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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

HISTORY TEACHERS TO CONQUER NEW FRONTIERS AT ANNUAL CONFERENCE

CHARLESTON -- It may be Eastern Illinois University's 18th annual History Teachers Conference, but organizers want it known that it's still possible to conquer "New Frontiers in Teaching and Learning History."

In fact, that's the theme of this year's conference, scheduled for Oct. 3 on Eastern's campus. The event is open to those who teach history or social studies in a secondary, elementary or post-secondary classroom; students planning to become history teachers; or anyone with an interest in history.

Sessions this year will feature presentations about: incorporating service learning into the social studies curriculum; the challenges and opportunities in social studies and history teaching if and when block scheduling occurs; ways of using the concept of "teacher as actor" to enhance instruction in history and social studies classes; how to create a "virtual museum" of historical artifacts and information on the Internet; and how to use audio-visual techniques in history teaching.

The keynote speaker, Elizabeth J. Hitch, dean of Eastern's College of Education and Professional Studies, will discuss "What Matters Most: The Illinois Agenda for Reform in Teacher Education and Professional Development." She'll highlight current events related to state efforts

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to restructure recruitment, preparation, licensure and continuing professional development of teachers, and will emphasize the important role practicing teachers can play in the reform of their profession.

Conference attendees will also again have the chance to attend "Swap Shop" sessions where participants have the opportunity to exchange and discuss favorite lesson plans or approaches to history. The sessions will be facilitated by Kristan Crawford, a teacher at Maroa-Forsyth High School, and Patrick Grenda who teaches at Centennial High School, Champaign.

Other presenters include Tony Cork and Bob Sornberger, both teachers at Robinson High School and school leaders in the effort to convert the high school to the four-block schedule; Joe Fatheree, a teacher at Effingham High School; Dan Jensen, professor emeritus from Greenville College; Matt Kracht, community education liaison officer and service learning director for Sullivan schools; and Ross Owens, a teacher at Edinburg Junior/Senior High School.

The cost of the conference is \$30 which includes all presentations, continental breakfast and refreshments, and a luncheon. Participants are asked to register by Sept. 26. To do so, or to receive more information about the conference, phone the School of Adult and Continuing Education at (217) 581-5116 or (800) 446-8918.

The 1997 conference is being co-sponsored by Eastern's Department of History, the Social Science Studies Program, the School of Adult and Continuing Education, the Office of Faculty Development and the superintendents of the Eastern Illinois Educational Service regions.