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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. -- Seven members of the Illinois Wesleyan University faculty have been granted tenure in action by the IWU board of trustees.

Receiving tenure were Wes Chapman and Alison Sainsbury, both English; Tian-Xiao He, mathematics; Mauricio Parra and Nancy Sultan, both modern and clasical languages and literatures; April Schultz, history; and Wendy Wolbach, chemistry.

Chapman, who joined the faculty in 1991, received his bachelor's degree from the University of Colorado and earned both his master's and doctorate degrees from Cornell University.

Sainsbury, who joined the IWU faculty in 1991, received bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Colorado and her doctorate degree from Cornell University.

He received his bachelor's and master's degrees from Hefei University of Technology and earned doctorate degrees from both the Dalian University of Technology and Texas A&M University. He joined the faculty in 1991.

Parra, who joined the IWU faculty in 1990, received his bachelor's degree and his master's from University of California at Santa Barbara and doctorate degree from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Sultan received her bachelor's degree from the University of North Carolina, a master's degree from the University of Minnesota, and her doctorate from Harvard University. She joined the faculty in 1993.

Schultz, who joined the IWU faculty in 1992, received her bachelor's degree from California State University at Fullerton, and earned both master's and doctorate degrees from the University of Minnesota.

Wolbach received her bachelor's degree from Franklin & Marshall College and earned both her master's and doctorate degrees from the University of Chicago. She joined the Illinois Wesleyan faculty in 1991.

Receiving promotion in rank to full professor from associate professor are Kathleen O'Gorman, English, and Christopher Prendergast, sociology/anthropology.

O'Gorman, who joined the IWU faculty in 1986 and was appointed to associate professor in 1990, received bachelor's and master's degrees from Marywood College and earned her doctorate from the University of Notre Dame.

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Prendergast received his bachelor's degree from Brooklyn College and earned his master's and doctorate degrees from Southern Illinois University. He has been on the faculty at IWU since 1985 and was appointed associate professor in 1989.

Chapman, Sainsbury, Schultz, Sultan, and Wolbach were also promoted in rank to associate professor from assistant professor, along with Jean Kerr, theater arts, and Robin Leavitt, educational services.

Kerr, who joined the IWU faculty in 1990, received bachelor's degrees in both arts and music from the State University of New York at Potsdam and earned a master's degree from The Ohio State University.

Leavitt received her bachelor's degree from Ripon College and earned her master's and doctorate degrees from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. She joined the IWU faculty in 1995.

All tenure appointments and advancements are effective at the start of the 1997-98 academic term.

Sabbbatical leave were granted for 19 faculty members. Leaves for the fall semester were granted to Teddy Amoloza, sociology/anthropology; Susan Anderson-Freed, computer science; David Bailey, chemistry; Wayne Dornan, psychology; Robert Leekley, economics; Carolyn Nadeau, modern and classical languages and literature; Jim Simeone, political science; Curtis Trout, theatre arts; and David Vavo and William West, both music.

Leaves for the spring semester were awarded to Parra; Lynn DeVore and Dan Terkla, both English; Robert Mowery, Sheean Library; Julie Prandi, modern and classical languages and literatures; Tom Streeter, Roger Garrett, and Todd Tucker, all music.

IWU, founded in 1850, enrolls about 1,900 students in a College of Liberal Arts, College of Fine Arts, and a four-year professional School of Nursing. A \$15 million athletics and recreation center opened in the fall of 1994 and a \$25 million science center opened in fall 1995. The \$4.6 million Center for Liberal Arts, a facility housing 60 faculty offices, six classrooms, and other facilities for social science, humanities, business and economics, and interdisciplinary studies' faculty, is slated to open next August. The Carnegie Commission for the Advancement of Teaching promoted Illinois Wesleyan to a "Baccalaureate I" institution in 1994, a classification that places it among 161 highly-selective National Liberal Arts Colleges in the annual U.S. News & World Report rankings. Barron's Profiles of American Colleges, another respected college guide, rated IWU "highly competitive +" in its latest edition.