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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. -- Five Illinois Wesleyan University faculty members, joined by student researchers, have received grants for summer research projects under the Lilly Foundation Faculty Development Grant program.

The five professors are Tom Streeter and Todd Tucker, both music; Robert Leekley, economics; John Wenum, political science; and James Sikora, sociology.

The stipends have been made available for faculty and students to engage in collaborative research projects. Illinois Wesleyan was one of 20 private institutions awarded the grants in 1990 as a result of competition sponsored by Lilly Endowment, Inc., a private charitable foundation in Indianapolis, Ind.

Streeter's project will focus on expanding his capabilities in Musical Instruments Digital Interface technology. His student researcher will be Mike Flack, a sophomore music major from Arlington Heights (Rolling Meadows HS).

Tucker will use his grant to compile and author an anthology of ragtime music. The anthology would include examples of musical excerpts from the ragtime era that could be used in music theory courses. The student collaborator will be Brian Preston, a sophomore music major from Greenfield, Wis. (HS), who will devote a considerable amount of time to researching items in the ragtime repertoire that would be appropriate for the anthology.

Leekley plans to use econometric methods to test hypotheses concerning the effectiveness of higher education. His student researcher is Yuet Wei Wan, a junior

economics major from Selangor, Malaysia, who will be involved in all aspects of the research and analysis.

Wenum's research project will focus on how the opening of the St. Lawrence Seaway in 1959 affected the pattern of interrelations among nations, provinces, and states bordering the Seaway and the Great Lakes. David Priess, a junior political science major from **Normal (Community HS)**, will be Wenum's student researcher and will assume the primary responsibility for research into treaties, protocols, and related documents.

Sikora will be evaluating the McLean County Victim-Officer Reconciliation Program (VORP). Such an evaluation will enable VORP to expand services to include adult criminal cases. The student researcher involved in all aspects of the research, as well as writing the results, will be J. Chris Doll, a sophomore from **Champaign (Centennial HS)**.