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TELECONFERENCE FOCUSES ON MINORITY FACULTY CONCERNS

CHARLESTON, IL.--A national video teleconference Eastern Illinois University is sponsoring will focus on the recruitment and retention of minority faculty.

The two-hour teleconference, sponsored by Eastern's Office of Affirmative Action, will be shown to the public from 1 to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 17, in Eastern's Buzzard Auditorium. It will originate from the University of Georgia, Georgia Center for Continuing Education.

Dr. Judith Anderson, Director of Affirmative Action at Eastern, said, "The teleconference will address the expanding reservoir of information available on the subject of recruiting minority scholars for faculty positions, as well as the issues that impact the ability of an institution to retain minority scholars after they have joined the institutional faculty."

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Anderson said the teleconference will provide participants with the most up-to-date information available on the recruitment and retention of minority faculty and the opportunity to participate in a question and answer session with the panel of experts at the host site.

Among the panelists are Dr. Betty Siegel, President of Kennesaw State College and former keynote speaker at Eastern's Women's Expo and Health Fair and at an annual affirmative action awards banquet. She will discuss how an institution can successfully bring about minority faculty retention.

Other panelists include Dr. Phillip Certain, Professor of Chemistry and Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs at the University of Wisconsin; Dr. Charles Knapp, President of the University of Georgia; Dr. Samuel Myers, President of the National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education; and Dr. Herma Williams, Assistant Provost at Ithaca College.