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Friedberg, IWU Professor of Accounting, to Retire

BLOOMINGTON, Ill.— Ruth Ann Friedberg, associate professor of accounting at Illinois Wesleyan University, is retiring after 20 years of service in the Department of Business Administration and has been granted emeritus status.

Known by colleagues for her insistence on “students first,” Friedberg often led students through the Internal Revenue Code, and prepared a sizeable number of students to become certified public accountants (C.P.A.’s) by providing them with the knowledge and understanding necessary to fulfill the requirements of the C.P.A examination.

Since joining the Illinois Wesleyan faculty in 1985, Friedberg has also helped numerous students to develop into well-qualified and well-trained accountants and other business managers. She was also influential in designing and leading the January and May Term travel course programs, and has taken classes to countries which include Hungary, India, China, Australia, the Czech Republic, Greece and Fiji.

A native of Worcester, Mass., Friedberg received her A.B. in mathematics from Wheaton College in Norton, Mass.. She went on to receive her B.S. and M.S. in accounting at Illinois State University and her A.B.D. from the University of Missouri, Columbia.

Friedberg began her professional career in the high school classroom, where she devoted 10 years to teaching mathematics before making the decision to teach undergraduate accounting. In addition to her work as teacher and professor, Friedberg served as a practicing tax accountant with McLean County Accounting and Tax Service in Normal, where she was both owner and manager.