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CHARLESTON, IL.--Honorary degrees will be bestowed upon historian Norman Graebner and former United Nations Ambassador Donald McHenry at Eastern Illinois University commencement ceremonies Saturday (May 10).

Graebner will receive the Doctor of Humane Letters at the morning ceremony while McHenry will be the recipient of a Doctor of Laws in the afternoon.

These two were recommended to EIU President Stan Rives by a campus committee and then approved by the Illinois Board of Governors for State Colleges and Universities.

"We are privileged to bestow honorary degrees upon these two gentlemen. Both have had distinguished careers in their chosen professions, and both have contributed to the pursuit of academic excellence at several universities," said Rives.

Graebner is currently the Edward R. Stettinius Professor of History at the University of Virginia. A recognized authority on American diplomatic history, he authored several books including Empire on the Pacific, Cold War and Diplomacy and The Age of Global Power.

Graebner has served as a Fulbright lecturer in Australia, a visiting lecturer at the University of London, Louisiana State, Stanford and U.S. Military Academy, and held the highly prestigious post of Harmsworth Professor of American history at Oxford University in England (1978-79).

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McHenry is the University Research Professor of Diplomacy and International Relations at Georgetown University in Washington, DC. He also is president of International Relations Consultants, Incorporated.

Besides his U.N. Ambassadorship, he also served as deputy U.S. representative to the United Nations Security Council during his 18 year career with the State Department.

For four years McHenry was also project director at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, and an international affairs fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations.

Both men have had previous connections with EIU. Graebner has lectured here five times, most recently in 1982 as a distinguished visiting professor.

McHenry was a guest lecturer during the inaugural symposia program in the spring of 1984.