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PANELISTS TO DISCUSS A 19th-CENTURY REACTION TO CONTEMPORARY ISSUES

CHARLESTON – Eastern Illinois University faculty members from diverse areas of study will hold a panel discussion to discuss how one 19th-century radical abolitionist's resistance might have had bearing on contemporary issues.

“John Brown’s Legacy in a Time of Timothy McVeigh and Hurricane Katrina” will begin at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Charleston/Mattoon Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. Admission is free and open to the public.

“John Brown was regarded by many as a terrorist and a madman, but, to others, he was an heroic liberator,” said Michael Loudon of EIU’s English department. “He is claimed by both the political right and left today; the panel will explore how his legacy sheds light on issues today.”

The event is part of an on-going series of activities taking place in commemoration of EIU’s African-American Heritage Month Celebration, taking place during the month of February.