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CHARLESTON, IL--Eastern Illinois University is one of a select few institutions in higher education to be accepted for participation in a three day continuing education workshop at Washington (MO) University, May 4-6, Dr. Carol Holden, director of EIU's Continuing Education program announced.

Administered by Johns Hopkins University through a \$250,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities, EIU is one of 60 universities selected to participate.

Attending from Eastern will be Holden, Dr. Jon Laible, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, and Dr. Duane Elbert, professor of history.

"There are three workshops around the country and we are one of 20 chosen to attend the one for this area. The main purpose is to promote humanities programming for adults in non-traditional education courses," said Holden.

"Such prestigious academic universities as Duke, Georgetown, Harvard, Stanford, Chicago will be making presentations of their model programs," Holden said. "The goal is to motivate, inspire, share ideas by looking at exemplary programs from other universities.

"It's definitely an honor to be selected. I think we were chosen simply because our continuing education program is exemplary. Ours is a bit unusual but attractive to a wide audience.

"We involve community, area schools, university staff, historical society... not to mention great support from the Illinois Humanities Council," Holden said.

With continuing education enrollment nearly 1000 for spring semester credit courses, Holden said that was a 44 percent increase over spring '84 enrollment.

The non-credit program has become even more popular as attendance for

continuing ed workshop

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conferences and courses jumped from 1311 in 1984 to 1991 in 1985, up 52%.

Eastern was chosen to participate in the May meeting "On the basis of the academic quality of existing humanities programs as well as the ability to develop or strengthen humanities programs for adults," said David House, a spokesman for Johns Hopkins University.