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.

- At the invitation of the Embassy of Spain, Professor **Teddy Amoloza** (Sociology and Anthropology) is visiting Spain on November 1-9, 2003 as part of an 18-member delegation from the Midwest. The group will be hosted by the Spanish Institute for Foreign Trade and the Spanish Association for the Advancement of Spanish as an Economic Resource. They will meet with representatives from various educational institutions in Madrid and Santiago de Compostela. Teddy will also visit the campus and meet with staff of the Fundacion Ortega y Gasset where our Madrid Semester program will be based.

- Professor **April DeConick** (Religion) has published “The great mystery of marriage – sex and conception in ancient Valentinian traditions” in the journal *Vigiliae Christianaei* (vol. 57, pp. 307-342, 2003). This paper – an outgrowth of her work on Valentinian Gnosticism and sacramentalism -- is on sexual attitudes and practices among the early Christians.


- Former student Alexander Laurie (who graduated from IWU in 2003) and Professor **Narendra Jaggi** (Physics) have recently published "Physics and Sociology: Neighborhood Racial Segregation" in the journal *Solid State Physics (DAE)* (vol. 45, pp. 183-184, 2002). The article reports on some of the interdisciplinary work that Narendra and his students have been doing at the boundary of sociology and physics!

- Professor **Robert Kearney** (Business Administration) received the Outstanding Proceedings Paper Award (for the second year in a row) this past summer at the national meeting of the Academy of Legal Studies in Business. His paper, "The Unintended Hostile Environment: Mapping the Limits of Sexual Harassment Law," has been accepted for publication by the Berkeley *Journal of Employment and Labor Law*. He also was invited recently by the United States Court of Appeals in Chicago to present a lecture on employment law and employment
• An article presenting and discussing polling data on questions relating to abortion has appeared in the journal *Public Opinion Quarterly* (vol. 67, pp. 407-429, 2003), authored by Professor Greg Shaw (Political Science). The article included polling data on questions such as: “Do you personally believe abortion is wrong?” and “Do you favor laws that would make it more difficult to get an abortion, favor laws that would make it easier to get an abortion, or should no change be made to existing abortion laws?”

• Professor Michael Weis (History) has been invited to participate in a program sponsored by the Bloomington Public Library under the auspices of a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities. Michael has agreed to lead discussions by members of the Bloomington-Normal community after the group has viewed a video series entitled *The Sixties: America’s Decade of Crisis and Change*. Michael also reports that a Portuguese translation of a journal article originally written by him in English has recently appeared in Brazil. It is entitled “O debate sobre desenvolvimento entre o Brasil e os EUA na década de cinquenta.”

My sincere apologies to Professor Sandra Lindberg (Theatre Arts) for getting the title of her recent publication wrong in my October faculty meeting notes. I should have reported that she has published a paper entitled “Archetypal image work in Shakespearean performance training” which appeared in *Voice and Speech Review* (Summer 2003, pp. 193-210). My fault entirely.

And finally, Professor Hans-Joerg Tiede (Math/Computer Science) and his wife Moreena’s new baby arrived on October 9 at 1:38 p.m. Her name is Franciska Marie and at last report, mother, daughter, sister, and father are all doing very well.