Here is the latest news I have received of the activities of Illinois Wesleyan University faculty -- including and especially reports on scholarly writing, composition, artistry, grants, awards, procreative and adoptive activities, and other recognition given for both curricular and artistic/scholarly achievement. I ask that you join Acting Provost Schnaitter and me in congratulating the following colleagues on their significant accomplishments.

- The latest volume of the massive Dictionary of Literary Biography has just appeared, co-edited by our own Professor Marina Balina (MCLL) and by Professor Mark Lipovetsky of the University of Colorado at Boulder. “Russian Writers since 1980” is volume two hundred and eighty-five in the Dictionary series, and comprises xxvii + 456 pp., with literary biographies of 39 Russian authors. Professors Lipovetsky and Balina coauthored the impressive introduction to the volume in addition to their editing duties. Professor Balina also recently notified me that she has published an article “Non-fiction: Autobiographical and memoir writing in contemporary Russia” in the January 2003 issue of the Russian journal Znamia, and that she has also authored a book review of a German book on Minimalism which appeared in Slavic Review.

- Professors Elizabeth Balser and Will Jaeckle (Biology), along with Professors K. Emily Knott and Gregory A. Wray (of SUNY Stony Brook) coauthored the paper entitled “Identification of asteroid genera with species capable of larval cloning,” which appeared in the Biological Bulletin (vol. 204, pp. 246-255, 2003), a journal published by the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute.

- Professors Connie Dennis and Sheila Jesek-Hale (Nursing) have published “Calculating therapeutic self-care demand for a nursing population of normal newborns” in the April 2003 issue of Self-care, Dependent-care, & Nursing (vol. 11, pp. 3-10), which is the official journal of the International Orem Society.

- An article by Professor Sara Freeman (Theatre Arts) entitled “Adaptation after Darwin: Timberlake Wertenbakers’s evolving texts” has appeared in Modern Drama (vol. 45, pp. 646-662, winter 2002). In the opinion of this evolutionary-biologist-turned-acting-dean, Professor Freeman displays an impressive grasp of many facets of evolutionary theory in her account of the “evolving” thought of playwright Wertenbaker. Professor Freeman explores just over twenty years of Wertenbaker’s writing in this article.

- Professor David Fryer (Religion), as Guest Editor of the Spring 2003 issue of Listening – Journal of Religion and Culture, wrote the Introduction and contributed an article to an “attempt by five scholars to theorize the importance and meaning of various symbols of the human from phenomenological and post-structuralist perspectives.” Professor Fryer’s
“Introduction: Symbols of the human phenomenology, poststructuralism, and culture (vol. 38, pp. 78-83) introduces the authors and the topics to be discussed, while his article “Toward a phenomenology of gender: On Butler, positivism, and the question of experience” (pp. 135-162) is a contribution on the question of what it means to identify oneself in terms of a specific gender.

- **Professor Abigail Jahiel** (Political Science/Environmental and International Studies) has published “Globalization and the violation of environmental justice” in the journal *China Rights Forum – The Journal of Human Rights in China* (vol. 4, pp. 22-25, 2002). This article is an examination of “the global pattern of exportation and displacement of environmental harms from the rich to the poorer people and nations,” as well as an examination of the likelihood of change in the pattern.

- Professor **Sandra Lindberg** (Theatre Arts) had her paper “Film, Broadcast and e-Media Coaching and other contemporary issues in professional voice and speech training” appear recently in the journal *Voice and Speech Review*. Her paper was published in the Summer of 2003.

- Director **Fred Miller** of Information Technology continues his scholarly activity by being asked recently by EDUCAUSE to serve on the Editorial Committee for *EDUCAUSE Quarterly* magazine, which is the association's peer reviewed journal. This appointment begins in November and is for a three-year term.


- Continuing her scholarship on the emerging identities of women in northwestern Africa, Professor **Valérie Orlando** (MCLL) has recently published “Authority, desire and the sacred in the new Algeria,” which appeared in *Phoebe. Journal of feminist scholarship theory and aesthetics* (vol. 14, pp. 41-52, Spring/Fall 2002). She additionally reports that the “long, uncut version” of “From Rap to Raï in the mixing bowl: Beur Hip-Hop culture and Banlieue cinema in urban France” has appeared in *Journal of Popular Culture* (vol. 36, pp. 395-415, 2003).

- **Professor Chris Prendergast** (Sociology/Anthropology) was President-elect of the Midwest Sociological Society when he began planning the 2003 Annual Meeting, ultimately held in Chicago from April 16th through 19th of 2003. He chose as the theme for the conference “Social and Cultural Dynamics: From social relationships through the world system,” concentrating on “interdependent [social and cultural] processes that precipitate changes of state in social systems.” As a symbol of the theme of the conference, Professor Prendergast chose a tornado (apropos of the Midwest), which was illustrated wonderfully well on the cover of the conference program by Art major Mark Boswell of IWU.
• The article “Teaching anti-poverty policies through an undergraduate travel course” is a direct out come of teaching a May Term travel course to Washington DC in 2002, according to author and Professor Greg M. Shaw (Political Science). The article appeared recently in the Journal of Teaching in Marriage and Family (vol. 3, pp. 99-108, 2003).

• Professor Tim Query (Business Administration) reports that he and former student Todd Marshall (class of 2003) have published an article entitled “When mutual fund managers move on” in the on-line journal Working Money. The article had its origins in an independent study project performed by Todd and supervised by Professor Query. Articles authored by undergraduates are quite rare in business journals, according to my sources. Professor Query has also coauthored a paper with former IWU Professor Zhenhu Jin entitled “Waking Tiger,” which appeared recently in Best’s Review (August 2003, pp. 119-121) in their E-commerce Technology section.

• I was pleased to learn that Professor David Vayo (Music) was notified in August that he was chosen as an ASCAP Award recipient this year. The American Society of Composers, Authors & Publishers (ASCAP) annually convene a panel of very distinguished judges who review “the unique prestige value of each [music composer’s] catalog of original compositions, as well as recent performances…” Professor Vayo will receive an ASCAP grant as part of his award.

I know of four new babies who have joined our community in the time since the last Faculty Notes were written. Professor David Fryer (Religion) and his partner Terry Lubin’s new baby arrived on September 24 at 12:10 a.m. Her name is Elie Noah Lubin and at birth she was 7 pounds in weight and 18 inches in length. Professor Rob Kearney (Business Administration) and his wife Dahlia welcomed their second child, Roberto Stephen Kearney on March 9, 2003. Professor Linda Kunce (Psychology) and husband Mike Cheavens traveled to Yongshou, Hunan Province, China to bring back their new daughter (originally named Shuang Bo which means “Twin Lakes”, now Sophia Cheavens), who was born on October 15, 2002. Professor Gabe Spalding (Physics) was able to take his sabbatical leave last year as a member of the Optical Trapping Group at the University of St. Andrews in Scotland. While there, he and Brenda had a 9 lb. 2 oz. (or 0.65 stone) addition to the Spalding family: Dalton Cooper Spalding arrived just after midnight on May 5, 2003. We welcome you, Dalton, Elie, Roberto and Sophia to our community, and we look forward to meeting each of you.