We wish to share with you the following information regarding new faculty and staff. Below is an alphabetical listing of staff who have joined us since our last meeting in August of 2015 and of faculty who are joining us this academic year.

Ar buckle, Nathalie - Office Coordinator I, Registrar’s Office/Academic Advising
Illinois Wesleyan welcomed Nathalie in April. Prior to coming to campus, she worked as the admissions communication management specialist at Eureka College for two years. She also served eight years as an administrative assistant in the El Paso Gridley School District.

Bromaghim, Anna - Administrative Assistant - Campus Events and Conference Services, Dean of Students
B.A. Illinois Wesleyan University, M.A. University of Connecticut
In November, Anna was welcomed back to campus. While a student at Illinois Wesleyan she worked in the Admissions Office in various positions. Prior to her return to campus, Anna worked in Minnesota in a retail manager position and put her web skills to use volunteering for a women’s group. She is happy to be back on campus!

Brown, Nicole – Visiting Assistant Professor of Sociology
B.A. Illinois Wesleyan University, M.S.Ed. Illinois State University, Ph.D. University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
Dr. Nicole M. Brown is a Visiting Assistant Professor at Illinois Wesleyan University and a research faculty affiliate at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign's Cline Center and the National Center for Supercomputing Applications. Dr. Brown’s area of research include Sociology, consumerism, black feminist theory and computation and she has expertise in comparative historical research methods, as well as mixed methods computation research. During the Fall 2016 semester, Dr. Brown will be teaching Introductory Sociology 101, Sex and Gender SOC 222, and Black Feminist Imaginings SOC 370-2. Some recent peer-reviewed journal articles include “Mechanized Margin to Digitized Center: Black Feminism's Contributions to Combating Erasure within the Digital Humanities” in the International Journal of Humanities and Arts Computing (Forthcoming) and “Bridge Leadership: Gendered Consumerism and Black Women’s Political Power within Early 20th Century ‘Don’t Buy’ Campaigns” in Sociological Focus.

Calvert, Kerri - Library Building Aide, Ames Library
B.S. Northeast Missouri State University, M.S. University of Missouri Columbia
Kerri began working on campus in November. She continues to work and has worked for the past eight years as a health promotion coordinator at Illinois State University. Kerri also worked as a senior nutritionist at National Nutrition Center in Apia, Western Samoa in the South Pacific.

Correll, Allecia - Student Loan Coordinator, Financial Aid
B.A. Arizona State University
Allecia joined Illinois Wesleyan in October. She worked at State Farm for eight years after college. Following the birth of her second child, Allecia became a stay-at-home mom and established an in-home day care. She has been married for 20 years and has three boys. Allecia enjoys attending church with her family, watching baseball, listening to music, reading, and spending time with her friends.

Eagleton, Tod - Library Discovery & Data Specialist, Ames Library
B.S. Illinois State University, M.A. The Johns Hopkins University
Illinois Wesleyan welcomed Tod in November. He worked for 12 years at the Heartland Bank & Trust Co./Heartland Data Services. Tod went back to school and received his master’s degree in Museums Studies. He worked for the McLean County Museum of History for two years before coming to work at IWU. Tod and his wife, Angie, have a son named Seth and a daughter named Ali. His hobbies include camping, hiking, travel, and listening to music. Tod is a member of the American Alliance of Museums.

Faamoe, Nuusa - Library Building Aide, Ames Library
B.A. University of the South Pacific, M.S. Illinois State University
In November, Nuusa joined Illinois Wesleyan. He also works at Illinois State University as an academic advisor. Nuusa works with first year and transfer students in their academic planning.

Frahm, Mary - Assistant to the Athletic Director/Assistant Volleyball Coach, Physical Education and Athletics
B.A. Lewis University, M.S. Illinois State University
Mary joined Illinois Wesleyan in August. She served as a graduate assistant coach on campus for the past two years. She also worked as a campaign manager at United Way of McLean County. Mary and her husband, Matt have a three year old dog named Stanley who is a corgi and blue heeler mix. She enjoys cooking and spending time outdoors with her family. Mary is a member of American Volleyball Coaches Association.

