

7-23-2001

07/23/2001 - EIU Faculty Continue To Catch Eye Of IDNR.pdf

University Marketing and Communications

Follow this and additional works at: http://thekeep.eiu.edu/press_releases_2001

Recommended Citation

University Marketing and Communications, "07/23/2001 - EIU Faculty Continue To Catch Eye Of IDNR.pdf" (2001). 2001. 249.
http://thekeep.eiu.edu/press_releases_2001/249

This Article is brought to you for free and open access by the Press Releases at The Keep. It has been accepted for inclusion in 2001 by an authorized administrator of The Keep. For more information, please contact tabruns@eiu.edu.



NEWS

Contact: Shelly Flock (csslf@eiu.edu)
Vicki Woodard (csvns@eiu.edu)
217-581-7650
217-581-8444 (fax)

Office of Media Relations
600 Lincoln Avenue
Charleston, IL 61920-3099
(www.eiu.edu/~pubaff/omr.htm)

01-162

July 23, 2001

For Immediate Release:

EIU FACULTY/RESEARCHERS CONTINUE TO CATCH EYE OF IDNR

CHARLESTON -- Five faculty members from Eastern Illinois University's Department of Biological Sciences recently received one or more grants of nearly \$1,000 each from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

These funds are made possible through contributions to the Illinois Wildlife Preservation Fund.

This year's recipients (July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2002) and their projects are as follows:

- ▶ Scott Meiners, "The Effects of Amur Honeysuckle (*Lonicera maackii*) on Tree Regeneration," \$930;
- ▶ Stephen Mullin, "Habitat Selection and Activity Patterns in Eastern Box Turtles (*Terrapene carolina*)," \$975; **and** "Population Management of the Amphibian Community at Warbler Woods Land and Water Reserve," \$958;
- ▶ Henry Owen/Janice Coons, "Reproductive Biology of Silvery Bladderpod, an Illinois Endangered Plant," \$1,000; and
- ▶ Andrew Methven, "The Effects of Sugar Maple Removal on Macrofungi in Baber's Woods Nature Preserve," \$981; **and** "A Survey of Illinois Populations of *Phaeophyscia leana*, An Endangered Lichen," \$1,000. Funding for the endangered lichen project is being used to

-more-

Eastern Illinois University emphasizes distinguished teaching in the liberal arts, sciences and selected professions. A traditional, residential state university of recognized quality, Eastern enrolls more than 10,000 students in undergraduate and graduate programs. The university, located in Charleston, also serves the region through a variety of non-credit and off-site degree programs, as well as cultural and recreational opportunities. Eastern's pursuit of excellence attracts well-qualified students of an increasingly diverse population and a teaching faculty active in research and public service who utilize the latest technology.

support master's thesis research being conducted by Robert Gillespie, a graduate student of Methven's.

For some of these EIU faculty/researchers, the new funding will help provide for the continuation of on-going research. Methven, for example, also relied on a \$1,000 IDNR study grant for his research in Baber's Wood Nature Preserve during the 2000-2001 school year.

And Mullin's "Population management..." grant follows on the heels of a previous year's grant titled, "Management of Amphibian Communities at Warbler Woods LWR, Coles County, Ill." These funds provided the salary for an undergraduate research assistant, Mullin said.

Coons is receiving a new grant to supplement a related study she made last year, specifically, "Reproductive Potential in Three Colonies of Silvery Bladderpod (*Lesquerella ludoviciana*)." Owen, Coons' research partner for this year's study, received a grant last year for his project, "Reproductive Potential of the Endangered Species *Stylisma pickeringii*."

Edwin "Bud" May, director of Eastern's Office of Grants and Research, said Eastern and its faculty have been privileged over the years to receive a significant number of grants from the IDNR. "And we appreciate that continued support by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources," he added.

Other EIU IDNR grant recipients for the 2000-01 year included Steven Daniel, "Properties of Symbiotic Nitrogen-fixing Bacteria Isolated from Common and Endangered Legumes"; Mark Mort, "Status Survey of a Rare Lilly *Chamaelirium luteum* (*Liliacea*) in Illinois"; and Charles Pederson, "Use of Genetic Markers to Evaluate Patterns of Dispersal of an Exotic Species in Illinois Reservoirs."