring are Lynn Nicholson, assistant dean of enrollment management; Sheila Jeseck-Hale, associate professor of nursing and Doran French, professor of psychology.

Nicholson has served at the University for 47 years. He was the first director of Financial Aid at Illinois Wesleyan and entered his current position in 2007. His only foray from financial aid was in 1962, when he served the University as assistant dean of students.

Nicholson, who received his bachelor's and master's degrees from Indiana University, was the 2002 recipient of the Distinguished Service Award from the College Board Midwestern Regional Assembly. He has served on the U.S. Department of Education's Negotiated Rulemaking Committee on Loan Issues. He has filled the roles of vice president for private colleges and treasurer for the Illinois Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators. Nicholson has also chaired the College Board's Midwest Regional Assembly and has been a member of the Midwest and the National Association of Student Aid Administrators. He has also worked with the Illinois Student Assistance Commission on various committees.

He was the recipient of Illinois Wesleyan's 2007 Max L. Starkey Service Award. The Starkey Award is presented to a member of the administrative, technical, support, security or physical plant staff nominated by his or her peers for extraordinary service to the University.

Jeseck-Hale has given 23 years of service to Illinois Wesleyan, first as assistant professor of nursing before being promoted to associate professor in 2004. She earned a degree in nursing from Decatur Memorial Hospital School of Nursing, a bachelor of science degree in nursing from Millikin University, and a master of science degree in maternal/child nursing and education from Texas Women's University. She received a doctorate in maternal/child health nursing from Rush University in Chicago.

Prior to joining the University, Jeseck-Hale was a nursing administrator at Decatur Memorial Hospital. She has taught nursing at Millikin University in Decatur, Methodist Medical Center of Illinois in Peoria, Wesley-Passavant School of Nursing in Chicago, Evanston Hospital of Nursing and the Decatur Memorial Hospital School of Nursing.

Most recently, Jeseck-Hale worked with other school of nursing faculty researching how successful the elderly are in managing their prescriptions.

French joined the Illinois Wesleyan faculty in 1996 after holding faculty positions at several other colleges and universities and having a private psychology practice in the state of Oregon. He earned a bachelor of arts degree in psychology from the University of California at Berkeley

and a doctorate degree in child psychology from the University of Minnesota. He served as chair of the department of psychology from 1997 to 2008. His areas of study are child development, cultural psychology and developmental psychopathology. He also performs ongoing research in the form of cross-cultural studies of children's friendships and conflicts.

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