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## **IWU New Faculty, Staff Profiled** *new academic year begins Aug. 26*

BLOOMINGTON, Ill.--They include a business administration professor who's a composer, lyricist, and sometime songwriting teacher; a chaplain who explores Israeli archaeological digs; a computer whiz who's a keyboardist with rock groups and runs a World Wide Web site for the band, "Little Feat," and a Spanish instructor who speaks six languages and has studied at 11 campuses in the United States, Spain, Brazil, Italy, Ireland, France, and England.

Among them are a musician who has studied in far-flung locales from Minsk to Texas, Fulbright scholars, a physicist-researcher who worked at the federal space agency's Goddard Space Flight Center, and a former market researcher for Harley-Davidson, the motorcycle maker.

They come from France, England, Russia, Belarus, India, Spain--and from across the United States.

These are some of the 31 new faculty and staff who are joining Illinois Wesleyan University at the start of the 1996-97 school year.

Classes will begin for IWU's 1,900-plus students on Aug. 26.

New faculty and staff are:

• **Elizabeth J. Balser, Assistant Professor of Biology.** Balser received a bachelor of science degree from Lander University and a master of science degree and doctorate from Clemson University. She has been a visiting scientist at Friday Harbor Laboratories, the Smithsonian Institution's Marine Station, and Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institution.

• **Ray F. Boehmer, Visiting Assistant Professor of Education.** Boehmer received his undergraduate degree from North Central College and a master's degree in education and a doctorate in education from the University of Illinois/Urbana-Champaign. He comes to IWU from a visiting post in the departments of Educational Psychology and Curriculum and Instruction at the University of Illinois. Boehmer has taught junior high and high school science and published on the topic of creating electronic classrooms.

• **Dianne L. Clemens, Visiting Instructor in Nursing.** Clemens received a bachelor of arts degree from Jamestown College and a master of science degree in nursing from South Dakota State University. She left a post in clinical and psychiatric nursing at Purdue University to join IWU. Clemens has been a staff nurse and teacher at more than a dozen campuses and hospitals in Indiana and the Dakotas.

• **Peggy Crane, Visiting Instructor in Sociology.** Crane received a bachelor of arts degree from the University of Wisconsin-Parkside, a master of arts degree from Marquette University, and is

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a doctoral candidate at Loyola University. She is completing her dissertation, "Clinical Representation in VA Research: Social Scientists Formulate Research Protocol for Implementation in Medical Settings." Crane has presented papers and written articles on community-based policing and how health research crosses into the field of sociology.

• **Irving Epstein, Associate Professor of Education.** Epstein received a bachelor of arts degree from Lake Forest College, master of arts degrees from the University of Toronto and the Claremont Graduate School, and a doctorate from the University of California-Los Angeles. He has been on the faculty at the University of Missouri-Columbia, Lafayette and Kalamazoo colleges, and was a Los Angeles public school teacher. He edited the journal, "Comparative Education Review," and is an editorial board member of "Chinese Education." He edited the book, "Chinese Education: Problems, Policies and Prospects," and has written extensively on international education.

• **J. Scott Ferguson, Associate Professor of Music, Director of Choral Activities.** Ferguson received a bachelor's degree in music from the Oberlin College Conservatory of Music, a master's degree in fine arts from the University of California-Irvine, and a doctorate from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Ferguson was a tenured associate professor and choral director at Hope College and was on the music faculty at Plymouth State College and the College of Wooster. He left Hope in 1994 to accept a post at the State Conservatory of Music in Bratislava. He has extensive experience in choral conducting, as well as instructional and performing skills in voice, piano, and organ.

• **Doran C. French, Professor of Psychology; Chair, Department of Psychology.** He received a bachelor of arts degree at the University of California-Berkeley and a doctorate at the University of Minnesota. He comes to IWU from Lewis and Clark College, where he was a professor of counseling psychology and a member of the Graduate School of Professional Studies. French was on the faculties of the universities of Rhode Island and Wisconsin-Madison. He was a Fulbright lecturer in Indonesia in 1994 and has published on the subjects of psychological assessment of children, parent counseling, and family therapy.

• **Jeffrey P. Fry, Visiting Assistant Professor of Religion.** Fry received a bachelor of arts degree from Johnson Bible College, a master of divinity degree in theology from the Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, and a master of arts degree and doctorate from Indiana University. Last spring, Fry completed a double-major doctorate in philosophy and religious studies. While at Indiana University, he won teaching honors and traveled to Germany on several exchange fellowships, including two at the Free University in Berlin.

• **Carl Gillett, Instructor in Philosophy.** Gillett received a bachelor of arts degree from  
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Cambridge University and is a doctoral candidate at Rutgers University. While completing his doctoral thesis, Gillett taught in the philosophy department and expository writing program. A British citizen, he has done scholarly work in the area of philosophy of the mind.

