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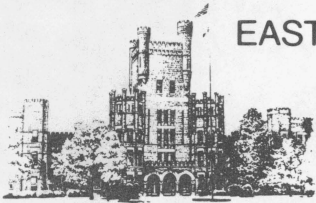
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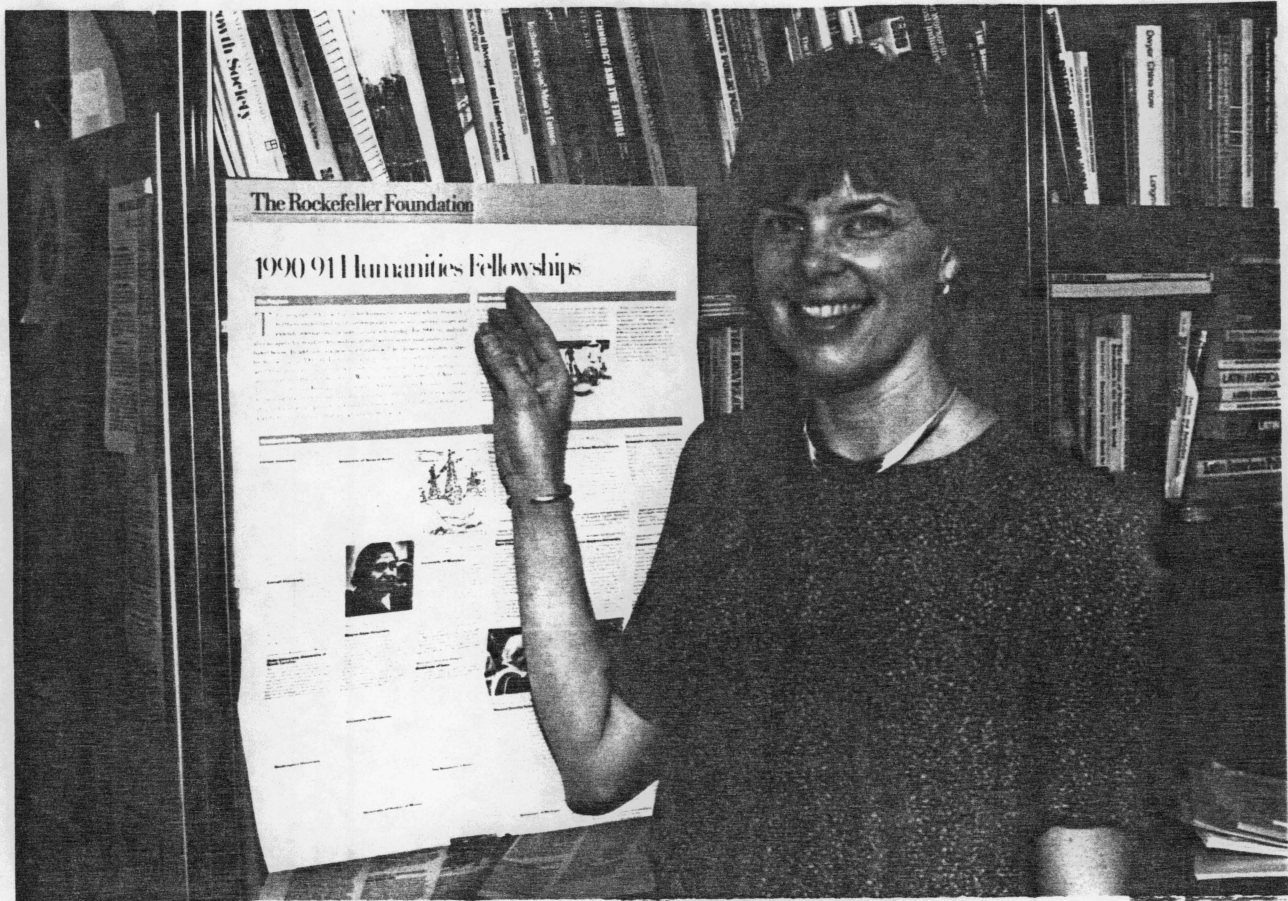
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

BONNICKSEN RECEIVES FELLOWSHIP

CHARLESTON, IL.--Eastern Illinois University Political Science Professor Andrea Bonnicksen has received a Rockefeller Foundation Fellowship to conduct research at the Institute for the Medical Humanities at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston, Texas.

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Bonnicksen will receive a \$33,000 stipend to conduct research on "Geneticism: An Emerging Ideology of Medicine" from Sept. 1, 1990, through May 31, 1991.

"Human genetic technologies are likely to be among the more compelling developments of the coming century. The impetus is rapidly building to modify genes for medical therapy, to map and sequence the human genome, and potentially, to carry out therapy in which altered genes are passed across generations," Bonnicksen said.

She will use her research to write a book on "geneticism," which she hopes will increase awareness of medical genetics so individuals may evaluate values as they emerge rather than after new beliefs have been integrated into society.

Bonnicksen will also apply her research to two classes she teaches at Eastern, "Public Policy and the Sexes" and "Senior Seminar in Human Rights," and to occasional summer workshops on biomedical policies.

Currently, she is writing a chapter on genetics and constitutional policy for a book, is giving a presentation on the subject at the 1990 annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, and is co-editor for a series of books on "Emerging Issues in Biomedical Policy."