NEW FACES NEW PLACES – 2014
Please welcome our new colleagues!

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 2013 and of faculty who are joining us this academic year.

Ballard, Kaitlin - Residence Director, Office of Residential Life
B.A., M.S. Illinois State University
Prior to becoming a full-time residence director in June, Kaitlin worked as a graduate residence director for the University while earning her master’s degree in College Personnel Administration.

Becharas, Lisa - Assistant Track Coach, Physical Education
B.A. DePauw University, M.S. Illinois State University
For the last two years, while earning her master’s degree in Biomechanics, Lisa worked as a graduate assistant coach in the Physical Education department. In June, she began her full-time responsibilities at Illinois Wesleyan University. Lisa’s parents reside in Pleasant Prairie, Wisconsin. She also has a brother, Nick and sister, Carrie.

Blanchard, Thomas - Assistant Professor of Philosophy
Ph. D. Candidate - Rutgers University, M.A., l’École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales - Paris, B.A. Sorbonne - Paris 1
Thomas Blanchard will receive a Ph. D. in philosophy from Rutgers University in October 2014. His specialization is in philosophy of science. His current research is on the role of causal notions in science. He enjoys reading fiction, hiking, and playing a variety of racket sports.

Brennan, Jacob - Carpenter/Building Mechanic, Physical Plant
Jacob joined Illinois Wesleyan University in October. He has worked as a contractor in the Bloomington-Normal area for the past eleven years.

Brent, Kristine - Student Loan Coordinator, Financial Aid
B.A. Illinois Wesleyan University, B.A. Illinois State University
Prior to coming to the Financial Aid department in June, Kristine spent six and a half years working at Chestnut Health Systems in Bloomington. During her first two and a half years, Kristine performed data analysis on the data team. During her final four years, she worked in instructional design for the agency. Kristine and her husband Tony have one son. She enjoys baking, knitting, spending time with friends and family, watching Doctor Who, and traveling.

Brooks, Krasandra - Custodian, Physical Plant
Before Krasandra was hired as a full-time custodian in March, she spent several months working at Illinois Wesleyan University through a temporary agency. Krasandra enjoys attending church activities especially singing with her church family.

Brown, Emily - Stage Electrician, School of Theatre Arts
B.F.A. Missouri State University
Illinois Wesleyan welcomed Emily to campus last August. Prior to arriving on campus, she worked at the Omaha Theater Company in Nebraska for a year. Emily worked in lighting, lighting design, sound, and as a master electrician for the stage.

Campbell, Karen - Associate Director of Development for Major Gifts, Advancement
B.S. Illinois State University
Karen began her duties at IWU in October. She spent nine years with the American Cancer Society. Most recently, Karen served as the director of major gifts and corporate relations in the St. Louis, Missouri office. She has a four-year-old daughter and a two-year-old son. Karen enjoys the great outdoors and is passionate about physical activity; her favorites are cross training, yoga, and spinning. Karen also loves to cook and is an advocate of reading to children and the power it has in their lives. More than anything, she enjoys the constant movement, chatter and the experiences with her children. Karen looks forward to getting involved in the Bloomington-Normal community through volunteerism.

Castillo, Robert - Admissions Counselor, Admissions
B.A. Illinois Wesleyan University
After graduating from Illinois Wesleyan in three and a half years as an English major and philosophy minor, Robert began work as an admissions counselor in January. While in school, he was a member of Sigma Tau Delta (English Honor Society) and Phi Sigma Tau (Philosophy Honor Society). Robert enjoys running, reading, and writing, and considers himself a Bloomington-Normal and IWU history buff. He is very excited to call this community home!
Common, Brandon - Director of the Office of Diversity and Inclusion, Dean of Students  
B.S. University of Missouri, M.Ed. Ohio University, Ph.D. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign  
Prior to joining IWU in June, Brandon worked as an assistant director of fraternity and sorority affairs at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Brandon’s family consists of his mother, stepfather, one sister, and one niece. He enjoys exercising, reading, taking walks, and learning new things.

Cozy, Loralyn - Assistant Professor of Biology  
B.S. Western Washington University, Ph.D. Indiana University  
Loralyn Cozy received her Ph.D. in Microbiology from Indiana University in 2011 and was an NSF postdoctoral fellow at the University of Hawaii until 2014. Her research interests focus on understanding the development of specialized cell types in bacteria. Loralyn loves dance, music, and enjoying the outdoors.