• **Dennis Groh, University Chaplain; Professor of Humanities and Archaeology.**

Groh received a bachelor of arts degree from Illinois Wesleyan, a bachelor of divinity degree from Garrett Theological Seminary, and a doctorate from Northwestern University. While a professor at Garrett in Evanston, Ill., Groh was a member of IWU's Board of Trustees. He has done extensive field work on archaeological digs in Israel at Tel Nessana and Beer-sheva. He has authored or co-authored dozens of articles on subjects ranging from early Christianity to historical relations between Christians and Jews. Groh has written several books, including his latest work, "Augustine: Religion of the Heart."

• **Cynthia J. Hess, Assistant Professor of Physics.**

Hess received a bachelor of science degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and a master of arts degree and doctorate from the University of California-Berkeley. After completing her dissertation, Hess was a postdoctoral researcher at the federal space agency's Goddard Space Flight Center in suburban Maryland outside Washington, D.C. She has co-authored several articles on X-rays. At Berkeley, Hess won an Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award. She gained additional teaching experience as a part-time lecturer at Western Maryland College.

• **Paul J. Kapitza, Visiting Instructor in Mathematics.**

Kapitza received a bachelor of science degree from Iowa State University and a master of arts degree from the University of Texas-Austin. He is a doctoral candidate at the University of Illinois/Urbana-Champaign. As he was finishing his dissertation, Kapitza directed the University of Illinois' Mathematics Tutoring Service and won the Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award.

• **Richard E. Lampe, Visiting Assistant Professor of Mathematics.**

Lampe received a bachelor of science degree from DePaul University and a master of science degree and doctorate from the University of Illinois/Urbana-Champaign. After completing his dissertation, Lampe became a visiting lecturer at the University of Illinois. He has taught courses throughout the standard Calculus sequence, as well as courses in Differential Equations, Linear Algebra, and Finite Mathematics.

• **Karl Lavine, Visiting Instructor in Music.**

Lavine received a bachelor's degree in music from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and a master of music degree from the State University of New York-Stony Brook. He is a doctoral candidate in cello performance at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He has taught cello and bass at Luther College and has extensive chamber music and orchestral

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experience, including playing with the Strelow Quartet, Kandinsky Trio, and the Madison Symphony Orchestra.

• **Patricia J. Lebreton, Visiting Instructor in Business.** Lebreton received a bachelor of arts degree from the Universite de Nantes and a bachelor of science degree from the Ecole Superieure des Sciences Commerciales d'Angers, and a master's in business administration degree from Illinois State University. A native of France, she speaks English, Spanish, Dutch, and Italian--foreign language skills that have aided her study, teaching, and working in international business. Labreton has conducted research with the European Community and served as director of International Licensing and manager of International Marketing Research for Harley-Davidson, the motorcycle makers.

• **Mark Leiderman, Visiting Assistant Professor of Russian.** Leiderman received bachelor of arts, master of arts, and doctoral degrees from Ural State University. Writing under the pen name, Mark Lipovetsky, in his native Russia, Leiderman has published four books, dozens of scholarly articles, and several literary essays. As a Fulbright scholar, he taught Russian fiction and contemporary prose at the University of Pittsburgh. His dissertation, which became his second book, translates at "The Poetics of the Literary Fairy Tale: On Russian Literature, 1920s-1980s."

• **Thomas D. Lutze, Assistant Professor of History.** Lutze received a bachelor of arts, master of arts, and doctoral degrees from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He also has studied Chinese and Japanese history at Cornell and Beijing universities and lectured at the University of Delaware. His dissertation studied, "New Democracy: Chinese Communist Relations with Urban Middle Forces, 1947-49." He has published articles and given papers on subjects ranging from "Capitalism with Socialist Characteristics" to "Postmodernism, Postcoloniality, Cultural Criticism, and the Avoidance of Politics."

• **Darien R. Mandle, Admission Counselor.** Mandle received his bachelor of arts degree from Illinois Wesleyan in May. A political science major, he worked in the Registrar's Office, as a disk jockey at WESN, and was a member of the Ambassadors Club as a student.

• **Fredrick Miller, Director of Information Technology.** He received a bachelor of arts degree and a master's degree in business administration from Boston College. Miller comes to IWU from the Berklee College of Music, where he was assistant vice president for Information Technology and director of Information Systems. He is a keyboard musician, who has done solo recordings and played with rock bands. He has created and maintains World Wide Web sites for Berklee, himself, and the band, "Little Feat."

• **Ronald E. Missun, Visiting Instructor in Economics.** Missun received a bachelor of arts degree from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and a master of science degree from the University of Illinois/Urbana-Champaign, where he is a doctoral candidate. His dissertation-in-progress is, "The

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Returns to Basic Skills for Young Adults in the United States." Missun's fields of specialization include labor economics, industrial organization, law and economics, and the economics of the family. As a graduate student, he taught statistics and microeconomics.

• **Ram S. Mohan, Visiting Assistant Professor of Chemistry.** Mohan received a bachelor of science degree from Hansraj College, Delhi, India; a master of science degree from the University of Delhi; and a doctorate from the University of Maryland-Baltimore. Coming from Coker College where he was an assistant professor for two years, Mohan's teaching philosophy involves a "discovery-oriented approach to learning chemistry" and fostering "creativity and thinking in the classroom." He has co-authored several articles, most of them concerned with various multi-step organic syntheses.

