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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

CULKIN NAMED CHAIR

CHARLESTON, IL--David Culkin of Charleston, associate professor of leisure studies at Eastern Illinois University since August, has been named chair of the Department of Leisure Studies.

Culkin, former associate professor of leisure studies at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington, replaces Ewen Bryden who retired in August.

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He oversees four full-time and two part-time faculty and 97 students majoring in recreation administration. Eastern offers a Bachelor of Science in Recreation Administration degree with an option in therapeutic recreation.

Of the 350 recreation administration programs in the United States, Eastern's program is among 92 that are accredited by the National Council on Accreditation sponsored by the National Recreation and Park Association and the American Association of Leisure and Recreation.

Graduates of the program are typically employed in leisure services areas, such as park districts, theme parks, military recreation sites, national parks, zoos, camps, and resorts.

Culkin earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in recreation and park management from the University of Illinois at Urbana and doctorate in recreation education from the University of Oregon.

Prior to joining the Eastern faculty, he taught at the University of North Carolina, North Carolina State University, and University of Oregon. He has also been employed by the Rockford, Naperville, and Batavia (IL) Park Districts.

He is a member of the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance; National Recreation and Park Association; and World Leisure and Recreation Association. He is faculty advisor to the Recreation Majors Association.