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CHARLESTON, IL --"Languages, Images, and Sounds of America-(1890-1920)" will be the subject of an address by Dr. Donald P. Garner on Sunday, March 1 at 2 p.m. in the Booth Library Lecture Room.

Garner's presentation will be the last in the current series sponsored by Eastern's chapter of the American Association of University Professors. There is no admission charge.

Garner, a Professor of Speech-Communication and a faculty member at Eastern since 1963, said that popular sheet music provides an insight into the attitudes and aesthetic tastes of Americans at the turn of the century.

Before the popularity of radio, he said, the publication of millions of song sheets for popular consumption was a major communication source, Garner said.

The language of ballads made, and still make, a comment about the expression of people, he said. In addition, graphic images on song sheets are a lasting reflection of what interested people in the period.

Garner has 32 years of teaching experience, including lecture periods in Europe and North Africa. He has published approximately 80 articles and has been the editor of Playbill Magazine for 15 years. He is now serving as president of Alpha Psi Omega, National Theatre Honorary Association.