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## Dr. Holck prefers names to numbers

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"I like small schools," said Dr. Frederick H. G. Holck, new academic dean of NCWC. "I have many ideas to help provide a high quality of education for career-minded students." These are the major reasons that Dr. Holck made the move from Cleveland State University to Wesleyan.

Dr. Holck is very much interested in how students feel. He wants to get to know each student personally, and to learn about them. "Communication with students is one of my priorities," he said.

At Cleveland University, where Dr. Holck was professor and chairman of the department of religious studies, there were 17,000 students. This made it difficult for him to get to know

many students. He tried, but the odds were against him.

Dr. Holck didn't like the fact that the students in Cleveland were numbers rather than names. "I like people," he said, "I like to get to know them. People are very friendly here."

Another thing that attracted him to Wesleyan was the fact that he doesn't feel obliged to apologize for being a religion professor. In the state schools they often thought he was "weird" for this.

Dr. Holck was born in Neuenburg, Germany, and did his undergraduate work at the Theological Seminary of Blaubeuren and Pfarrseminar, Stuttgart. He earned his M.A. in philosophy in 1953, and his Ph.D. in the history of religion from the University of

Salzburg in 1954. Both graduate degrees were awarded *summa cum laude*.

He was senior lecturer at Peshawar University, Pakistan, from 1957-59. In 1960 he went to Canada where he served as a parish minister, and then as a professor of church history at the Luthern Seminary, University of Saskatchewan.

Dr. Holck taught at Lake Erie College in Painesville, Ohio for three years before he joined the faculty at Cleveland State University in 1966. He was named full professor and

chairman of the department of religious studies in 1970.

While on staff at Cleveland State, Dr. Holck served as director of the Asian Studies Program, as chairperson of graduation, and vice chair of the Academic Management Institute at the University, and as commencement chaplain.

Listed in *Marquis' Who's Who in America* and *Who's Who in the World*, he is a member of the American Philosophical Association and the American Academy of Religion. He serves on the

board of the World Fellowship of Religions and is a clinical member of the Association of Christian Marriage Counselors.

Dr. Holck is married to the former Miriam Ahlgren of Helsingfors, Finland. They have five sons: Mark, 24; Tom and Chris, 21 year old twins; David, 18; and Timmy, 13.

He looks forward to seeing his family again. They are "back on the farm" near Cleveland. Dr. Holck enjoys farming, along with building things with his hands, and listening to classical music.



Dr. Frederick H. G. Holck

## Welcome To Wesleyan

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Getting along with roommates, putting up with institutionalized food, academic pressure--these are a few of the things we get to look forward to when we come to college.

A great many adjustments must be made if one is going to survive his freshman year. I was a freshman last year, myself, so it hasn't been long since I had to make these adjustments.

Being away from home is a challenge in itself, but don't despair, freshmen, these may be the "best years of your life!"

For the freshmen, and other Wesleyan students who aren't quite sure why they are here, I dedicate this poem:

to appreciate Mom's cooking--

and learn a place to squabble  
to understand friends--

and learn a place to scribble  
to master an art--

and learn a place to scream  
to study hard--

and learn a place to succeed  
to be somebody!

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WESLEYAN PROVIDES  
and learn a place to grow  
to play backgammon--

and learn a place to live  
to face tomorrow--

and learn a place to think  
to sort it out--

and learn a place to laugh  
to love each other--

and learn a place to explore  
to reach your goals--

and learn a place to cry  
to handle hurts--

and learn a place to eat

## The Spirit of Newness

A growing institution not only sports a number of new faces each year in the student population, but new faculty members add to the spirit of newness and anticipation in the air every fall. This year is no exception. For now, we'll give you a brief sketch of each new teacher who's joined us for 1980.

Steven Garry Smith, assistant professor of religion. Smith earned his bachelor's at Florida State University, the master's at Vanderbilt, and his Ph.D. at Duke University.

Myra Beth Mackie, instructor of religion. A graduate of Agnes Scott College, Mackie earned both her master's and doctorate at Duke University. She taught at Meredith College and St. Mary's College in Raleigh, N.C., before coming to Wesleyan.

Linda Flowers, assistant professor of English. A North Carolina native, Flowers earned her bachelor's at UNC-Greensboro, her M.A. from Ohio State, and her Ph.D. from the University of Rochester. She was a Folger Shakespeare Library Dissertation Fellow in 1976, and served as part-time instructor at the University of Rochester.

Mary Lou Steed, assistant professor of sociology. Steed

is a graduate of Atlantic Christian College. She earned her master's at N.C. Central University and is working on her doctorate at Duke University. She has served as visiting lecturer in sociology, criminology, and anthropology at N.C. Central.

Vickie E. Fore, instructor of nursing. A graduate of Rex Hospital School of Nursing, Fore earned her bachelor's at East Carolina University and is working on her master's at that institution.

Stephen T. Jakubowski, assistant professor of business administration. Jakubowski earned his undergraduate degree at St. Joseph's College in Indiana. He took his master's with accounting concentration at Central Michigan University, where he served as instructor in the department of accounting.

Elaine M. Lytton, assistant professor of mathematics. Formerly associated with Edgewood Technical Institute and the Granville County Schools, Lytton earned both her B.S. and M.A. at East Carolina University.

Himanshu V. Navangul, associate professor and chairman of chemistry. Navangul earned his undergraduate and graduate degrees at the University of

Poona, India. He has taught at the University of Zurich, Switzerland, at Al Fateh University in Libya, the University of Wyoming, and the University of Missouri. Immediately prior to joining Wesleyan, he taught at Clemson University.

Donna Starling, instructor of psychology. A graduate of Radford College, Starling completed her Ph.D. in social-developmental psychology at Duke University. She is a member of Phi Kappa Phi and won the Zeta Tau Alpha and Panhellenic Scholarship Awards, as well as the Cokesbury Graduate Award in Teaching.

H. Daniel Cowley, instructor and chairman of psychology. Formerly chairman of the department of human resources at Wayne Community College, Cowley earned his B.A. at East Carolina and his M.S. at the University of Georgia.

Mary Anne Cowley, instructor of psychology. Cowley earned her B.A. at Lynchburg College and the M.A. and MSHE at East Carolina University. She has taught at Wayne Community College and in city and county schools in North Carolina, Virginia, and Georgia.