Frank, Kaylee - Office Coordinator II, Financial Aid
B.A. Illinois Wesleyan University
Kaylee began her duties on campus in October. Her hobbies are quilting, costume construction, writing novels and poetry. Her book interests lie in reading Jane Austen and J. R. R. Tolkien. Kaylee also likes listening to classical music and movie soundtracks. She takes pleasure in baking, and spending time with her parents and two brothers.
Franklin, Greta - Director of the Office of Diversity and Inclusion, Dean of Students
B.A. Mary Washington College, M.Ed. University of Maryland
In July, Greta began her duties on campus. Greta is a native of Virginia and is not only new to IWU, but to the Midwest in general. Prior to coming to campus Greta served as the Associate Director of Multicultural Affairs and the Hames Farmer Multicultural Center at the University of Mary Washington in Fredericksburg, Virginia. Greta previously held positions in multicultural affairs and student life at the University of Maryland, College Par, Vassar College, and the Community College of Baltimore County. Greta enjoys films (any genre), reading historical fiction, going to museums, hiking, traveling, and spending time with friends.

Funk, Amy - Visiting, Assistant Professor of Nursing
B.S. Western Illinois University, M.A. Western Illinois University, B.S. Saint Francis Medical Center College of Nursing, Ph.D. Mennonite College of Nursing at Illinois State University
Amy Funk received her BS in Psychology and MA in Gerontology from Western Illinois University. She completed her BSN from OSF Saint Francis Medical Center College of Nursing and her PhD from Illinois State University. Her primary research interest focuses on the impact of grief on health outcomes. She has worked extensively with vulnerable populations. She lives in Eureka with her husband, four children, and four dogs. Amy loves to hike, mountain bike, and participate in wilderness canoe trips.

Genrich, Mark - Visiting Assistant Professor of Design, Technology and Entrepreneurship
B.A. Illinois Wesleyan University, M.F.A. Illinois State University
Mark Genrich earned his BFA in Art from Illinois Wesleyan University, and received his MFA in sculpture and metals from Illinois State University. He has taught at local colleges and universities for the last twenty years. He’s also been active as both an Installation Artist and as a Craftsperson, designing and building custom furniture and developing a line of handcrafted electric upright basses. His art installations, which combine large modular geometric structures with minimally kinetic features, have been shown in the Chicago area, Central Illinois and Indiana. The work examines the meditative effects and the symbolic associations generated under changing qualities of light and sound. Mark plays the bass, is a fan of midcentury design, and grows prairie plants in his backyard. He has one daughter in college, and lives with his wife in Bloomington.

Gilbert, Thomas - Assistant Swimming Coach, Physical Education and Athletics
B.A. Illinois Wesleyan University, M.S. Illinois State University
Thomas who prefers to be called Tommy, began his duties in August. Prior to being hired in this position, he spent three years as a graduate assistant part-time assistant coach here on campus. In 2012-13, Tommy served as the head senior coach with the Funky Fish Swim Club. He was also a teaching assistant and coach at Normal West. Tommy’s hobbies include: baseball, golfing, anything outside, and spending time with family and friends. He belongs to the American Swimming Coaches Association, Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society, Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, Kappa Delta Pi International Honor Society, and Phi Alpha Theta National History Honor Society.

Haas, Donna - Operations Coordinator, Admissions
A.S. Illinois Central College
Prior to being hired in November, Donna worked in the Eureka College Admissions Office for eight years. Her earlier job experiences were in insurance and real estate offices, and in providing family day care. She and her husband, Ray have two sons, Brandon and Connor. Donna enjoys reading, playing games, and spending time with her family and friends.

Hargis, Heidi - Accounts Payable Specialist, Business Office
B.A. Illinois State University
For the past 15 years, Heidi worked as an accounts payable specialist, thirteen of those years she spent at Country Financial. She began her work at IWU in March. Heidi has a son named Tyler. She enjoys being creative and her hobbies include drawing, painting, fishing, beach vacations, and traveling.

Herring, Glenn - Residence Director, Office of Residential Life
B.S. Chicago State University, M.S. Eastern Illinois University
Prior to joining Illinois Wesleyan in August, Glenn worked as an area coordinator at Indiana State University and at the University of Southern Indiana. He enjoys singing karaoke, playing Candy Crush Soda, watching bad singing auditions on YouTube, and cooking. Glenn is a member of the Great Lakes Association of College and University Housing Officers, the American College Personnel Association, and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Incorporated.

