

Honors Convocation



Student and Faculty Honors 2020

*This program is dedicated to the Class of 2020
and
to students who have earned scholastic and activity honors*



Tim Rettich
Professor of Chemistry

Recipient of The Kemp Foundation Award for Teaching Excellence — 2020

“A Grain of Salt”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?reload=9&v=YvKjT1MeFnc&feature=youtu.be>

Professor of Chemistry Timothy Rettich joined Illinois Wesleyan University as an assistant professor in 1981. He was promoted to associate professor in 1987, and to professor in 2004.

Rettich's general area of interest is physical chemistry, especially thermodynamics and kinetics, with a focus on gas-liquid exchanges including gas liquid solubility, solution thermodynamics, and condensed phase photochemical kinetics. Along with teaching introductory General Chemistry at Illinois Wesleyan, Rettich also teaches upper-level Physical Chemistry I (Thermodynamics) and Physical Chemistry II (Kinetics).

Photochemical smog, greenhouse gases, and ozone depletion are common examples of environmental problems that involve Rettich's area of research, which has been widely published. According to Rettich, understanding the nature of these problems is the first step toward finding a solution. Previous collaborative work done by Rettich and students has focused on photochemical reactions of nitrous acid in the presence of radical scavengers.

Rettich earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Dayton and a Ph.D. in Physical Chemistry from Case Western Reserve University.

PHI KAPPA PHI

1922

National scholastic honorary for students with junior and senior standing

Haylie Aeschliman
Erin Burnison
Adam Cady
Bernie Coderre
Keara Corbett
Brianna Fogo
Moises Garcia
Gabrielle Ghaderi
Ellen Gilbert
Amy Gourley
Richard Guingrich
Shireen Hassan
Marissa Irelan
Paraskevi Kakares
Alexa Letourneau
Emily Lezcano
Yutong Li
Maya McGowan
Lauren Neitzel
Rebecca Rochacz
Joshua Segatto
Logan Servin
Shiqi Wang
Elisabeth Williams
Julie Xu
Xu Xu
Ruihan Zhang

PHI BETA KAPPA

2000

Undergraduate honors society fostering and recognizing excellence in the liberal arts and sciences

Megan Baker
Theo Bantas
Samantha Berghoff
Leah Bieniak
Adam Cady
Katherine Cavender
Paige Dold
Andrew Duffin
Rich Guingrich
Tulasi Jaladi
Paraskevi Kakares
Jack McKermitt
Nicholas Milcik

Amanda Pippin
Taylor Plantan
Kayley Rettberg
Kira Schoen
Rachel Schoenecker
Naing Tun
Stephen Vega
Tera Wilson
Lauren Yep
Ruihan Zhang

MORTAR BOARD

National honor society recognizing college seniors for their exemplary scholarship, leadership and service

Carlos Aromin
Ayana Blair
Olivia Causer
Klara Cockrell
Bernie Coderre
Daria Dodonova
Edward Donathan
Maeghan Eaker
Laurin Ebert
Megan Frederick
Richard Guingrich
Dilyetna Gebru
Zhijia Geng
Shireen Hassan
Allison Henry
Hannah Heraty
Marissa Irelan
Freya Jennison
Kathryn Jefferson
Jessica Keen
Natalie Kuca
Alexa Letourneau
Yesenia Martinez Calderon
Mark Mathison
Jack McKermitt
Danielle Ponsot
Kayley Rettberg
Breanna Walker
Amanda Wesche
Lucas Wheat
Megan Zebrowski
Sarah Ziwiski

PERFORMANCE AND EXHIBITION HONORS IN THE FINE ARTS

Music

Alexa Letourneau

Theatre Arts

Taylor Coduto
Madisen Debord
Robert Grey
Samuel Hulsizer
Maya McGowan
Braden Tanner
Travis Ulrich
Christopher Woodley

AWARD RECIPIENTS

CREATIVE WRITING

Arthur William Hinners and Louise Hinners Sipfle Poetry Prize presented by The Academy of American Poets
Yovana Milosevic

Honorable Mention
Bonnie Smith

The Illinois Wesleyan University Department of English Prize for Short Fiction

Paraskevi Kakares

Honorable Mentions

Emma Gray
Gillian Thomson

The Illinois Wesleyan University Department of English Essay Prize

Rachel Williams

Honorable Mention
Paraskevi Kakares

ECONOMICS

The Margaret Chapman Memorial Award in Economics
Tera Wilson

ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

Outstanding Senior in Environmental Studies
Tera Wilson

Excellence in Advancing Environmental Sustainability
Janna Fitzgerald
Hannah Horn

