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For Immediate Release:

KLARUP NAMED CHAIR OF EIU DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY

CHARLESTON – Douglas G. Klarup, associate professor of chemistry at Eastern Illinois University, has been appointed chair of the department he has worked in for the past seven years.

He currently serves as acting chair, replacing Ellen Keiter who is on administrative leave. The title will become permanent, effective July 1.

"I am delighted that Dr. Klarup has accepted the position of acting department chair in chemistry, and that he will assume the position permanently in July," said Mary Anne Hanner, dean of Eastern's College of Sciences. "He is well-versed in the academic processes at EIU and in the Department of Chemistry.

"Dr. Klarup has distinguished himself as an excellent teacher and researcher, and was recognized as a COS Teacher/Scholar in 2002. He was the recipient of an EIU Achievement and Contribution Award in 2001. The Department of Chemistry is well-known for excellence in teaching and research, and Dr. Klarup is well-qualified to lead this academic unit," she added.

Klarup, who received his Ph.D. in chemistry from the University of California at Berkeley in 1986, performed postdoctoral research and served as an administrative associate in the Environmental Science and Engineering Department at Oregon Graduate Institute, Beaverton, Ore., from 1986 to 1988.

During the next seven years, he taught as an assistant professor in the Department of Chemistry at the University of Montana. He came to Eastern in 1995.

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"My colleagues in the Department of Chemistry are exceptional people who excel in teaching and scholarship," Klarup said. "Being given the opportunity to chair such a department is a great privilege. I'm looking forward to working with the chemistry faculty, Dean Hanner and the College of Sciences' staff to carry forward the excellent traditions of this dynamic department."

In addition to his teaching, Klarup has served as chair of both Eastern's University Chemical Hygiene Plan Focus Group and the University Environmental Health and Safety Committee.

He and Jon Blitz, a colleague in the department, recently received funding for their project, "The Use of Complementary Instrumentation to Enhance Critical Thinking in Chemical Analysis," from the National Science Foundation's Course Curriculum and Laboratory Improvement Program.