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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CHARLESTON, IL--Robert F. Byrnes, Distinguished Professor of History, Indiana University, will discuss "Chinese-American Relations: An Historical Perspective" at Eastern Illinois University on Thursday, March 11 at 7:30 p.m. in the Old Ballroom of the University Union. There is no charge for the program, sponsored by the History Department.

Byrnes holds the master's degree and doctorate from Harvard University. He began his teaching career at Rutgers University before joining the faculty at Indiana in 1953 as an expert on Russian and East European history. His involvement resulted in the establishment of the Russian and East European Institute.

He secured grants to build one of the largest collections of books in the field, and was instrumental in educating a large number of Ph.D.'s in Russian area studies.

Byrnes' list of publications is estimated at 500 titles. Dr. Robert Hennings, Chairman of the History Department, said "Byrnes' command of numerous foreign languages makes him a universal scholar."