High, Susan - Costume Shop Supervisor, School of Theatre Arts
B.A. The Citadel Military College of South Carolina, M.S. Illinois State University
Susan recently joined Illinois Wesleyan in August. Her husband also works in the Illinois Wesleyan School of Theatre Arts. She enjoys playing the piano and gardening.

Hoskins, Reed - Assistant Football Coach/ Recruiter and Strength Coach, Physical Education and Athletics
B.S. Wartburg College
Prior to coming to campus in March, Reed worked as an assistant football coach at University of Wisconsin – La Crosse and at Wartburg College located in Waverly, Iowa. He and his wife, Elizabeth have two daughters named Haylee and Addison. Reed enjoys watching the Chicago Cubs and grilling out.
Howell, Toney - Admissions Counselor, Admissions  
B.A. Aurora University, M.S. University of Chicago  
Toney began his duties on campus in December. His prior work experience consists of working at DeVry University, University of Chicago and he also worked for two years with an Illinois State Representative. Toney enjoys soccer, working out and music concerts. He is a member of the Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity.

Jensen, Eric - President, President's Office  
B.S. University of Miami, M.S., and Ph.D. University of Michigan  
Eric Jensen was named the 19th president of Illinois Wesleyan University in September and he began his service to the University in November. Prior to being named president of Illinois Wesleyan, Eric served as provost and chief academic officer at Hamline University in Saint Paul, Minnesota from 2012 to 2015. As Hamline provost, he oversaw undergraduate and graduate programming, academic advising, student affairs, intercollegiate athletics, the libraries and the international and diversity programs. In addition, he had significant budgetary responsibility, working closely with the chief financial officer in developing the university’s overall budget. Eric also created a process to successfully deal with a significant budget shortfall that existed when he arrived at Hamline. His office funded the development of transformative, immersive courses offered variously on campus, in the Twin Cities, and abroad. In 1982, Eric began his academic career as an economics and public policy professor at the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia. From 2004 to 2012, he served as director of the Thomas Jefferson Program in Public Policy at William and Mary. An active scholar and researcher, Eric has published numerous articles on the economics of demographic change, and has working in a number of Asian countries as a Senior Fellow for the Honolulu-based East-West Center and as a Council on Foreign Relations International Affairs Fellow based in Washington, D.C. He has also been a Visiting Scholar in Economics at the University of Indonesia, and has worked on World Bank and United States Agency for International Development (USAID) projects in South and Southeast Asia. The Rockefeller Foundation, the Andrew Mellon Foundation and the Freeman Foundation have also supported his scholarly activity. Eric hails from Homewood, Illinois and is married to Elizabeth, a former middle school science teacher. The Jensens have two grown children.

Johnson, Julie - Visiting Associate Professor of Art, Chair of the School of Art  
B.S. Illinois State University, M.F.A. University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign  
Julie Johnson received her MFA in Graphic Design from the University of Illinois at Champaign Urbana. Her projects in publication design, package design, branding, and typography have received recognition in numerous international and national publications including Graphis and American Corporate Identity. Julie comes to IWU with 29 years of teaching experience in all levels of design education. She is passionate about preparing students for professional practice and engaging them in service learning projects and internship opportunities. Her student work has achieved national and international recognition for excellence in graphic design. In her extensive career at ISU, Julie was selected to receive both the Outstanding Teaching Award and Outstanding Service Award for the College of Fine Arts. She recently served as the Associate Director for the School of Art at ISU and will serve this year as the Interim Director of the Ames School of Art.

Kohtz, Cindy - Associate Professor of Nursing  
B.S. Bradley University, M.S. The University of Illinois at Chicago, EdD. Illinois State University  
Cindy Kohtz received her BSN from Bradley University, her MSN from the University of Illinois, and her doctorate in Education, Curriculum and Instruction from Illinois State University. Her specific research interests focus on nursing education. Dr. Kohtz loves to write towards publication and to work with colleagues both in and outside of nursing on scholarly endeavors. Dr. Kohtz has many years of experience in teaching at the baccalaureate and graduate levels. She lives in rural Tremont with Randy, her husband, and their two dogs. They are looking forward to welcoming an exchange student from Switzerland this coming academic year and a new labradoodle puppy named Chia. Beyond this, Cindy loves to garden, travel, and entertain for the holidays.

