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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

BROOKS PRESENTS PAPER AT PHI ALPHA THETA CONFERENCE

CHARLESTON -- Eastern Illinois University graduate student William Brooks of Oblong presented a paper at the annual Phi Alpha Theta Regional Conference held recently at Illinois State University.

Students from nine colleges presented papers at the conference.

Brooks' paper titled, "The Great Cattle Massacre: Humor and Ritual in the Irish Rising of 1641," won best European history graduate paper.

Brooks is enrolled in Eastern's master of arts in history degree program.

Newton Key, associate professor of history at Eastern and co-advisor of the university's chapter of Phi Alpha Theta history honor society, accompanied the students to the conference.

Eastern, which is celebrating its 100th anniversary in 1994-95, is a comprehensive university with more than 10,500 students and 46 undergraduate and 27 graduate degree programs. It is a teaching institution which prides itself on the quality and affordability of its undergraduate program.