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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

EIU TO PRESENT FINAL FORUMS IN SERIES

CHARLESTON, IL--Eastern Illinois University will present the final two forums in "The Bill of Rights and Our Community" series, April 7 and 10.

Sponsored by the Coles County Historical Society, the April 7 forum will feature guest speaker Christopher Waldrep, professor of history at Eastern, who will discuss "You Have the Right to Remain Silent...The Bill of Rights, States' Rights and Defendants' Rights." His talk is at 2 p.m. in the Dudley House, 895 7th Street, Charleston.

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Illinois Supreme Court Chief Justice Benjamin Miller will examine "The Clash Between Individual Liberty and Public Order: The Case of Illinois and the Bill of Rights Chief," in the final forum Wednesday, April 10, at 7 p.m. in Eastern's Booth Library Lecture Room. The Coles-Cumberland Bar Association is hosting a reception and dinner for Justice Miller prior to his presentation.

Sponsored by the Coles County League of Women Voters, the forum will feature guest commentators Illinois State Representative Michael Weaver and Chair of Eastern's Political Science Department, Richard Goodrick.

Prior to Justice Miller's presentation, David Maurer, chair of EIU's History Department, will present two bronze plaques of reproductions of the Bill of Rights and Declaration of Independence to Eastern President Stan Rives. The plaques, donated to the University by Robert Friedman of St. Louis, will be displayed in Coleman Hall.

Funded by Eastern Illinois University, the Commission on the Bicentennial of the United States Constitution and the Illinois Humanities Council, the forums commemorate the 200th anniversary of the U.S. Constitution and the Bill of Rights and are designed to promote a deeper understanding of the Constitution.