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For Immediate Release:

EXPERT TO SPEAK AT EIU ABOUT RADICAL ISLAM, POLITICAL TERRORISM IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

CHARLESTON – A visiting scholar is to speak on "Radical Islam and Political Terrorism in Southeast Asia" on Thursday, April 14, at Eastern Illinois University.

The lecture by M. Ladd Thomas, professor of political science at Northern Illinois University, is to begin at 7 p.m. in Phipps Lecture Hall, Room 1205, in the Physical Sciences Building.

Thomas, an expert on Southeast Asia, received his doctorate from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University.

Thomas' areas of specialization include Southeast Asian politics and governments, particularly those of Thailand, Burma and the Philippines; administration of rural development programs in Southeast Asia; and foreign policies and security concerns of selected Southeast Asian countries.

His honors include receiving the Crown of Thailand medal, which was awarded in April 1986 by the king of Thailand for research and advisory contributions to Thailand.

Thomas' lecture, which is open to the public, is sponsored by the EIU College of Sciences and the EIU Department of Political Science.