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For Immediate Release:

"HE SAID, SHE SAID" TO ADDRESS SEXUAL ASSAULT SURVIVAL, PREVENTION

CHARLESTON -- Katie Koestner, date-rape survivor and sexual assault prevention advocate, will speak at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 16, in the Carman Hall Dining Hall on the campus of Eastern Illinois University.

The presentation, titled "He Said, She Said," will include a telling of Koestner's own story. Brett A. Sokolow, specialist on sexual assault policy and the law, will then provide interactive scenarios on sexual assault, where the audience acts as a jury. The audience will then be split into single-sex breakout groups for facilitated workshops with Koestner and Sokolow.

The two presenters have offered their programs to hundreds of thousands of students at 600 colleges, high schools and military institutions in 47 states over the last four years.

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Koestner, who appeared on the June 3, 1991 cover of TIME magazine, has received national attention for speaking out against "a crime of silence." In 1993, she completed a project with HBO -- the Lifestories Docudrama titled, "No Visible Bruises: The Katie Koestner Story." She is a Virginia state-trained peer educator and sexual assault counselor.

Sokolow serves as president and director of Risk Management Programs for Campus Outreach Services, Inc., based near Philadelphia, Penn. His activism on the issue of sexual assault includes advising men's peer education groups throughout the country on formation, programming and campus involvement. He has served as an intern to the Victim's Advocacy Legal Organization (VALOR), and has helped to establish college peer counselor organizations to assist campus sexual assault survivors.

Admission to the event is free for EIU students with ID.