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BLOOMINGTON, Ill.--Renowned economist Susan M. Collins, a Georgetown University economics professor and senior fellow at the Brookings Institution, will visit Illinois Wesleyan University to speak next week on the U.S. economy.

Collins will present "International Integration and the U.S. Economy: Premises, Problems, and Promise" at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 8th in IWU's Evelyn Chapel, 1301 N. Park St. The address is open to the public and free-of-charge.

Collins serves as the chair of the Committee on the Status of Minority Groups in the Economics Profession through the American Economic Association and is a member of the Institute for International Economics Advisory Committee.

A senior staff economist on the President's Council of Economic Advisers under the Bush administration, Collins served as an associate economics professor at Harvard University before moving to Georgetown in 1992.

Collins was a researcher within both the National Bureau of Economic Research and the Centre for Economic Policy Research and periodically lectures for the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank.

A summa cum laude graduate of Harvard University, Collins received a B.A. in economics in 1980, before going on to earn a Ph.D. from Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1984.

Collins resides with her husband and two children, Ana and Alec, in the Washington, D.C. area. Her presentation is sponsored by the IWU chapter of Omicron Delta Epsilon, a national scholastic honorary organization for economics.

IWU, founded in 1850, enrolls about 2,000 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 \$5.1 million Center for Liberal Arts--a facility housing 60 faculty offices, six classrooms, and other facilities for social science, humanities, business and

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economics, and interdisciplinary studies' faculty--opened in August, 1997, as well as a new \$6.8 million residence hall. The Carnegie Commission for the Advancement of Teaching promoted Illinois Wesleyan to a "Baccalaureate I" institution in 1994, a classification that places it among 159 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.