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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CHARLESTON, IL --Dr. Joseph T. Connelly and Dr. Lucina P. Gabbard have been named recipients of the Distinguished Faculty Awards at Eastern Illinois University.

The awards, to be presented by President Daniel E. Marvin, Jr., at Commencement on May 9, carry certificates and stipends of \$500. Criteria for selection include excellence in teaching, professional growth, and service to the University and community.

The selection committee was composed of four faculty members, two students, and one alumnus.

Connelly has been a member of the Political Science Department for 22 years and was head of the department for seven years. He is coordinator of the department's undergraduate academic advisement program. Connelly started an internship program and has originated a number of new courses.

A former member of the Illinois House of Representatives, Connelly has been active in local and state politics. He has been a delegate to the Democratic national convention three times. Connelly has been active in the Faculty Senate, the Council on Academic Affairs, and on several committees.

Dr. Gabbard is a Professor of English and is Director of the Department's undergraduate studies and chairperson of the placement resources committee. She is also active in the Arts and Sciences' Curriculum Committee, in other campus-wide organizations, and in various professional societies.

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Her specialty is modern drama and she has written widely in the area. In 1980 Dr. Gabbard received a National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Seminar Award for graduate work at the University of Illinois. Dr. Gabbard has been a recipient of a Faculty Merit Award for the past three years.