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CHARLESTON, IL --The influence of Curtis D. MacDougall, noted journalism professor-author, on the journalism profession and journalism education was the subject of an Eastern Illinois University professor's dissertation.

Daniel E. Thornburgh, chairman and associate professor, Department of Journalism, authored a 313- page study of MacDougall for his doctorate from Indiana University, Bloomington.

"Contributions of Curtis D. MacDougall to Journalism Education" was the dissertation title. MacDougall is emeritus professor of journalism, Medill School of Journalism, Northwestern University, and author of 14 books and 11 revisions.

MacDougall's successful reporting text called "Interpretative Reporting" was the basis for Thornburgh's study. The book was first published in 1932 as "Reporting for Beginners." An eighth edition has been completed by MacDougall and will be published in 1982 by the MacMillan Company, New York, the original publisher.

Thornburgh received the Ed. D. degree from Indiana in August, 1980. He holds the B.S. degree from Indiana State University, Terre Haute, and the M. A. degree from University of Iowa.

MacDougall was a 1923 graduate of Ripon College. He earned his Master's degree from Northwestern in 1926 and his doctorate in 1933 from the University of Wisconsin.