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new academic year begins Aug. 25

BLOOMINGTON, Ill.--They come from far-flung locales ranging from Zaire to France. They teach an eclectic group of subjects, spanning religion and mathematics, theatre and chemistry, and art and economics. They include an All-American in track and field, a composer, and a chemist.

These are some of the 14 new faculty who are joining Illinois Wesleyan University at the start of the 1997-98 school year, which begins Aug. 25.

The nine new tenure track faculty are:

- **April D. De Conick, assistant professor, religion.** De Conick received a bachelor of arts, master of arts, and doctoral degrees from the University of Michigan. She also has studied at Harvard University and Northwestern Michigan College. De Conick has taught as an adjunct lecturer, instructor, and professor at the University of Michigan, Albion College, Eastern Michigan University, and the University of Detroit. Among books and articles she has authored is a book in progress, "The Divine Double: Myth and Ritual in Early Eastern Christianity."

- **Ana Floriani, assistant professor, educational studies.** Floriani received a bachelor of science degree in education from the University of Delaware in 1988; a master of arts degree in educational psychology in 1993 from the University of California, Santa Barbara; and a doctorate in education from UCSB this year. Her interests focus on language, culture, and literacy. Floriani taught second grade for two years in the Montgomery County (Maryland) public schools in suburban Washington, D.C.

- **Stefan Kartman, assistant professor, cello.** Kartman received a bachelor of music degree in cello performance from Northwestern University in 1986 and a master of music degree in cello performance from New York's Julliard School of Music in 1989. He has studied toward a doctorate at Rutgers University. He won first prize in the Joseph Fischhoff Chamber Music Contest in 1981 and won Northwestern University's Eckstein Award and Fetzer Prize as an outstanding performer. He has performed with the Julliard Orchestra, Philadelphia Orchestra, the Des Moines Symphony, and others. Kartman has taught at

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Drake University, Pennsylvania Academy of Music, the MidAmerica Chamber Music Institute, and elsewhere.

- **Sandra Lindberg, assistant professor, theatre arts.** Lindberg received a bachelor of science degree in theatre arts--with an emphasis on acting and directing--from Illinois State University in 1978 and a master of arts degree with a concentration in dramatic criticism from ISU in 1979. She received a master of fine arts degree from the Old Globe Professional Actor Training Program at the University of San Diego in 1991. Lindberg was an assistant professor, theatre arts, at the University of North Dakota. She also has taught and lectured at the University of San Diego, United States International University, and elsewhere. Her teaching emphasis is on acting, voice and speech, classical texts, and movement. She has performed with the Old Globe Theatre, San Diego Repertory Theatre, Idaho and Virginia Shakespeare festivals, and Chicago's Goodman Theatre.

- **David C. Marlett, assistant professor, risk management and insurance.** Marlett received a bachelor of science degree in risk management and insurance from Florida State University in 1990 and a doctorate this year. He has been an instructor and research assistant at FSU since 1993. He was with United States Fidelity and Guaranty (USF&G) as a commercial lines underwriter from 1990-93. Marlett worked with FSU's Institute for Science and Public Affairs in 1996 on a project funded by the Florida Department of Insurance dealing with expansion of the Florida Wind Pool Underwriting Association.

- **Rebecca A. Roesner, instructor, chemistry.** Roesner received a bachelor of arts degree, summa cum laude, in chemistry and history from Ohio Wesleyan University in 1992. She will soon complete a doctorate in inorganic chemistry at the University of Kansas this year. As a graduate and undergraduate student, Roesner has worked at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, a U.S. Energy Department facility in California, and was a Petroleum Research Foundation Undergraduate Summer Research Assistant and a National Science Foundation Research Experiences for Undergraduates Summer Research Assistant at the University of Michigan. She has co-authored five publications and participated in several professional conferences, including a 1994 NATO scientific conference in Genoa, Italy.

