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For Immediate Release:

SLIDE SHOW PRESENTATION TO SHOWCASE STUDY ABROAD OPPORTUNITIES AT EIU

CHARLESTON – A slide show presentation detailing study abroad opportunities through Eastern Illinois University promises to appeal to those wanting adventure, as well as to those who are just generally interested in travel.

Betty Smith and Michael Cornebise, faculty members in Eastern's Department of Geology/Geography, plan to discuss plans for summer trips to Ireland and to the Galapagos Islands, Andes Mountains and Tropical Rainforest of Ecuador. Presentations will take place at 7 p.m. on both Monday, Feb. 25, and Thursday, Feb. 28, in room 3040 of the Physical Science building.

Admission is free and open to the public.

Cornebise, along with fellow faculty member John Stimac, will lead a "Geology/Geography Intersession Field Experience in Ireland," scheduled to take place May 7 through May 25.

The trip will consist of four days of lecture on Eastern's campus, followed by two weeks in the field in Ireland, beginning in Shannon. Participants will complete a loop of Ireland and Northern Island, visiting significant points of interest such as the Ring of Kerry, Cliffs of Moher

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Eastern Illinois University emphasizes distinguished teaching in the liberal arts, sciences and selected professions. A traditional, residential state university of recognized quality, Eastern enrolls more than 10,000 students in undergraduate and graduate programs. The university, located in Charleston, also serves the region through a variety of non-credit and off-site degree programs, as well as cultural and recreational opportunities. Eastern's pursuit of excellence attracts well-qualified students of an increasingly diverse population and a teaching faculty active in research and public service who utilize the latest technology.

and Giant's Causeway. Stopovers will be made in the major cities of Cork, Dublin, Belfast and Galway.

Details can be obtained by contacting the trip's organizers – Cornebise, at cfmwc@eiu.edu, (217) 581-5400; or Stimac, cfjps@eiu.edu, (217) 581-7016. The deadline for registering is March 4.

Smith, organizer of the fourth annual Field Studies in Geography and Earth Sciences, promises a special three-week off-campus course in which “the geography and earth science of human-land interactions are examined in the tropical rainforest of the Ecuadorian Amazon, in the high Andes Mountains and on the Galapagos Islands, located 600 miles off the coast of South America.”

The journey begins July 14, continuing through Aug. 6. The deadline for registering for this trip is March 30.

For details on this trip, please contact Smith at (217) 581-6340 or, via e-mail, at cfbes@eiu.edu.

Details on both these trips – and others offered through EIU – may also be found at the following Web site: <http://www.eiu.edu/~edabroad/>.