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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. -- Thirteen new faculty members have been added to tenure track positions at Illinois Wesleyan University for the 1998-99 academic year, while 23 more have joined the faculty on a full-time position as visiting professors.

The new tenure-track faculty are:

▲ Christopher L. Boucher, assistant professor of mathematics. He received his bachelor's degree in mathematics and economics from Tufts University, a master's degree in mathematics from Boston College, and his doctorate in mathematics from the University of Massachusetts. His dissertation title is "Large Deviations for Doubly-Indexed Stochastic Processes with Applications to Statistical Mechanics."

▲ John M. Ernst, assistant professor of psychology. He received his bachelor's degrees in psychology and chemistry from Ohio State University, and his master's and doctorate in social psychology from the State University of New York at Buffalo. He has co-authored several publications relating to his interest in the interaction between cognition and emotion. He won the University Award for Excellence in Teaching at SUNY-Buffalo.

▲ Hiroko Furo, assistant professor of Japanese. She received her bachelor's degrees in English education and English literature from Kagawa University, Japan, a master's in TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) from the University of Northern Iowa, and her doctorate in sociolinguistics from Georgetown University, where she participated in interdisciplinary research projects on discourse and genetic counseling.

▲ Paul E. Kehle, instructor in educational studies. He comes to IWU after teaching mathematics for eight years at the Westtown School in Pennsylvania. He received his bachelor's degree in philosophy from Beloit College, and is expecting his doctorate in mathematics education from Indiana University. He has participated in two projects funded by the National Science Foundation, including one on developing and teaching a course in "Mathematics Throughout the Undergraduate Curriculum."

▲ Rhonda M. Kutil, assistant professor of nursing. She received her bachelor's, master's, and doctorate in nursing and psychology from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and her doctoral dissertation was "Attachment Theory and Childhood Sexual Abuse." Her work on survivors of abuse has appeared in "Psychiatric Primary Care."

▲ Marcia K. McDonald, assistant professor of theater arts. McDonald has an extensive career as a professional designer on- and off-Broadway and her work on "Cyrano" was among the 1994 Tony

nominations for Best Costumes. She has been artist-in-residence at Keene State University in New Hampshire. She received her bachelor's in sculpture from the University of Pennsylvania, and her master's degree from Brandeis University.

▲ Carren Moham, assistant professor of voice. She has devoted a significant portion of her performance career to unknown and unpublished art songs written by African-American composers. She has devised two concert series/lectures, "Songs by African-American Composers" and "Songs by African-American Women," which she has performed across the country. She received her bachelor's degree in music education from Northeastern State University, a master's degree in vocal performance from the University of Oklahoma, and her doctorate in voice from Ohio State University.

▲ Mario J. Pelusi, associate professor of music and director of the IWU School of Music. He received his bachelor's and master's degrees in music composition from the University of Southern California, and his second master's degree and doctorate in music composition from Princeton University.

▲ Anthony R. Rothman, assistant professor of physics and mathematics. In addition to teaching, he has considerable experience as a scientific journalist including a year as editor of "Scientific American," a Pulitzer Prize nomination, and the Ford Writing Award for Best Article from the Mathematical Association of America. He received his bachelor's degree in physics from Swarthmore College, and his doctorate in physics from the University of Texas at Austin. Prior to his doctorate in physics, Rothman also studied Russian at Middlebury College and the Leningrad State University.

▲ Greg Shaw, assistant professor of political science. He has worked as a social worker and did a Peace Corps stint in the Dominican Republic. He received his bachelor's degree in political science from Southwestern Oklahoma State University, and received two master's degrees and his doctorate in political science from Columbia University with a dissertation on "Public Opinion and Welfare Politics in the American States." He recently had an article exploring the relation between polls and immigration policies published in "Public Opinion Quarterly."

▲ Mia Smith, assistant professor of physical education and head women's basketball coach. She received her bachelor's and master's degrees in physical education from Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville.

▲ Carolyn Fabian Stumph, assistant professor of economics. After serving as a first lieutenant and field artillery officer in the U.S. Army, Stumph worked in sales and financial consulting for Johnson & Johnson, then for Merrill Lynch. She received her bachelor's degree in finance from Lehigh University, a master's degree in management from Oklahoma City University, and her doctorate in economics from Lehigh University.

▲ Marcia L. Thomas, technical services librarian and assistant professor. Thomas comes to IWU from her position as director of development for the McLean County Historical Society. She received her bachelor's degree in English literature from Illinois Wesleyan University, and her master's degree in library science from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Additional new faculty members include:

