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## **A Celebration of Women's Achievements IWU Library Recognizes Faculty Contributions in Science**

BLOOMINGTON, Ill.—Beginning mid-March, in recognition of Women's History Month, Sheean Library will display "Women in Science," an exhibit to recognize women faculty of Illinois Wesleyan University who have made contributions in the sciences.

The display will feature the accomplishments of Rebecca Roesner, assistant professor of chemistry, Sheryl Soukup, biology lab coordinator, Elizabeth Balsler, assistant professor of biology, Moreena Tiede, adjunct instructor in computer science, and Kathleen House, visiting assistant professor of chemistry.

Located in the library's foyer, the display will include photos, descriptions of research and background information on each individual. The display also will include "words of wisdom" that will reflect obstacles encountered by women pursuing a career in science. The featured women also will provide comments intended to encourage other females to pursue a career in science.

"This exhibit seeks to convey the faculty's enthusiasm for the sciences in hopes to catch students' imagination and sense of adventure," said Sarah George, visiting science professor. "It is also important for students to see their professors in a different setting to gain a realistic and diversified view of academic life."

Held every March, the celebration of Women's History Month began in 1987 when the National Women's History Project, a group whose mission is to promote multicultural women's history, petitioned U.S. Congress for national recognition. Since then, Women's History Month has been approved with bipartisan support from the U.S. Senate and the House of Representatives. Each March, programs and activities in schools, workplaces and communities are designed to recognize the importance of women and their contributions to society.

### **About Illinois Wesleyan University**

IWU, founded in 1850, enrolls about 2,070 students in a College of Liberal Arts, and individual schools of Music, Theatre Arts, Art and Nursing. Since 1994, these facilities have been added to the IWU campus: a \$15 million athletics and recreation center, a \$25 million science center, a \$6.8 million residence hall, a \$5.1 million Center for Liberal Arts, and a \$1.65 million baseball stadium. Construction is underway on a \$23 million library and \$6 million student center. Kiplinger's Personal Finance Magazine ranks Illinois Wesleyan University 12th among the nation's 1,600

private colleges in providing top-quality education at an affordable cost. Also sharing IWU's rank are Princeton and Dartmouth.

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