FRENCH AND FRANCOPHONE STUDIES

Outstanding Student in French and Francophone Studies
Nicolina Purpura

HISPANIC STUDIES

Luis Leal Scholarship for Excellence in Hispanic Studies
Avalon Bruno
Colleen Palczynski

ITALIAN STUDIES

Outstanding Student in Italian Studies
Elisabeth Williams

JAPANESE STUDIES

Exemplary Student in Japanese Studies
Nathan Vartivarian

LINCOLN LAUREATE AWARD

Kayley Rettberg

MUSIC

David Nott Collegiate Choir Scholarship

Spencer Burbach

Presser Scholarship

Daria Van de Loo

NURSING

Frances D. Alikonis Memorial Award

David Torres, Jr.

Alumnae Association of the Brokaw Hospital School for Nurses Scholarship

Tania Silva

Fingfeld Family Scholarship

Wah Chook

Patricia Giese Memorial Scholarship

Rebecca Rochacz

Delores Helsley-Ascher Scholarship

Kaylah Keuch

Jennifer Sanchez

Mary D. Shanks Scholarship Established by Upsilon Pi Alumni Chapter of Alpha Tau Delta

Anna Mitroszewska

Sara M. Stevenson Memorial Scholarship

Madelyn Schmitt

STUDENT LEADERSHIP

Cultural Leadership

Tayyibah Ahmed

Intellectual Leadership

Sydney Shanks

Student Service to Campus Life

Kayley Rettberg

Student Service to the Community

Hannah Horn

Student Service as a University Employee

Kalen Gray

STUTZMAN PEACE FELLOWS

Wah Chook

Adna Mujovic

Shaela Phillips

Maeve Plunkett

TECHNOS INTERNATIONAL PRIZE

Tatum Zsorey

UNIVERSITY WRITING PROGRAM

Best Gateway Essay

Holly Brill

Honorable Mention

Emily Chamernik

WEIR FELLOWS — ARC

Devan Patel

HONORARIES

ALPHA KAPPA DELTA

*International sociology honor
society*

Olivia Causer

Nicole Lewis

Sarah Rollins

Amanda Wesche

ALPHA LAMBDA DELTA

National first year honor society

Joseph Alberts

Amanda Best

Kalen Gray

Allison Henry

Yesenia Martinez Calderon

Maya McGowan

Nicholas Milcik

Lauren Neitzel

Esther Niedert

Haley Rojek

Sydney Rowley

Rachel Schoenecker

Emily Strub

Naing Tun

Angela Whiting

Lauren Yep

ALPHA MU ALPHA

National marketing honorary

Sydney Alery

Casey Becker

Emma Darragh

Ruoqing Li

Ann Meyers

Abbie Netherton

Colin Orchard

Kyle Ostrowski

Ian O'Toole

Ryan Paslay

Caroline Reeb

Adam Richard

Rachel Rosch

Garrett Shea

Isaiah Timms

Richard Von Helms

Justin Yaeger

Dean Zigulich

BETA BETA BETA

*National honorary for biology
majors*

Carlos Aromin

Salomi Arunima

Jennifer Barnes

Emily Berry

Ayana Blair

Kate Bonnell

Ross Burandt

Julia Chen

Kyle Cole

Matt Crosse

Anaol Dalle

Sam Dooley

Laurin Ebert

Megan Frederick

Lilia Garcia

Dilyetna Gebru

Noah Haskin

Tulasi Jaladi

Lakshmi Jayam

Hannah Johnson

Rosemary Josenkoski

Jessica Keen

Maya Lach

Zoephia Laughlin

Jae Won Lee

Yushan Liu

Peyton Long

Caroline Marchi

Jack McKermitt

Richard Morrison

Anjali Nimavat

Alexander Palacios

Devan Patel

Ria Patel

Ria Patel

Manish Pathuri

John Phillip

Jackson Rapala

Bailey Reichert

Angela Roman

Rachel Schoenecker

Jessica Sheelam

Morgan Truncer

Stephen Vega

Alexa Weiss

Saylor Williams

