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Teaching Excellence Award Ceremony

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The Arrival of the Queen of Sheba.....G. F. Handel
(1685-1759)

Ram Mohan

*Wendell and Loretta Hess Endowed Professor of Chemistry
and Chair of Chemistry*

Recipient of the Kemp Foundation Award for Teaching Excellence — 2023

“Life Lessons from Adventures in a Research Lab”

Professor Mohan earned a bachelor's (Honors) in chemistry from [Central College, Dumas, TN](#); a master's in organic chemistry from the [University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN](#); and a doctorate in organic chemistry from the [University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN](#). He did postdoctoral work at the [University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN](#) and [Central College, Dumas, TN](#) where he is currently the Wendell and Loretta Hess Professor of Chemistry.

Professor Mohan has taught a variety of courses at IWU ranging from Nursing chemistry to organic chemistry, advanced organic chemistry, and a physical science issues course for non-majors titled “Better Living through Green chemistry.” Due to his efforts, there has been a significant reduction in the waste generated in the chemistry labs at IWU, reduction in the use of toxic chemicals, and in the greening of our labs.

His research focuses on Green Organic Synthesis using bismuth compounds. His contributions in this field

Faculty Retirements



何天晓教授
教授何天晓，1991年加入印第安纳大学韦斯特波特分校（IWU）师资队伍。他在中国合肥工业大学获得了学士和硕士学位。他拥有两个博士学位，一个来自中国的大连理工大学，另一个来自德克萨斯农工大学。在加入IWU之前，他在德克萨斯农工大学和合肥工业大学任教。

Professor Tian-Xiao He joined the IWU faculty in 1991. He earned Bachelor's and Master's degrees from Hefei University of Technology in China. He holds two Ph.D.'s in mathematics, one from Dalian Institute of Technology in China and a second one from Texas A&M University. Prior to joining IWU, he taught at Texas A&M University and at Hefei University.

Professor He was awarded the Earl and Marian Beling Professorship of Natural Science in August 2013. He co-organized the Beling Lecture Series, which brought to campus 73 guest speakers.

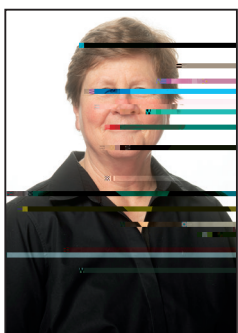
He published eight books and at least 157 peer-reviewed papers, in addition to 39 earlier publications in Chinese. He has given invited talks at conferences and universities in South Korea, Italy, Spain, Belgium, China, India, Hong Kong, and the US.

He served as a member of scientific and organizing committees of a very impressive number of international conferences. In 2016, he co-organized and brought to campus *The Third International Symposium on Riordan Arrays and Related Topics*. One of his students received accolades from leading mathematicians for her graduate-level contribution at that conference.

He is on the editorial board of 12 journals and is the editor-in-chief of the *Journal of Advances in Mathematics and Computer Science*, covering the USA, Europe and Asia. He also serves as a referee for 27 journals.

Professor He taught 27 different courses since he joined IWU and developed 6 new courses. He pioneered the introduction of *Wavelet Analysis* in the undergraduate curriculum. One of his most rewarding and outstanding contributions to IWU has been his work with students. He directed more than 26 undergraduate research projects, many of which were Honors Research projects that resulted in joint publications with his students in peer-reviewed journals.

Professor He has been an outstanding member of the IWU faculty. He brought international recognition to the mathematics program. He retires this summer after 32 years of service.



梅格·米纳
梅格·米纳于2002年作为项目档案员加入印第安纳大学韦斯特波特分校（IWU）师资队伍，并于2008年起担任大学档案员和特藏馆馆长。她于1999年从北方伊利诺伊大学获得英语文学学士学位，以最高荣誉毕业；2001年从伊利诺伊大学厄巴纳-香槟分校获得图书馆学硕士学位；2012年获得特藏馆馆长证书。

Meg Miner started her IWU career as a Project Archivist in 2002 and has served as University Archivist and Special Collections Librarian since 2008. She earned a BA in English Literature from Northern Illinois University, graduating magna cum laude in 1999; a Masters of Library Science from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 2001, and a certificate in Special Collections Librarianship in 2012.

During her tenure at IWU, she established an oral history program to address gaps in the university's historical record, increased collaborations with faculty across the university on ways the archives could complement

their teaching goals, and built collections of materials with the goal of preserving the history of student groups, alumni, and affinity groups for future generations. Meg is an invited member of three honor societies: Beta Phi Mu, the International Library and Information Studies Honor Society; Phi Kappa Phi, collegiate honor society for all academic disciplines; and the Theta Iota Chapter of Eta Sigma Phi, the Classical Studies honor society. She was also a co-recipient of the National Digital Stewardship Alliance's Innovation Award, Organization category for Digital POWRR Project (Preserving Digital Objects With Restricted Resources) and a co-recipient of the Society of American Archivists' Preservation Publication Award for the article "From Theory to Action: "Good Enough" Digital Preservation Solutions for Under-Resourced Cultural Heritage Institutions." However, Meg's greatest accomplishment is her stellar record of working with all in the IWU community, from students to alumni, to help them understand and navigate IWU's history through primary sources, and to see themselves as an integral part of our collective story.

Chuck Springwood

Anthropologist Clifford Geertz once said "I'm an inveterate fox and not a hedgehog, so I always think you should try everything." Chuck Springwood is, like Geertz, both a consummate anthropologist, and a fox. By this, of course, I mean that Chuck is the kind of intellectual who finds as much meaning in a funeral rite as he does in the ritual we call "baseball," or who sees deep cultural expression in both a traditional ceremonial mask as well as neon anime cosplay. Every time I speak with Chuck, he reminds me of my favorite professors when I was an undergraduate, the ones who see teaching as modeling a love of

students to analyze the ethics of the antiquities trade in New York and Boston, and she has sung them epic myths among the ancient ruins in Greece. This pedagogical passion earned her the “Excellence in Teaching” award from the American Philological Association (now the Society for Classical Studies) in 2009. Her exceptional classes have enriched the curricula not only of the Greek and Roman Studies Program, which she built from scratch, but also the Languages, History, the Humanities Program, Women’s and Gender Studies, Religion, Art History, and the School of Theater Arts. Her outreach to the Bloomington-Normal community, too, has been significant, from her “Exploring Antiquity” course for Bent Elementary School to the prize-winning plays she wrote for production at the Heartland Theatre.

Finally, creativity: Nancy is looking forward to her retirement in beautiful North Carolina, where she will shift her writing talents to fictional fabrications of ancient lives and dramatic distillations of the academic life she leaves behind. Nancy Sultan is at heart a creative, a teacher and traveler, a friend and a mentor. She was a force of nature on this campus, and she will be missed.

*Thank you all for your service and dedication to Illinois Wesleyan.
Congratulations and best wishes!*

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- 1961 Wayne W. Wantland, *Biology*
- 1962 R. Dwight Drexler, *Piano*
- 1963 Elizabeth H. Oggel,