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FOR RELEASE MAY 14:

BARGER TO RECEIVE DISTINGUISHED FACULTY AWARD

CHARLESTON -- Robert Barger of Charleston, professor of secondary education and foundations at Eastern Illinois University, will receive the 1994 Distinguished Faculty Award at Eastern's 1 p.m. commencement ceremony Saturday, May 14.

He was selected for the university's highest faculty honor by a committee comprised of faculty, alumni and students based on his outstanding qualifications in teaching, research and service.

Barger, who received his Ph.D. from the University of Illinois in 1976 in educational policy studies and the history of education, joined Eastern's secondary education and foundations faculty in 1977. He plans to retire from the university June 14.

Charles Joley, dean of the College of Education and Professional Studies, said, "Dr. Barger has been a leader, a thinker and a doer in our college for the past 17 years. He will be irreplaceable."

During his tenure at Eastern, Barger has taught graduate courses on the history of education, international and comparative education, the philosophy of

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education and the sociology of education. At the undergraduate level, he has taught computer ethics, problems of philosophy and the philosophy and history of education.

He has received numerous research grants throughout his academic career, including one in 1993 from the Symantec Corporation for a project titled, "Working Group on Basic Tenets for Responsible Computing."

His research in educational philosophy, educational policy, the history of education, computer programming and computer ethics has been and continues to be widely published in books, chapters in books, articles and computer programs. Most recently, Barger presented a paper, "Metaethical Analysis of Computer Ethics," at a conference on computer ethics sponsored by the Brookings Institution.

Since coming to Eastern, he has had 51 articles published. His wife, Josephine, has been a joint author on 10 of these articles.

Barger's service-related activities are varied and distinguished. Outside the university, he is a member of numerous professional organizations and societies at the state, regional and national levels and is a past president of the Society of Educators and Scholars.

His contributions to the university include memberships on numerous committees at all levels of the university, many of which he has chaired.

Barger's contributions to the academic community have not gone unnoticed

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by his peers. He has received two Faculty Excellence Awards -- one for teaching (1984) and one for service (1992). In 1986, he received the Distinguished Research Award from the Illinois Board of Teacher Educators and the Outstanding Research Award from the Eastern Illinois Chapter of Phi Delta Kappa.