Kelsey Wyman

Cara Wynn

Julie Xu

Julianne Yoo

Ryan Yoo

Samantha Ziomek

DELTA PHI ALPHA

*National German language and
literature honor society*

Amanda Best

Cole Churchill

Thomas Hillebrand

Ruth Reding Hoffart

Maeve Plunkett

ETA SIGMA PHI

*National honorary society for
students of Latin and Greek*

Quinn Higginbotham

Kira Schoen

GAMMA UPSILON*National media honorary society*

John Barrett
 Sarah Buchmann
 Leah Carter
 Justin Fairchild
 Katie Fata
 Janna Fitzgerald
 Will Heidenreich
 Sophia Heilman
 Hannah Horn
 Olivia Jacobs
 Samira Kassem
 Pooja Patil
 Jonathan Recchia

W.E. Schultz Award for Excellence in Media Management

Olivia Jacobs

Harvey Beutner Award for Journalistic Excellence

Jonathan Recchia

IOTA IOTA IOTA*Women's Studies honorary society*

Lily Bjerkan
 Daniel Drake
 Emma Gray
 Taylor Plantan
 Kayley Rettberg
 Melissa Spacapan
 Amanda Wesche

KAPPA DELTA PI*National honorary for junior and senior education majors*

Katherine Cavender
 Allison Henry
 Brittany Hill
 Kathleen Holub
 Sarah Luce
 Yesenia Martinez Calderon
 Aly Mirasol
 Danielle Ponsot
 Kira Schoen

LAMBDA ALPHA*National anthropology honor society*

Kathryn Jefferson
 Kayla Ranta

OMICRON DELTA EPSILON*National scholastic honorary for students of economics*

Stephen Cutro
 Tyler Dedianous
 Anna Eager
 Annika Fuller
 Amber Gauthier
 William Gustafson
 Steve Hogan
 Keagan James
 Robert Ladd
 Thao Le
 Katharine Long
 Chase Ochsner
 Alec O'Halleran
 Colin Orchard
 Joseph Quednau
 Jared Schneider

PHI ALPHA THETA*National history honor society*

Jessica Bugayong
 Graham Dano
 Emma Garcia
 Katelyn Hailey
 Andrew Hiller
 Natalie Kuca
 Haoqian Yu

PHI BETA DELTA*Honor society for International scholars*

Samantha Berghoff
 Emily Lezcano
 Wenjia Lu
 Yesenia Martinez Calderon
 Taylor Plantan

PHI SIGMA TAU*International honor society for philosophers*

Adeline Schultz

PI DELTA PHI*National French language and literature honor society*

Quentin Jackson
 Nicolina Purpura

PI KAPPA LAMBDA*National music honor society*

Shireen Hassan
 Andrew Johnson
 Daria Van de Loo

PI MU EPSILON*National mathematics honor society*

Joseph Alberts
 Madeline Bollinger
 Colin Cheaney
 Zhijia Geng
 Yutong Li
 Patrick Ward
 Xiao Yang
 Ted Yap

PI SIGMA ALPHA*National honorary society for the study of politics and government*

Jordan Baker
 Theo Bantas
 Adam Cady
 Madysen Crowder
 Anna Eager
 Samira Kassem
 Shaela Phillips
 Kayley Rettberg
 Oscar Romero
 Andrew Zienty

PSI CHI*National honorary for psychology students*

Brynn Beveridge
 Paige Dold
 Brianna Fogo
 Ellen Gilbert
 Amy Gourley
 Marissa Irelan
 Kate McHugh
 Sydney Pinder
 Kelsey Robertson
 Olivia Romano
 Jorri Sandage

SIGMA DELTA PI*National Hispanic honor society for exemplary Spanish majors*

Samantha Berghoff

Jaeden Danko
 Sabrina Fague
 Hannah Foley
 Megan Frederick
 Amy Gourley
 Paraskevi Kakares
 Yesenia Martinez Calderon
 Joshua Segatto
 Tamara Snevely
 Toni Tortorella
 Julianne Yoo