- ▲ Jennifer Bollerman, public services/music and fine arts librarian and visiting assistant professor. She received her bachelor's degree in music studies from Potsdam College, and her master's degrees in musicology from the University of Illinois and in library science from Queens College.
- ▲ Cynthia Benson, visiting assistant professor of piano. She received her bachelor's degree in music education from the University of Central Arkansas, a master's degree in music from Rice University, and her doctorate in music education/piano pedagogy from the University of Texas at Austin.
- ▲ W. Benjamin Bradley, visiting assistant professor of philosophy. He received his bachelor's degree in philosophy from Lawrence University, and his doctorate in philosophy from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, where he taught courses in logic, medical and environmental ethics and the history of modern philosophy.
- ▲ David Callaghan, visiting assistant professor of theater arts. He received his bachelor's degree in history from Rider College, a master's degree in theater/directing from Western Illinois University, and his doctorate in theater from the City University of New York Graduate Center. His dissertation was "Representing the Vietnamese: Race, Culture and the Vietnam War in American Film and Drama." He has taught at New York City Technical College, Penn State, and at the American Musical and Dramatic Academy.
- ▲ Jennifer Anne Cardwell, public services librarian and visiting assistant professor. She received her bachelor's and master's degrees in library and information science from the University of Western Ontario, and her second master's degree in geography from York University, where she taught geography.
- ▲ Seth Crook, visiting assistant professor of philosophy. He received his bachelor's degree in philosophy from the University College in London, and his doctorate in philosophy from the University of Southern California. Crook was an adjunct professor at IWU last year.
- ▲ Sol Diaz, visiting instructor in Spanish. She received her bachelor's degree in mathematics from the University of Puerto Rico at Rio Piedras, a master's in foreign languages from Illinois State University, and is expecting her doctorate in Spanish from the University of Illinois. Diaz was an adjunct professor at IWU last year.
- ▲ Steve Fay, visiting instructor in English. Fay is a poet whose graduate work encompassed both a book of poems "what nature" forthcoming from TriQuarterly Books of Northwestern University Press), and a scholarly study of metaphors of gardens in the work of Elizabeth Bishop, Philip Levine, and Robert Penn Warren. He received his bachelor's degree in humanities from Monmouth College, a master's degree in English from Western Illinois University, and his second master's degree in creative writing from Warren Wilson College.

- ▲ Zhenguang Gao, visiting instructor in computer science. He comes to IWU from the University of South Carolina, where he has been teaching and doing graduate work. He received his bachelor's degree in mathematics from Beijing Normal University, and a master's degree in theory of computability from Tsinghua University.
- ▲ Robert V. Gill, visiting assistant professor of mathematics. He received his bachelor's degrees in mathematics/computer and information science from the City University of New York at Brooklyn, and his doctorate in mathematics from the University of Michigan.
- ▲ Gregory G. Gunderson, visiting assistant professor of political science. He received his bachelor's, master's, and doctorate in political science from the University of Wisconsin at Madison.
- ▲ Anthony Gu, visiting assistant professor of finance and risk management. He received his bachelor's and master's degrees in economics from Nankai University, China, and his second master's and doctorate in finance from the University of Illinois. Since completing his doctorate he has taught investments, banking and financial markets at the University of Illinois at Springfield as well as serving as program manager and instructor at the Executive Development Center at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.
- ▲ Joel Haefner, visiting assistant professor of computer science. He received his bachelor's, master's, and doctorate in English from the University of Iowa, and he is currently pursuing a master's degree in applied computer science from Illinois State University. He has previously been on the faculty at Mary Washington College in Virginia.
- ▲ Jean-Louis Hippolyte, visiting assistant professor of French. He received his bachelor's degree in English from the University de Bordeaux III, and his master's and doctorate in French literature from the University of Colorado at Boulder. He was a fellow of the American Association of Colleges and Universities' "Preparing Future Faculty" program, has conducted teacher-training workshops for graduate students, and published two resource texts in French grammar.
- ▲ Virginia A. Husting, visiting assistant professor of sociology. She received her bachelor's degree in Sociology from Eckerd College, and her master's and doctorate in sociology from the University of Illinois. Husting was an adjunct professor at IWU last year.
- ▲ Amy L. Jacobi, visiting instructor in educational studies. Jacobi has taught at the University of Northern Iowa, Iowa State University, where she worked as a family interaction analyst and coordinated the placement of over 100 elementary education pre-teachers. She received both her bachelor's and master's degrees in science education from Northeast Missouri State University.
- ▲ Will Jaeckle, visiting assistant professor of biology. He received his bachelor's degree in zoology from Humboldt State University, and his doctorate in biology from the University of Southern California. Jaeckle was an adjunct professor at IWU last year.

▲ John W. Reed, visiting instructor in Spanish. He received his bachelor's and master's degrees in Spanish from Purdue University, where he is also expecting his doctorate. He has also studied in Madrid and Paris, including participation in a year-long program at the Universidad Complutense.

▲ Douglas Salokar, visiting instructor in musicology. Salokar has been a visiting scholar at the Pontifical Institute of Medieval Studies in Toronto and a Newberry Library Fellow. He received his bachelor's degree in music from St. Olaf College, a master's degree in music from the University of Illinois, where he is also expecting his doctorate.

▲ Scott P. Sheridan, visiting assistant professor of French. He received his bachelor's and master's degrees in French literature from the University of Nebraska, and his doctorate in French literature from the University of Iowa.

▲ Peter Verbeek, visiting assistant professor of psychology. Verbeek comes to IWU from a two-year postdoctoral fellowship on child development that was funded by the National Institute for Mental Health. He received his bachelor's degree in psychology from Eckerd College, and his master's and doctorate in psychobiology from Emory University.

▲ Jason Whitt, visiting instructor in mathematics. He received his bachelor's degree in mathematics from Mississippi State University, and is expecting his doctorate in mathematics from the University of Georgia, where he won the Outstanding Graduate Teaching Award.

▲ Mingmei Zheng, visiting instructor in economics. She received her bachelor's and master's degrees in economics from Washington University, where she is also expecting her doctorate. Among her article topics are "Tax Enforcement with Heterogeneous Evasion Abilities" and "Random Auditing and the Cutoff Audit Rule When Taxpayers are Risk Averse."

About Illinois Wesleyan University

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 center opened in fall 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 economics, and interdisciplinary studies' faculty, opened in August 1997, as did 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.