• **Michelle M. Mueller, Visiting Assistant Professor of Education.** Mueller received bachelor of science, master of science, and doctoral degrees in education from Illinois State University. She has taught at Metcalf Laboratory School, as well as at ISU and Illinois Valley Community College.

• **Kimberly Nelson-Brown, Instructor in Physical Education.** Brown received a bachelor of science degree from Illinois State University. She leaves a post as a varsity head coach at Maroa-Forsyth High School to join IWU as volleyball coach. She was a four-year varsity letter winner in Division I volleyball at ISU and was selected ISU's Woman Athlete of the Year in 1993 and the MISSOURI Valley Conference Most Valuable Player in 1992 and 1993.

• **Juliana Ramos-Ruano, Visiting Instructor in Spanish.** Ramos-Ruano received a bachelor of arts degree from the University of Salamanca in Spain and a master of science degree from the University of Northern Iowa. She is a doctoral candidate at the University of Illinois. Ramos-Ruano speaks a half-dozen languages, including Catalan and has studied at 11 universities in the United States, Spain, Brazil, Italy, Ireland, France, and England. She left a job as a translator with McNitt Marketing to return to doctoral studies and then teach at Beloit College. Her interests range from Amnesty International to Greenpeace.

• **Donna A. Redding, Visiting Instructor in Nursing.** Redding received bachelor of science and master of science degrees in nursing from Northern Illinois University. She is a doctoral candidate at Illinois State University. Redding comes to IWU from a faculty post at the Methodist Medical Center of Illinois, where she was a clinical instructor in an adult medical-surgical unit. She has been a nurse and administrator at BroMenn, St. Joseph, Lutheran General, and Kishwaukee Community hospitals.

• **Mona L. Siegel, Visiting Instructor in History.** Siegel received a bachelor of arts degree from the University of Colorado and a master of arts degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, where she is a doctoral candidate. Her dissertation explores ways schoolteachers tried to redefine

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ideological content of French primary education from the beginning of World War I to the outbreak of World War II. She has won several graduate awards, including a Detling Fellowship, Peace Scholarship, Vilas Fellowship, and the Women's Studies University League Award for Excellence in the Humanities. Siegel also has written encyclopedia articles.

• **Gabriel C. Spalding, Assistant Professor of Physics.** Spalding received bachelor's degree from Washington University and a doctorate from Harvard University. Since 1994, he taught at Haverford College. Previously, Spalding was a post-doctoral fellow at the University of Minnesota, where his research interests involved electronics and electronic materials. He has co-authored many publications and is conducting research into the electronic properties of ultra-fine drawn wires.

• **Rodney W. Stith, Visiting Assistant Professor of Business Administration.** Stith received a bachelor of science degree from Illinois State University, a master of arts degree and a master's degree in business administration from the University of Illinois-Springfield, and a doctorate from St. Louis University. His dissertation is "An Examination of Firm Characteristics as They Relate to Debt Level in the Chemical Industry." He has owned or managed several business ventures, including steel warehousing and fabrication and insurance. He has authored papers on topics ranging from growth rates to financing contemporary popular music. A composer and lyricist, Stith has taught in Millikin University's Professional Songwriting Workshop.

• **Alexander I. Tutunov, Visiting Instructor in Music.** Tutunov received a bachelor of arts degree from the Minsk College of Music and a master of arts degree from the Belarusian State Conservatory. He is a candidate for a master of music degree at the University of North Texas. Tutunov has performed widely in the former Soviet Union, Eastern Europe, and the United States as a pianist in recital or as a soloist with orchestras. His recordings are in the National Radio Archives of the former Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR) and his students have won Belarus' prestigious Tchaikovsky and Scorina Awards. Tutunov also has published articles on Beethoven and Schumann.

• **Carol W. Voeller, Visiting Assistant Professor of Philosophy.** Voeller received a bachelor of arts degree from Reed College and a doctorate from the University of California-Los Angeles. She comes to IWU from a visiting post at the University of Colorado-Boulder, where she taught a graduate seminar on Immanuel Kant and the history of modern philosophy. Her dissertation, "The Metaphysics of the Moral Law: Kant's Deduction of Freedom," was supported by Charlotte W. Newcombe and UCLA fellowships.

• **Debra Carlson Wood, Dean of Students.** Wood received a bachelor of arts degree from Carleton College and a law degree from Washington University. For the last five years, Wood was vice president for Student Affairs and Dean of Students at Coe College. Before moving into student affairs

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administration at Washington University, she was a practicing attorney in Missouri and won the American College of Trial Lawyers' Lewis F. Powell, Jr., Award for Excellence in Advocacy. She is a member of the bar in Missouri, Iowa, and Illinois. In the student affairs area, she has done numerous presentations on legal and ethical issues in campus security, student relationships, and health care.

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 building opened in the fall of 1995. 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.