Lattimore, Jania - Library Building Aide, Ames Library  
Illinois Wesleyan welcomed Jania to campus in November. For the past eight years she supervised a computer lab and monitored children's programs for the Bloomington Housing Authority. She is currently engaged and has one son. Jania enjoys reading and playing computer games.

McGuire, Trevor - Visiting Assistant Professor of Mathematics  
B.A. New College of Florida, M.S. Louisiana State University, Ph.D. Louisiana State University  
Trevor McGuire received his BA from New College of Florida in 2009, and his PhD from Louisiana State University in 2014. Dr. McGuire earned several awards for teaching and national grants while at Louisiana State. His research program concerns finding relationships between equations in monoid algebras. Specifically, his work utilizes tools from the field of combinatorics to answer questions purely about algebra. His first postdoctoral posting was at North Dakota State University, where he founded the NDSU Math Circle for gifted high school students. His interests are varied, but are focused on bicycle advocacy, long distance cycling, astronomy, veganism, board games in general, and Scrabble in particular. He moved to Bloomington with his wife and 5 month old son.

O'Brien, Maureen - Visiting Assistant Professor of Accounting  
B.S. Bradley University, M.S. University of St. Francis, M.S. Illinois State University  
Maureen is a CPA and a Certified Valuation Analyst. In addition to considerable experience in public accounting, she has taught accounting at Eureka, Robert Morris, and ISU where she was recognized for excellence in teaching. She has also been involved in VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) Program.
Perkins, Kelli - Assistant Director of Residential Life/Director of First Year Experiences, Office of Residential Life
B.A. Trinity College, M.S. North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University
Illinois Wesleyan welcomed Kelli to campus in January. She previously worked as an assistant director of residential life at the University of Louisiana at Monroe; an assistant director of residential education at the University of North Carolina School of the Arts; and a residence life coordinator at the Art Institute of Washington, located in Arlington, Virginia. Originally from Cleveland, Ohio, Kelli is the eighth of ten children in her family. Kelli enjoys blogging, cooking, singing, pageantry, and traveling. She is a member of the American College Personnel Association; the Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education; Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.; and Alpha Phi Omega National Service Fraternity.

Prager, Tiffany - Head Softball Coach and Assistant Professor of Physical Education
B.S. and M.S. Illinois State University
A graduate of Olympia High School, Tiffany received a B.S. in Business Administration and M.S. in Sports Administration, both from Illinois State University where she was an Academic All-American athlete. While completing her graduate degree, she served as a graduate assistant for the IWU softball program from 2011 to 2013. She has been an assistant softball coach at the University of Dayton for the past three seasons and has served as the top assistant since July 2015.

Reissenweber, Brandi - Assistant Professor of English
B.A. Purdue University, M.F.A. New York University
Brandi Reissenweber is a fiction writer. Her short stories have appeared in several journals, including Willow Springs, Los Angeles Review, and The Briar Cliff Review. Her fiction has been supported by the Wisconsin Institute for Creative Writing at the University of Wisconsin in Madison, the Kerouac Project of Orlando, and the Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs. She is currently at work on a novel. She has taught at IWU since 2006.

Riddle, Craig - Electrician, Physical Plant
Craig began his campus duties in September. Prior to coming to Illinois Wesleyan he worked for Anderson Electric for nine years as a journeyman electrician. Craig is a member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, local 197. He and his wife, Sarah, have three children.

Robinette, Jeffrey - Network Administrator, Information Technology Services
Prior to joining Illinois Wesleyan in March, Jeff served four years in the United States Navy and worked for State Farm for 11 years. He is married and enjoys several hobbies which include: running, home improvement, and cooking.

Rowe, Jodi - Assistant Vice President for Alumni Engagement, Advancement
B.A. Blackburn College, M.A. McKendree University
Jodi began her duties at Illinois Wesleyan in October. She brings with her 14 years of experience in the alumni/development field. Jodi and her husband, Justin have three boys named Auggie, Murphy, and Callan. Jodi is a member of the Council for Advancement and Support of Education; and Kappa Delta Pi Sorority.

