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LYNCH NAMED ACTING CHAIR

CHARLESTON, IL--Jeffrey Lynch of Charleston, assistant dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at Eastern Illinois University, has been named acting chair of the University's Journalism Department.

Lynch has assumed the duties of Journalism Chair John David Reed, who is on a six-month administrative leave through July 1, and will divide his responsibilities between that of assistant dean and acting chair.

He will oversee a staff of 13 full-time and two part-time faculty and 150 journalism majors.

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Lynch said, "It's an honor to be associated with a program that is continually recognized for its academic excellence. Most recently, Eastern's journalism program was ranked among the top 15 programs in the nation among public and private colleges and universities by Youngs, Walker and Company, a management consulting and executive search company."

Lynch, who was a full-time member of Eastern's English Department faculty for more than 10 years before becoming assistant dean in 1989, said he enjoys being back in a departmental atmosphere.

"I especially want to make it easier for students to understand how the system works," he said.

In addition to his dual role as assistant dean and acting chair, he will continue teaching a course on John Milton and producing and moderating the College of Liberal Arts and Science's Colloquium on WEIU-TV.