Dahan, Andrew - Visiting Instructor of Music Education  
Andrew Dahan is a Ph.D. candidate in the Department of Music Education and Music Therapy at the University of Miami. The combined experiences he has had between his education and teaching have led to an interest in researching the inclusion of jazz pedagogy in choral classrooms, as well as the history of vocal jazz education. He has presented parts of his research at national- and state-level conferences. During his time at UM, he had the privilege of being selected to perform as a background vocalist for artists including George Benson, Gloria Estefan, Ben Folds, and Steve Miller. Drew enjoys playing tennis, learning how to be a better cook, and spending time with friends and family.

Frank III, Robert - Web Designer, Office of Communications  
B.F.A. Illinois Wesleyan University  
Robert joined IWU earlier this month. He is a 2014 graduate, has worked as a summer student worker for three years on campus, and spent a year working as a student worker in the Office of Communications. Robert enjoys biking, origami, and playing the piano.

Gentes, Matthew - Painter/Building Mechanic, Physical Plant  
B.A. Illinois State University  
In December, Matthew began his duties at Illinois Wesleyan University. For the past thirteen years, he has been co-owner of Gentes Stone and Tile located in Bloomington. Matthew and his wife Jenny have three children.

Guarrine, Jamie-Rose - Visiting Assistant Professor of Music  
M.M., D.M.A. University of Wisconsin-Madison, B.M.E. Illinois Wesleyan University  
Dr. Jamie-Rose Guarrine has performed on the stages of The Minnesota Opera, Los Angeles Opera, Santa Fe Opera, Chicago Opera Theater, Opera Philadelphia, Florentine Opera of Milwaukee, and Austin Lyric Opera among others. She is a proud alumna of IWU, having graduated in 2000. Jamie-Rose is thrilled to be teaching a new generation of young singers.

Heatherington Tilka, Wyatt - Assistant Technical Director/Scene Shop Supervisor, School of Theatre Arts  
B.F.A. Carnegie Mellon University-Pittsburgh  
Wyatt joined IWU in December. During his undergraduate years as an architecture student Wyatt participated in student-led theater. It was there that he discovered his passion for theater. He is a recipient of the Hennepin Theatre Trust of Minnesota Award for Lighting Design.

Horine, David - Piano Technician, School of Music  
B.Ed. Illinois Wesleyan University  
David began his full-time duties for Illinois Wesleyan in June. He is a registered piano technician and participates regularly in Steinway factory training. David spent thirty-two years in the School of Music at Illinois State University where he served as the chief piano technician. He has six children, enjoys woodworking, biking, hiking, and is an avid reader.

Horn, Edward - Security Officer, Security  
In April, Edward began working part-time in the Security department. After he spent two years in the Army, Edward worked at Caterpillar, Inc. for twenty-five years in the metallurgy lab. He later worked in a municipal water treatment facility. Edward and his wife have two daughters and two grandsons. Edward enjoys spending time with his two stepdaughters. He is interested in Harley-Davidson motorcycles, airplanes, reading good mysteries, and watching crime series on television. Edward belongs to the Aircraft Owners & Pilots Association, American Chemical Society, American Water Works Association, and he is a third degree Knights of Columbus member.
Horner, Christine - Office Coordinator II, Multi Programs
B.S. Illinois State University
Christine re-joined Illinois Wesleyan in September. She previously worked in Ames Library before leaving to relocate. Christine is married and has three children. She enjoys reading, running, and spending time with her children.

Ivanov, Lev - Visiting Assistant Professor of Music
D.M.A. Arizona State University, M.M. Brigham Young University, B. M. Tchaikovsky National Academy of Music
Lev Ivanov is a Ukrainian-born conductor who is passionate about music education. He studied at the Tchaikovsky National Academy of Music in Ukraine (B.M.), Brigham Young University (M.M.) and Arizona State University (D.M.A.). He is a winner of international chamber music and conducting competitions. Lev loves travel, great food, and spending time with his family.

Miller, Jeffrey - Electrician, Physical Plant
In October, Jeffrey began his electrician duties on campus. He has eighteen years of experience as an electrician. Jeffrey worked in new construction, remodels and made service calls in the Bloomington-Normal area. He is married with two children.

Munson-Dryer, Molly - Executive Assistant to the President, President's Office
B.A. University of Southern California, M.A. George Washington University, Ed.D. Illinois State University
Molly joined the President’s Office in December. She spent over seventeen years working at Illinois State University. For the past eight years, Molly served as the Director of the Cecilia J. Lauby Teacher Education Center. She was also responsible for coordinating accreditation work for the teacher education unit. Prior to that experience, Molly served as an academic advisor, student teaching supervisor, and high school history teacher. She and her husband Bill have two daughters, Alyssa and Chelsea. Molly coaches one daughter’s softball team and serves as a daisy scout leader for the other daughter. Molly enjoys traveling, cooking, throwing dinner parties, playing tennis, cycling, and yoga. She is a member of the National Council for the Social Sciences, the American Association of Colleges of Teacher Education, and the Illinois Association of Colleges of Teacher Education.