SIGMA TAU DELTA*International honor society for students of English*

Megan Baker
 Jackson Bettis
 Erin Burnison
 Adam Cady
 Katherine Cavender
 Emma Cottrell
 Matthew Dinelli
 Paige Dold
 Gabrielle Ghaderi
 Gia Joyce
 Paraskevi Kakares
 Maya Manzonelli
 Rachel McCarthy
 Yovana Milosevic
 Joseph Pasternak
 Amanda Pippin
 Taylor Plantan
 Danielle Ponsot
 Jonathan Recchia
 Olivia Ruff
 Isabel Sperry
 Gillian Thomson
 Nathan Vartivarian

SIGMA THETA TAU*International honor society for nursing*

Megan Amato
 Mikayla Blankenship
 Nicholas Figus
 Shannon Gatehouse
 Claire Geier
 Kaitlyn Geier
 Lianna Greene
 Cameron Hindel

Benigno Houser
Meghan Lehmann
Emily Lezcano
Alyssa Lingafelter
Sabrina Matthews
Anna Mitroszewska
Hannah Mueller
Anna Otis
Melanie Pelczynski
Rebecca Rochacz
Jennipher Sanchez
Stephanie Schrage
Sydney Shanks
Tania Silva
Bonnie Smith
Breanna Soto
Leah Sternberg
Haley Steward
Sara Toniolo



STUDENT SENATE 2020

OFFICERS

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Vice President
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CAB Director
Hannah Horn

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Wah Chook
Inclusion & Awareness
Neal George
Sustainability
Ankush Kecht

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Argus Editor
Olivia Jacobs

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Co-Managers
Kaleb Carter
Ely Kleinsmith

Executive Director
of TitanTV
Justin Fairchild

*Ashley Wilson Award for
Argus Staffer of the Year*
Hannah Horn

CHAIRPERSONS, SPECIAL CAMPUS EVENTS

Campus Activities Board
Director
Hannah Horn

SENATOR OF THE YEAR

Tera Wilson



MEN'S VARSITY ATHLETICS

MOST VALUABLE PLAYERS

Basketball
Peter Lambesis
Matt Leritz
Cross Country
Steven Raybould
Matt Wagner

Football
Defense:
John DiCanio

Offense:
Ryan Swift

Golf 2019
Ben Johnson
Drew Pershing

Soccer
Patrick Hickey

Swimming
William Garcia
Mason McCauley

TEAM CAPTAINS

Baseball
Nicholas Figus
James O'Brien
Garrett Shea
Basketball
Bernie Coderre
Cross Country
Maxwell Crowninshield
Steven Raybould

Football
Brandon Bauer
Bryce Dooley
Jack Healy
Brandon Koepke

Golf
Skyler Le Vine
Jonathan Nocek

Lacrosse
Evan Anderson
Max Bousk
Patrick Murphy
Cristian Torres

Soccer
Joshua Essary
Patrick Hickey

Swimming
William Garcia
Oscar Schmidt

Tennis
Michael Behrensmeyer
Ryan Yoo

Track
Maxwell Crowninshield
David Horn
Colin Orchard
Steven Raybould

WOMEN'S VARSITY ATHLETICS

MOST VALUABLE PLAYERS

Basketball
Kendall Sosa

Cross Country
Katie North

Golf
Melanie Wolf

Softball 2019
Ally Wiegand

Swimming
Ellen Gilbert

Volleyball
Madi Corey
Jessica McCall

TEAM CAPTAINS

Basketball
Samantha Munroe
Sydney Shanks
Kendall Sosa

Cross Country
Rachel Budd
Rachel Schoenecker

Golf
Rylie Loux
Melanie Wolf

Lacrosse
Hannah Foley
Bridget O'Malley

Soccer
Ellie Crabtree
Flower Edington
Sydney Pinder

Swimming
Madeline Bollinger
Amber Gauthier
Ann Meyers

Tennis
Rebecca Rochacz

Track
Rachel Budd
Cecelia Galvan
Angela Roman

Volleyball
Raina Emery
Jessica McCall

Faculty Retirements



R. Kent Cook
Professor
School of Music

Professor R. Kent Cook joined the faculty of the Illinois Wesleyan University School of Music in 1999. Over the past 21 years, he has taught piano, music theory, music history, and the occasional Gateway course. He served as Head of the Piano Department from 2008 until 2018, and he has been a leader on committees in the School of Music and in the University at large.

