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For Immediate Release:

SIGMA XI LECTURE TO FOCUS ON EPIDEMIC DISEASE

CHARLESTON -- Eastern Illinois University's Chapter of Sigma Xi, a scientific research society, will sponsor its annual lecture at 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25, in the Martin Luther King Jr. Union University Ballroom.

The presentation, "Epidemics, Emigration and Immigration," will examine the role of epidemic disease in the movement of human populations. The lecture is free and open to the public.

This year's presenter, Ron Doyle, a professor of microbiology and immunology at the University of Louisville School of Medicine, has conducted recent research focusing on the regulation of bacterial autolysins and microbial adhesion mechanisms. Doyle also is an amateur historian interested in the role of infectious agents in shaping human migrations.

His lecture is being sponsored by Eastern's College of Sciences' Visiting Scholars Program and the Office of Faculty Development. For information, contact Andrew Methven, Department of Biological Sciences, at 581-6241 or 581-3126.