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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

NATIVE AMERICAN HISTORIAN TO VISIT EASTERN

CHARLESTON -- R. David Edmunds, a leading Native American historian and professor at Indiana University in Bloomington, will give a guest presentation focusing on the Native American culture, particularly in East Central Illinois, at 3 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 29, in the University Ballroom in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union on the campus of Eastern Illinois University.

His speech, entitled "No Longer 'Just A Footnote': The Emergence of Native American History," touches on how Native American history has been overlooked. He also will discuss the indigenous society of Coles County.

Edmunds' works include Tecumseh and the Quest for Indian Leadership and The Shawnee Prophet.

In addition, Edmunds will be the guest presenter for Eastern's Department of History January colloquium at 5 p.m. Wednesday at the Dudley House. He will present his paper, "Native American Entrepreneurs: Potawatomis Metis in the Old Northwest and Kansas." The event includes a buffet dinner; reservations are

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necessary.

For more information on the guest speaker or to attend the colloquium, call Ben Fallaw at 581-7115 or e-mail him at B-Fallaw@ecnet.net.