Dr. Cook's piano students have gone on to a variety of careers in music, music education, musicology, even medicine and engineering. He remains in close contact with many of his former students, and he is extremely proud of all of their accomplishments. As a performer, Dr. Cook maintains a busy schedule as soloist and chamber musician. He has given recitals throughout the United States and in many European venues, with recent performances in Austria, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, France, Germany, England, and Italy. Following his retirement from IWU, he plans to continue with an active concert schedule, and he hopes to pursue research into some lesser-known piano composers from the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Professor Cook is extremely grateful to faculty, staff, and students at Illinois Wesleyan University for all of the support and inspiration over the past 21 years.



Linda French
Professor
Physics Department

Dr. Linda French, Professor of Physics, is retiring from IWU after 18 years of service. Her scientific research, funded by the National Science Foundation, concerns the study of the shapes and surfaces of asteroids and comets. She has been a frequent guest observer at Lowell Observatory in Arizona and at Cerro Tololo Interamerican Observatory in Chile, and was often accompanied by students on these research trips.

During her sabbatical in 2009-2010, Dr. French was a Visiting Professor of Physics at the University of York, England where she investigated the life of York astronomer John Goodricke (1764-1786). She has given lectures on Goodricke and his mentor Edward Pigott in York, Boston, and Toronto, and at major observatories in the United States and Chile.

In February of this year, French was named to the inaugural class of American Astronomical Society (AAS) Fellows in recognition of her contributions toward the AAS mission of enhancing and sharing humanity's scientific understanding of the universe.

"I was both honored and humbled to be named a Fellow of the American Astronomical Society," French said. "My work as a professor at a small university has involved teaching, mentoring students, and service to the IWU community and beyond, as well as research. It is the combination of all these aspects of professional life that I have found most rewarding in my career, and it is doubly rewarding to be recognized for them."

For the past three years, French served as Program Director at the National Science Foundation (NSF) Division for Astronomical Sciences where she was responsible for the CAREER program, a highly-prestigious five-year grant for young tenure-track scientists. French's additional work with the NSF included organizing panels for review of research proposals, recruiting panelists, running the panels, and then, evaluating and passing on the panels' recommendations for funding. French was also responsible for programs in planetary and stellar astronomy research and in astronomy education.

French joined Illinois Wesleyan's faculty in 2002 and was promoted to Professor of Physics in 2008. In 2016, she earned the Kemp Foundation Award for Teaching Excellence, the University's highest teaching honor.

A native of Hagerstown, Indiana, French earned a bachelor's degree in astronomy from Indiana University and a master's and Ph.D. from Cornell University. She also did post-doctoral work at Massachusetts Institute of Technology.



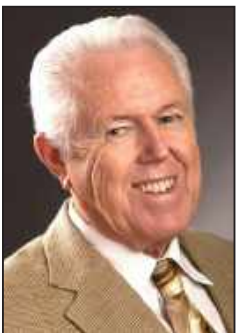
Roger Garrett, B.M., M.M

*Assistant Professor
School of Music*

I was hired at IWU during the spring of 1988. Still in the middle of a Ph.D. degree at the University of Michigan, my wife was expecting our first born, and I was looking at another year before the degree would be completed. I received a call from Thomas

Streeter, Chair of the then Instrumental Division in the SoM, and subsequently I agreed to a performing, conducting, and teaching interview. Upon my arrival in the fall of that year, I found only two clarinet majors and one non-major taking clarinet lessons. My concert band had only 19 students, and I was assigned Titan Band and the Fundamentals of Conducting course. Ironically, I had never taught conducting before! Ten years later, the Concert band had 92 students in it, the conducting classes had been split into three sections during the year, I had over 20 clarinet students studying in the clarinet studio, and I was teaching Marching Band Practicum and heading up the self-created Recording Services division that is still called "The Recording Studio." Titan Band was still a big part of the assigned "voluntary" work. We hit the new millennium firing on all cylinders!

Flash forward to now, and I am very pleased with many of the things that occurred at IWU while I was there. Eight years of Car Shows on the Quad during homecoming (at one point we had 160 classic restored and modified cars!), over ten concerto aria winners in clarinet, an auditioned second wind ensemble, two compact disc recordings, multiple publications, performing in, at one point, three professional orchestras and two chamber orchestras, and frequent solo appearances. During this time, I was fortunate to perform with YoYo Ma, Emanuel Ax, Dudley Moore, Itzhak Perlman, Bobby McFerrin, and Joshua Bell (to name a few). Over my 32 years at IWU, my wife Sara (a cellist and string educator in District 87) and I brought up two terrific sons, Phil and Peter, have provided a home to six dogs (two of whom are currently with us – border collies Linus and Archie), built a home in Bloomington that contains a woodworking shop, explored the state of Iowa on bicycles by riding across it three times (RAGBRAI), cycled the Seattle-Portland two day ride twice, and I have learned to love (and at times hate) the game of golf. I've established a small business that will continue, and I will continue to perform with the Peoria Symphony Orchestra as principal clarinetist until I can no longer play – or they ask me to stop – whichever comes first!



