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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

EIU PREPARES TO CELEBRATE WOMEN'S HISTORY AND AWARENESS MONTH

CHARLESTON -- Eastern Illinois University will be a hub of activity during Women's History and Awareness Month, celebrated on campus from March 1 to April 27.

This year's keynote speaker will be Suzette Haden Elgin, an expert in applied psycholinguistics and founder of the Ozark Center for Language Studies. Her speech, "Cross-cultural and Cross-gender Communication: Building Language Bridges Over Reality Gaps," will explain the difficulties men and women, and people from different cultures, have understanding each other. Elgin will provide practical suggestions about how people might better communicate. Her speech will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 25, in the Lumpkin Auditorium.

Elgin will also lead a discussion group on the trade book and novel publishing industry at 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 25, in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union Kansas Room.

Other highlights of the celebration include a speech by the former Lieutenant Governor of Missouri and immediate past president of the National Women's Political Caucus, Harriett

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WOMEN'S MONTH

Woods, at 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 5, in the University Union Grand Ballroom; a series of three discussions led by Anne Jones, an ordained pastoral minister, at noon Friday, March 7, in the University Union Effingham Room, at noon Tuesday, March 11, in the University Union Rathskeller, and at noon Thursday, March 27, in the University Union Charleston/Mattoon Room; and a concert, titled "Uncovered Treasures," by female faculty of the EIU music department at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 12, at the Tarble Arts Center.

The annual Women of Achievement Awards and the Student Writing Awards will be presented by the Women's Advocacy Council at an awards reception at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 11, at the Tarble Arts Center. This year, the reception will include poetry reading by area writers.

All events during the celebration are free and open to the public. For more information, call Lauren Smith at 581-6294.