

IWU Faculty/Staff Seminar 2008
Call for Staff Applications

Description of the Seminar

The IWU faculty/staff seminar will begin in January 2009 and continue during the spring semester, ending with a week-long trip to Al Akhawayn University in Ifrane, Morocco. Two staff members will be chosen to join five faculty members in the seminar. Once chosen, the members of the seminar will collectively choose readings and schedule dates/times for meetings during the spring semester. The group will also initiate work with Stacey Shimizu and Frank Boyd to plan and prepare for their trip to Al Akhawayn University. While in Morocco, they will meet with their faculty/staff counterparts, participate in seminar-related field trips, and hear scheduled lectures from Moroccan scholars and practitioners. The IWU seminar participants will return to our campus to and have opportunities to share their findings with students and colleagues.

Broadly speaking, the purpose of the seminar is to promote the strategic goal of globalizing the IWU campus by offering selected faculty/staff an opportunity to study and discuss their area of work or scholarly expertise with other seminar participants, and to engage their counterparts from another culture. Applications will be reviewed by a faculty/staff committee that includes the following: one designee from Staff Council, the Director of the International Office, Stacey Shimizu; three members of the Faculty Development Committee; Associate Dean of Faculty, Frank Boyd (*ex officio*).

The Application

The following questions provide an opportunity for the applicant to explain his/her interest in the seminar, how the seminar is related to the applicants work, and how the seminar will benefit his/her work at IWU. Applications are due in the Mellon Center (in the lower-level of Stevenson Hall) on Monday, December 1. Please submit your responses to the following questions in a separate document no longer than three pages.

Question 1:

Briefly describe your role in the Illinois Wesleyan community, including your length of employment and committee service, if applicable.

Question 2:

Explain in detail why you are interested in this type of faculty/staff seminar. Include in your narrative the aspects of your current position that you might relate to this seminar, how you might engage with a counterpart in Morocco, and highlight any background, skills or other experiences which would make you a successful candidate.

Question 3:

Describe how both you and the university might benefit from your participation. Include the types of activities and audiences with whom you would be willing to share your Seminar experience.