Ogan, Stephen - Assistant Manager of Maintenance Services, Physical Plant
In October, Stephen joined Illinois Wesleyan. For over thirty years, he was self-employed and worked as a general contractor. Stephen specialized in carpentry and cabinetry. For the past few years, he has done contract work at Illinois Wesleyan. Stephen enjoys spending time with his wife Cindy.

O'Grady, Brandon – Groundskeeper, Physical Plant
Brandon began working at Illinois Wesleyan this week. For the past twelve years, he worked as a land surveyor for Lewis, Yockey & Brown, Inc. Prior to this Brandon worked as a groundskeeper/maintenance worker for McLean County Parks and Recreation, specifically Evergreen Lake located in Comlara County Park. He enjoys boating, camping, hunting, hiking, and is an avid long distance runner. Brandon belongs to the Lake Run Club of Bloomington.

Schauls, Kyle - Head Men’s Soccer Coach/Assistant Professor
M.A. Western Michigan University, B.A. Wartburg College
Kyle Schauls recently completed the 2013 season as the assistant men's soccer coach at the University of Rochester, in which the team won the UAA championship and advanced to the Sweet 16 round of the NCAA tournament. With a final record of 15-3-2, Rochester finished the season ranked #12 in the nation for NCAA D-III men's soccer, and the coaches were awarded the UAA Coaching Staff of the Year. Prior to his time at Rochester, Schauls spent three seasons as the assistant men's soccer coach at Western Michigan University. Kyle enjoys spending his free time being active in the outdoors, traveling, and he's always up for a good diner breakfast.

Taylor, Christian - Assistant Football Coach, Recruiter & Strength Coach, Physical Education
B.S. College of William and Mary
The Physical Education department welcomed Christian to campus in February. He has a great deal of work experience in college football, most recently he was a running back coach/recruiting coordinator at the University of San Diego. Christian’s family consists of his fiancée, Shay and two sons, Anthony and Tyler. Christian’s interests and hobbies are winning football games!

Vales, Elizabeth - Residence Director, Office of Residential Life
B.S., M.A. University of Illinois, M.Ed. Wichita State University
In October, Elizabeth began her duties on campus as a residence director and currently serves as an area director. She previously worked as a residence life coordinator at Wichita State University, a human resources analyst at The Baby Fold in Normal, and a facility manager for campus recreation at the University of Illinois. Elizabeth grew up in Normal with her brother who is currently attending college and her sister who is married with two children. Elizabeth’s sister and brother-in-law both attended Illinois Wesleyan University. Elizabeth enjoys sports, watching the Chicago Bears, and traveling. She has traveled to every continent and over fifteen countries. Elizabeth is a member of the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators.
Wagner, Robert - Visiting Professor of Physics  
B.S. Illinois State University, Ph.D. Princeton University
Robert Wagner received his Ph.D. in Physics from Princeton University in 2008. His research interests include quantum field theory and elementary particle physics, and he has published several papers in these fields.

White, Aaron - Residence Director, Office of Residential Life  
B.S., M.S. Eastern Illinois University
Aaron joined Illinois Wesleyan University last August working as a residence director for the Office of Residential Life and currently serves as an area director. He received his master’s degree in College Student Affairs. While working toward his master’s degree, he volunteered with a mentoring program geared toward minority males on the Eastern Illinois University campus.

Wilson, Carly - Assistant Director of the Wesleyan Fund, Advancement  
B.A. Illinois Wesleyan University
In May, Carly began her duties in the Advancement office. Prior to joining Illinois Wesleyan, she worked at Easter Seals in Bloomington. Carly enjoys playing volleyball, traveling, scrapbooking, volunteering in the community, and spending time with her friends and family. She is also a member of the Bloomington-Normal Jaycees.

Wheeler, Brian - Plumber, Physical Plant
Brian arrived on campus in August to provide his plumbing services full-time. For the past sixteen years, Brian worked as a contractor on campus through Hill and Hill. He and his wife Kim have a daughter, Morgan and a son, Logan. Brian enjoys golf and watching the children play sports. He is a licensed plumber and is a member of Plumbers and Pipefitter Local 99.

The following faculty who were on visiting appointments return as tenure-track faculty members:
Nawaraj Chaulagain  
Pennie Gray  
Molly Robey

Office Location Changes:
The Writing Center moved from Buck Hall 102 to Ames Library 105B.

Departmental Name Changes:
Multicultural Student Affairs is now being identified as the Office of Diversity and Inclusion.