Melvyn Jeter

*Professor
Mathematics Department*

Mathematics professor Melvyn Jeter's research interests include convexity, linear algebra, mathematical programming, and linear complementarity theory. Professor Jeter is retiring after thirty-four years of service to IWU.



Vadim Mazo
Associate Professor
School of Music

Mr. Vadim Mazo has pursued a career as a teacher, soloist, chamber musician, and conductor. Presently he is an Associate Professor of Violin and Viola at Illinois Wesleyan University. Mr. Mazo studied at the Byelorussian State Conservatory in Minsk with Michael Goldstein, a student of Pyotr Stoliasky. From 1968 to 1980, he was a soloist with the Byelorussian Philharmonic and performed with the Minsk Chamber Orchestra and the Byelorussian Symphony Orchestra. He performed on radio, television, and with performance tours throughout the former Soviet Union with such international artists as O. Kagan, M. Rostropovich, and M. Shostakovich, among others. He immigrated to the United States in 1980, and before coming to Illinois Wesleyan University, Mr. Mazo collaborated with the Fine Arts Quartet and held teaching positions at the Wisconsin Conservatory of Music, the University of Wisconsin at Green Bay, and the University of Evansville.

Professor Mazo is a devoted teacher. As a pedagogue, his teaching activities have taken him many places around the world. He has been invited to present master classes everywhere from American music schools such as Northwestern University, Lawrence University, the Universities of Kansas, Illinois, Wisconsin, and Long Beach California to Greece, Spain, the Czech Republic, Japan, England, Germany, Canada, the Conservatoire Superior in Paris, and elsewhere in France. More recently he has conducted master classes in Thailand, Taiwan, the Philippines, China, Hong Kong, Russia, and Byelorussia. As a member of the faculty and as a performer, he participated in the Boccherini and Mozart-issimo festivals in Madrid, the Mozart in Monterey festival, the Southeastern Music Center, the B. Martinu festival in Prague, and the Interlochen Chamber Music Conference. He has also collaborated as a conductor and soloist with the Suk Chamber Orchestra in the Prague Spring Festival and Virtuosi di Praga, and most recently with the Manila Symphony Orchestra. Professor Mazo is an active performer as a violinist, violist, and chamber musician, featured in a Carnegie Recital Hall (a 1992 program, "Homage to Shostakovich") and many various concert venues on a regular basis in the USA, Europe and Asia. Since December 2012, Professor Mazo has been appointed guest professor at Sichuan Central Conservatory of Music in Chengdu, China.



Michael Seeberg
Robert S. Eckley Distinguished Professor of Economics
Economics Department

Michael (Mike) Seeberg started his career at Illinois Wesleyan University in 1989 as the Robert S. Eckley Distinguished Professor of Economics in 1989 after 14 years in the economics department at Ball State University. He chaired the Illinois Wesleyan University economics department for 10 years and also chaired a number of university committees. He enjoys teaching, doing research, and mentoring student research. To date, Mike has chaired 56 successful research honors projects and supervised 4 student summer research projects. He is faculty advisor to a unique online undergraduate journal that is published at IWU (*The Undergraduate Journal of Economics*) and founder of two other undergraduate journals (*Park Place Economist* and *University Avenue Undergraduate Journal of Economics*). He has taken students on numerous field trips, including trips to professional conferences and trips to Chicago to explore issues of poverty, discrimination, and immigration.

Mike is the author of numerous articles in labor economics with a recent focus on the economics of immigration. Most of his articles are co-authored with IWU alumni. He also is author of a number of pedagogy papers on capstone senior seminar courses and on the use of undergraduate journals to promote higher quality student research. In his spare time, he enjoys travel and competing in triathlon and other multisport events.



