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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**EIU FACULTY RECOGNIZED FOR ACHIEVEMENTS**

CHARLESTON -- Forty Eastern Illinois University faculty members from diverse disciplines are the recipients of 1998 Achievement and Contribution Awards for their outstanding work.

Awards were presented in four categories: teaching/performance of primary duties; research/creative activity; service; and balanced (a combination of all three areas). Each recipient will receive a monthly increase to his/her salary.

The ACA awards (formerly the Faculty Excellence Awards) are part of a faculty award system that is a component of a contract agreement between Eastern and the University Professionals of Illinois (UPI), Local 4100.

“These awards recognize the high quality of work by our faculty during the last year and affirm their contribution to the excellence of the university,” said Eastern President David Jorns.

Tenured and tenure-track faculty are eligible for ACA awards and must be nominated by

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their peers, administrators, staff or students. Recipients are chosen by a selection committee.

Recipients in the area of **teaching/performance of primary duties** are: Carol Armstrong, family and consumer sciences; Robert Chesnut, chemistry; Rebecca Cook, special education; Laurent Gosselin (family and consumer sciences and UPI); Christy Hooser, special education; Joy Kammerling, history; Roann Kopel, business; Robert Kunkel, business; Genie Lenihan, psychology; James McGaughey, biological sciences; Mark McGuire, chemistry; Shane Miller, speech communication; Carol Stevens, English; Paul Switzer, zoology; and John Whisler, library.

In the area of **research/creative activity**: Roger Beck, history; Audrey Edwards, secondary education; Ping Liu, industrial technology; Britto Nathan, biological sciences; David Radavich, English; and Linda Simpson, family and consumer sciences.

In the area of **service**: Katherine Bartel, art; Kathryn Bulver, foreign languages; Charles Eberly, counseling and student development; Joyce Higgins, chemistry; Peter Leigh, political science; Pat McCallister, family and consumer sciences; Jill Owen, physical education; William Slough, mathematics; Jean Smitley, communication disorders and sciences; and Gene Wong, biological sciences.

In the **balanced** area: Terry Barnhart, history; Luis Clay-Mendez, foreign languages; Vince Gutowski, geology/geography; Melanie Mills, speech communication; Melinda Mueller, political science; Cheryl Noll, business; David Raybin, English; Michele Tarter, English; and David Wolski, theatre arts.