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NOMINEES BEING SOUGHT FOR DISTINGUISHED FACULTY AWARD

CHARLESTON – Alumni of Eastern Illinois University are encouraged to join faculty, administrators, staff and students in nominating candidates for this year's Distinguished Faculty Award.

This award – one of the most prestigious honors available to EIU faculty – is presented annually to tenured or tenure-track faculty members in at least their fourth year of full-time employment at Eastern. Each nominee must excel in each of the following areas: teaching/performance of primary duties, research/creative activity and service. Recipients receive a small monetary award, as well as a plaque which is presented during commencement ceremonies in the spring.

Information and nomination forms may be found at <u>http://www.eiu.edu/~FacSen/dist_fac.html</u>. Nomination packets should include the nomination form, a letter of nomination, the curriculum vita of the nominee and up to three additional letters of support from a variety of perspectives, including colleagues, administrators, staff members and current/former students.

All materials should be submitted by 4 p.m. Friday, Feb. 28, to Steven Scher, Department of Psychology, Eastern Illinois University, 600 Lincoln Ave., Charleston, Ill. 61920. Those seeking additional information and/or assistance in collecting the required nominating materials may also contact Scher at (217) 581-7269, sjscher @eiu.edu.

Most recent recipients of Eastern's Distinguished Faculty Award, presented by the university's Faculty Senate, include David A. Carpenter (English) and George P. Sanders (music) in 2002, Bruce Guernsey (English) in 2001 and Gail Richard (communication disorders and sciences) in 2000.

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