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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

GRANT TO SPEAK AT FALL LECTURE

CHARLESTON, IL--One of the nation's preeminent science historians will present the Fifth Annual Fall Lecture of the Phi Beta Kappa Alumni Association of East Central Illinois.

Edward Grant, Distinguished Professor of History and Philosophy of Science at Indiana University, will discuss "Science and Religion in the Middle Ages" at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, September 23, in Eastern Illinois University's Lumpkin Hall, Roberson Auditorium. The lecture, sponsored by the Associates Lectureship of Phi Beta Kappa and Eastern's Office of Academic Affairs, is free and open to the public.

Grant will discuss the relations between science and the Christian community in the Middle Ages. Among the topics of his lecture will be the role of theologians in medieval discussions of scientific phenomena.

Frank McCormick, regional president of the Phi Beta Kappa Alumni Association and a professor of English at Eastern, said, "Dr. Grant has a strong reputation as a lively, engaging lecturer with a gift for bringing the past to life."

Grant began teaching at Indiana University in 1959 and is a

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fellow of the Medieval Academy of America and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and is a past president of the History of Science Society. His other professional memberships include the Renaissance Society of America and Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton. He is also former chairman of the U.S. National Committee of the International Union for the History and Philosophy of Science. He has received support for his research from the National Science Foundation, the American Council of Learned Societies, the Guggenheim Foundation and Indiana University.

Grant has authored or edited many books, such as "Physical Science in the Middle Ages," "Nicole Oresme and the Kinematics of Circular Motion," "Theories of Space and Vacuum from the Middle Ages to the Scientific Revolution" and "Studies in Medieval Science and Natural Philosophy."

Grant earned a bachelor's degree from City College of New York in 1951 (Phi Beta Kappa) and a master's degree in 1953 and a doctorate in 1957, both from the University of Wisconsin.