David Vayo

*Fern Rosetta Sherff Professor of Composition and Theory
School of Music*

Under Vayo's stewardship, IWU came to have one of the nation's leading music-composition programs based at a liberal-arts school, with alumni going on to careers in fields such as university teaching, music production, music publishing, church music, popular music, orchestra management and contemporary-music performance. Vayo revised the Bachelor of Music in Composition degree, developed the Concentration in Music Composition and the Honors designation in Music Composition, shepherded the growth of the School of Music's computer facilities, and introduced courses in free improvisation, contemporary music and Latin American music. Expanding on the legacy of the Symposium of Contemporary Music, Vayo developed the IWU New Music Series, hosting over 150 guest composers and performers from four continents and participating frequently in Series concerts as a pianist and keyboardist.

During his time at IWU Vayo wrote eighty-one musical compositions; received fellowships and commissions from the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation (to date the only Guggenheim awarded to an IWU faculty member), the Koussevitzky Music Foundations in the Library of Congress, the Barlow Endowment for Music Composition, and the Illinois Arts Council; took part in fifteen artist residencies in the US and Canada; traveled to many of the hundreds of performances of his music that took place in the USA and eighteen other countries; and became one of the few western composers to write extensively for traditional Chinese and Japanese instruments. In retirement, Vayo plans to continue developing himself as a composer and performer, and to explore the roles that a creative artist can play in a local community.

PAST HONOREES FOR TEACHING EXCELLENCE

1960	William T. Beadles, <i>Insurance</i>	1990	Thomas A. Griffiths, <i>Biology</i>
1961	Wayne W. Wantland, <i>Biology</i>	1991	Robert C. Bray, <i>English</i>
1962	R. Dwight Drexler, <i>Piano</i>	1992	John D. Wenum, <i>Political Science</i>
1963	Elizabeth H. Oggel, <i>English</i>	1993	Mona J. Gardner, <i>Business Administration</i>
1964	Rupert Kilgore, <i>Art</i>	1994	Paul E. Bushnell, <i>History</i>
1965	Dorothea S. Franzen, <i>Biology</i>	1995	James D. Matthews, <i>French</i>
1966	Joseph H. Meyers, <i>English</i>	1996	Kathleen O'Gorman, <i>English</i>
1967	Marie J. Robinson, <i>Speech</i>	1997	Jared Brown, <i>Theatre Arts</i>
1968	Bunyon H. Andrew, <i>History</i>	1998	W. Michael Weis, <i>History</i>
1969	Wendell W. Hess, <i>Chemistry</i>	1999	Michael C. Seeborg, <i>Economics</i>
1970	Jerry Stone, <i>Religion</i>	2000	Teodora O. Amoloza, <i>Sociology</i>
1971	Doris C. Meyers, <i>Philosophy</i>	2001	Carole A. Myscofski, <i>Religion</i>
1972	John Ficca, <i>Drama</i>	2002	Tari Renner, <i>Political Science</i>
1973	Robert Burda, <i>English</i>	2003	Carolyn Nadeau, <i>Hispanic Studies</i>
1974	Max A. Pape, <i>Sociology</i>	2004	James Plath, <i>English</i>
1975	Lucile Klauser, <i>Education</i>	2005	Christopher Prendergast, <i>Sociology</i>
1976	R. Bedford Watkins, Jr., <i>Music</i>	2006	Mary Ann Bushman, <i>English</i>
1977	Harvey F. Beutner, <i>English</i>	2007	James P. Sikora, <i>Sociology</i>
1978	Frank D. Starkey, <i>Chemistry</i>	2008	Marina Balina, <i>Russian Studies</i>
1979	Fred B. Brian, <i>Art</i>	2009	Jonathan Dey, <i>Biology</i>
1980	Sammye Crawford Greer, <i>English</i>	2010	Wes Chapman, <i>English</i>
1981	Jerry M. Israel, <i>History</i>	2011	Dan Terkla, <i>English</i>
1982	John D. Heyl, <i>History</i>	2012	William Munro, <i>Political Science</i>
1983	J. Robert Hippensteele, <i>Biology</i>	2013	Narendra Jaggi, <i>Physics</i>
1984	Larry M. Colter, <i>Philosophy</i>	2014	Rebecca Roesner, <i>Chemistry</i>
1985	Sue Ann Huseman, <i>French</i>	2015	Kathleen Montgomery, <i>Political Science</i>
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