- **Christopher James Schumacher, assistant professor, physical education.** Schumacher received bachelor and master of science degrees in physical education from the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse in 1991 and 1992, where he was a track and field All-American for three years. Before joining the IWU faculty, he was the head coach of the

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men's cross country team at Concordia College, where he also served as assistant men's and women's track and field coach. Schumacher headed Concordia's Campus Fitness Center and served as an academic counselor. He also been assistant men's track and field coach at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse. Schumacher taught wellness, fitness, racquetball, weight training, and other subjects at Concordia.

- **Michael Wagner, assistant professor, physical education.** Wagner, who has been on the IWU staff since 1992, is assistant football coach and strength coach. He is a former first team all-College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin linebacker. Wagner won four letters at Augustana College and, as a senior, earned honorable mention All-America from *Don Hansen's Football Gazette*. He received a bachelor's degree in biology/coaching and earned a master's degree in exercise physiology at Illinois State.

- **Constance Estep Wells, assistant professor, art.** Wells received a bachelor of arts degree from Rice University in 1993 and a master of fine arts degree from the Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, N.Y., this year. She also has studied at the University of Houston. Wells received the Mavis C. Pittman Memorial Prize in Art in 1993 and the Dawn M. Gross Award for Excellence in 1991 and 1992. Exhibits of her artwork have been displayed at galleries in New York City, Houston, San Diego, Montreal, West Palm Beach, Fla., and elsewhere. Wells has taught and lectured at the Pratt Institute and Rice.

The five visiting faculty are:

- **Philippe Bodin, visiting instructor, music.** Bodin received a bachelor of music degree (voice performance) from Oberlin College in 1987; a master of musical arts degree (composition) from Yale University in 1990; and expects to receive a doctorate in musical arts (composition) from Yale this year. Among Bodin's honors are first prize, piano, from the Paris Conservatory in 1980 and first prize, organ, from the Calais Conservatory in 1978. Bodin received Yale's Kellogg Memorial Prize in composition in 1990. Bodin has composed about 20 works for orchestras, chamber music ensembles, choirs, and others.

- **William A. Donnell, visiting assistant professor, mathematics.** Donnell received a bachelor of arts degree in mathematics from the University of North Texas in 1963. He did graduate work in math at Louisiana State University and received a doctorate in math from Texas Tech University in 1971. He also studied at the Sorbonne and Alliance Francaise in Paris. He comes to IWU from the John F. Kennedy Schule in Berlin, Germany, where he taught college prep math courses to 7th-12th graders. Donnell has taught at Midwestern

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State University, Ranger College, Texas Christian University, and elsewhere. He also has owned and operated an oil and gas production company and served as a senior aerosystems engineer with General Dynamics Corp.

- **Mungbalemwe Rita Koyame, visiting assistant professor, economics.** Koyame graduated magna cum laude from the University of Kinshasa (Zaire) in 1987 with an undergraduate degree in financial management and economics. Koyame received a master of science degree in 1992 and a doctorate in 1996 in economics from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. A recipient of a Thomas Jefferson scholarship from the U.S. Agency for International Development, 1990-95, Koyame's interests focus on public finance and monetary policy.

- **Timothy B. Krebs, visiting assistant professor, political science.** Krebs received a bachelor's degree cum laude from Loyola Marymount University in 1990; a master of arts degree from Chicago's Loyola University in 1993; and a doctorate from Loyola in 1997. His interests focus on state and urban politics and public policy. Krebs's dissertation explored "The Politics of Chicago City Council Elections, 1979-1995." His writings and presentations cover a broad range of topics, including: Ross Perot and the North American Free Trade Agreement, female candidate success in U.S. House elections, ethnic politics of Chicago, and the electoral consequences for mayors in cities losing a sports franchise.

- **Asha Nagaraj, visiting instructor, Spanish.** Nagaraj received bachelor and master of arts degrees in Spanish in 1991 and 1993 from Illinois State University and is working on a doctorate at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. Nagaraj also has studied at the Universidad Complutense in Madrid, Spain, and the Universidad Autonoma in Mexico City. Nagaraj, who has lived abroad for more than 17 years, has taught at the University of Illinois, ISU, and IWU.

IWU has about 165 full-time faculty. More than 92 percent of these faculty hold doctorates or appropriate terminal degrees. IWU's student-faculty ratio is 12:1.