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For Immediate Release:

EIU FORUM TO ADDRESS FACTORS OF SUCCESS FOR GRADUATE PROGRAMS

CHARLESTON -- Jennifer Grant Haworth, co-author of "Emblems of Quality in Higher Education: Developing and Sustaining High-Quality Graduate Programs," will present the results of her research during an open session this week on the campus of Eastern Illinois University.

All leaders and participants in graduate education are invited to attend "Developing and Sustaining High-Quality Graduate Programs," scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. Friday, March 26, in the Arcola/Tuscola Room of the University Union. There is no admission charge.

This is the fifth spring forum sponsored by Eastern's Graduate School, along with other academic offices, designed to provide opportunities for graduate students and graduate faculty to share research and hear presentations from state and national

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experts.

Haworth, along with her colleague Clifton Conrad, have identified factors that students, faculty, administrators, alumni and employers of program graduates identify as critical to the quality of the graduate education experience. She will review her research in this area at the forum.

Haworth, an assistant professor in the Department of Educational Leadership and Policy Studies at Chicago's Loyola University, centers her research and scholarship on the study of academic programs in higher education. Haworth has published articles, chapters and books on graduate education, academic program planning and evaluation and program quality.