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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

EASTERN OFFERS FORUMS ON BILL OF RIGHTS

CHARLESTON, IL--Eastern Illinois University is working with the Charleston community to present a series of forums on "The Bill of Rights and Our Community" to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the United States Constitution and Bill of Rights.

Funded by Eastern and the Commission on the Bicentennial of the United States Constitution and the Illinois Humanities Council, the public forums are designed to encourage active participation between college faculty, community leaders and citizens in order to gain a better understanding of the history and principles of the United States Constitution, the Bill of Rights and Amendments.

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David Thomas Konig, history professor at Washington University, will open the forum series with a discussion of the "Origins of the Bill of Rights," at 7 p.m., Tuesday, March 12, in Eastern's Coleman Hall auditorium. He will give an assessment of the original intent of the authors of the Bill of Rights.

Konig, a specialist in early American legal history, is the author of "Law and Society in Puritan Massachusetts: Essex County, 1629-1692." The Coles County Historical Society is sponsoring the opening forum.

According to EIU program directors Christopher Waldrep, assistant professor of history, and Thomas Scism, associate professor of political science, the remaining six forums will feature such local figures as Charleston Mayor Wayne Lanman, Charleston Circuit Court Judge Paul Komada, and Coles County Sheriff Jim Kimball.

In April, Illinois Supreme Court Justice Ben Miller and Illinois State Representative Michael Weaver will discuss "Illinois and the Bill of Rights."

All the forums will concentrate on the general theme of exploring workable positions between the demands for individual liberty and the needs of public order. Some of the topics covered will include due process of law, gun control, freedom of religion, and the right to privacy.

Individual forum sponsors include the Charleston Kiwanis Club, Mattoon Public Library, the Newman Center, the American Civil Liberties Union and Coles County League of Women Voters.

For more information, call Waldrep at 581-6359.