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For Immediate Release:

BUSH'S FOREIGN POLICIES TO BE ADDRESSED DURING EIU STUDENT SHOWCASE

CHARLESTON – A roundtable discussion on President George W. Bush's foreign policies will be among the topics discussed during Eastern Illinois University's Department of Political Science's annual showcase of student research to be held later this week.

The public is invited to join students, faculty and staff during the day-long conference, set to take place Friday, April 6. All activities will take place in the Arcola/Tuscola Room of the University Union, and visitors may come to any or all presentations. Admission is free, and no registration is required.

Opening remarks – "Political Science in the 21st Century" – will be presented by Richard Wandling, department chair, at 9:45 a.m. Other scheduled presentations (which include papers by graduate and undergraduate students) are as follows:

- ★ **"The Politics of the Presidency"** – 10 to 10:50 a.m. Participating students: Colin Brady, graduate student from Monticello, "Are There Still Two Presidencies? Assessing Bill Clinton's Leadership"; Trisha Miller, junior political science major from Effingham, "The October Debates: Who Benefits From Them?"; and Katie Storck, junior economics major, minors in political science/business administration, from Farina, "The Media Elite: A Liberal or Conservative Bias?" Faculty participants: Barbara Poole and Andrew McNitt.

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- ★ **“Issues in Today’s Public Administration: Toward Better Government”** – 11 to 11:50 a.m. Participating students: Katie Cox, junior political science major from Lovington, “Reinventing Government: Case Study of OSHA, the EPA and the SSA”; Chris Maley, senior political science major from Auburn, “Patronage: Illinois-Style”; Amanda Penda, senior political science major from Schiller Park, “Women in Public Administration”; and Kristy Poteete, senior political science/foreign language major from Charleston, “U.S. Aid Reform in the 1990s.” Faculty participant: Richard Wandling.
- ★ **“Politics Beyond the Classroom: Internships and Political Simulations”** – 1 to 1:50 p.m. Participating students: Jessica Bushur, senior political science major from Sigel, “Interning with the State’s Attorney”; Liela Morad, junior political science major from Schaumburg, “Interning with the Coles County Circuit Clerk”; John Long, senior political science major from Springfield, “Mock Trial at EIU”; Nathan Kylander, junior political science major from Chenoa, “Model United Nations at EIU”; and Christina Thomason, junior political science major from Mattoon, “Model Illinois Government at EIU.” Faculty participants: Charles Evans and Ryan Hendrickson.
- ★ **“President George W. Bush and American Foreign Policy Directions”** (roundtable discussion) – 2 to 2:50 p.m. Participating students: Joe Crocker, junior political science major from Mt. Vernon, “Bush’s Defense Reorganization”; Gareth Owens, visiting student from Great Britain, “A European Perspective on American Foreign Policy”; Sarah Prescott, junior political science major from Downers Grove, “Bush, Clinton and U.S. Nuclear Strategy”; Corey Wilson, senior political science major from Wauconda, “George Bush’s Policy Toward China”; Scott Wilbur, junior journalism/political science major from Hoffman Estates, “U.S. Foreign Policy and the Middle East”; and Tiffany Vandever, junior political science major from Charleston, “George Bush, the United Nations and NATO.” Faculty participant: Ryan Hendrickson.