Sanchez, Hermalinda - Custodian, Physical Plant
Illinois Wesleyan welcomed Hermalinda, she prefers Linda, to campus full-time in June. She previously worked on campus through a temporary agency. When she is not working she stays busy with her two children.

Sather, Jeremy - Assistant Professor of Japanese Language
B.A. University of Montana, M.A. University of Pennsylvania, Ph.D. University of Pennsylvania
Jeremy Sather assistant professor of Japanese at Illinois Wesleyan University. While an undergraduate at the University of Montana he spent two years in Japan as an exchange student before receiving his diploma in Japanese Languages and Literatures in 2005. That same year he began graduate work at the University of Pennsylvania, spending another two years in Japan before completing his dissertation, The Myth of Peace: Taiheiki and the Rhetoric of War, in 2012. His work focuses on the ways in which medieval Japanese coped with violence and instability, particularly in the realm of literature.

Schwend, Tyler - Assistant Professor
B.A. University of Illinois-Urbana-Champaign, Ph.D. Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine
Tyler Schwend received his BS from the University of Illinois. His PhD work was completed at Northwestern University and his postdoctoral studies were conducted at Kansas State University and the University of Illinois. Dr. Schwend was awarded National Institutes of Health funding during his doctoral and postdoctoral studies and his current program of research focuses on nerve development and regeneration. Specifically his research interests center on identifying the molecular factors and underlying mechanisms involved in developmental innervation of the cornea and utilizes the embryonic chick as a model organism. Dr. Schwend comes to IWU by way of Hope College in Holland, MI, having just completed his first year of faculty teaching at the undergraduate level. Originally from Washington, IL, Dr. Schwend is thrilled to have an opportunity to teach and serve students in Central Illinois. He lives in Normal with his wife Lindsay and has 2 energetic sons, Owen (3) and Brady (1). Dr. Schwend enjoys spending time with family, sports, movies and cooking.

Solberg, Joseph - Visiting Professor
B.B.A. University of Notre Dame, J.D. Loyola University of Chicago
Joe has recently retired from the Finance, Insurance, and Law Department of the School of Business at ISU where he taught courses in business law, ethics, real estate law, and insurance. He has also worked as a private attorney and as an Assistant State’s Attorney. He is the recipient of numerous teaching awards. Joe has taught ethics courses in IWU’s Business Department since 2008.
Stamm, Kylie - Assistant Director of the Office of Diversity and Inclusion, Dean of Students  
B.A. James Madison University, M.A. Appalachian State University  
Illinois Wesleyan welcomed Kylie to campus in June. She worked as an admissions counselor at James Madison University for two years then worked in graduate internship positions while obtaining her master’s degree. Kylie enjoys yoga, arts and crafts, reading, hiking, traveling, and cooking. She is a member of the American College Personnel Association.

Staughton, David - Assistant Professor of Theatre Arts  
B.A. Mount Union College, M.F.A. University of Arkansas  
David Allen Staughton (MFA, Lighting Design) has designed the lighting for a diverse array of projects in both professional and academic venues across the country. Prior to joining the IWU faculty, David taught at Hamilton College and The University of Texas at El Paso. David teaches courses in production design and technology spanning the fields of lighting, sound, and projection.

Thompson, Trisha - Operations Coordinator, Hispanic Studies/French & Italian/German, Russian, & Asian Languages  
A.S. Richland Community College, B.A. Milliken University  
Before joining the campus community in March, Trisha was Assistant to the President of Retirement Companies of America, LLC. in Memphis, Tennessee. Before moving to Tennessee four years ago, Trisha worked at Illinois Wesleyan as a temporary office coordinator in Mellon Center. She and her husband, Grant, have two daughters named Emmerysyn and Addeline. Trisha enjoys reading, spending time with family and friends, and being outdoors.

Wright, Clinton - Security Officer, Dean of Students  
B.S. Illinois State University  
Clinton was welcomed to campus in January. Prior to coming to Illinois Wesleyan, he worked at the McLean Count Court Services as a drug court officer. Clinton was a member of the McLean County CrimeStoppers from 2012-2014. He has also been trained in verbal Judo and de-escalation techniques.

Visiting Professors promoted to tenured professors:  
Bertchi, Lydia  
Fitzgibbons, Sarah (Sally)  
Reissenweber, Brandi

Office location changes:

There are no office location changes.