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ScienceFest to Celebrate 'Integration of Liberal Arts and Sciences'

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Eastern Illinois University's ScienceFest -- a celebration of student research and faculty mentoring, teaching, research and service -- is set for March 25-26.

The 15th annual ScienceFest, sponsored by the College of Sciences, is themed "Teaching and Learning: Integration of Liberal Arts and Sciences." Activities will take place in the University Ballroom, MLK Jr. Union.

ScienceFest will open at 7 p.m. March 25 with "Frankenstein: How Physics, Literature and Theatre led to a Scientific Success," a lecture by Emily A. Tobey from the University of Texas at Dallas' Callier Advanced Hearing Research Center. The lecture is sponsored by Sigma Xi.

All other activities are set for March 26, starting with a panel discussion on "The Art and Science of Sound," at 1:05 p.m. The panel will be moderated by Linda Ghent, chair of the department of economics. Panel members will be Tobey and three EIU faculty members: Steve Daniels, professor and chair, physics; John Martone, professor, English; and Mark Rubel, instructor and audio director, music.

At 2:10 p.m., attendees will be able to browse undergraduate and graduate students' research posters. Mary Anne Hanner, dean of the EIU College of Sciences, will present the State of the College address at 3 p.m., followed by the College of Sciences Student Advisory Board's report on their technology recycling initiative at 3:20 p.m.

At 3:30 p.m., awards will be presented for excellence in the College of Sciences, including honors for undergraduate and graduate research; faculty mentoring; and faculty teaching, research and service.

For more information on ScienceFest, see http://www.eiu.edu/~colsci/departments_sciencefest.php.