

# Graduate Alumnus

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## Outstanding Graduate Alumni Awards Class of 2012



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# 2012

## Eastern Illinois University

### Outstanding Graduate Alumni Awards



Since 1951 Eastern has offered advanced study with master's programming. Since that first offering thousands of students have earned graduate degrees, and EIU graduate alumni have changed the world we live in. In 2005 EIU celebrated more than 50 years of graduate education by honoring 50 graduate alumni as Outstanding Graduate Alumni. That same year the Graduate Alumni Advisory Board was created and met for the first time. Since those initial 50 honorees, the Graduate Alumni Advisory Board, the Graduate School, and EIU's graduate programs have continued to honor the achievements and accomplishments of our graduate alumni every year.

*Center photo: The first three master's students at Eastern Illinois State Teachers College in 1952. Pictured left to right- Dwight Baptist, Anna Butler Brown, and Don Luallen. Dwight Baptist was honored as one of the original 50 Outstanding Graduate Alumni in 2005 and continues to serve on the Graduate Alumni Advisory Board.*

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graduate programs offered in the college

Department of Art

Master of Arts in Art

Option in Art Education

Department of Communication Studies

Master of Arts in Communication Studies

Option in Communication Pedagogy

Department of English

Master of Arts in English

Department of History

Master of Arts in History

Option in Historical Administration

Department of Music

Master of Arts in Music

Option in Music Education





## Jennifer Berkshire, Ph.D., '89, '91

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Nominated by the graduate program in English

Jennifer Berkshire graduated from EIU in 1989 with a bachelor's in political science, followed by a master's in English Literature in 1991. She went on to earn a PhD in English from Miami University in Oxford, OH in 1993. Jennifer is currently the editor of the AFT Massachusetts Advocate, a monthly newspaper for 25,000 public school teachers, librarians and higher education faculty. Her article "We Wanted a Voice," about a successful effort by teachers at a Massachusetts charter school to form a union was awarded the Max Steinbock Award for outstanding labor journalism in 2010. Jennifer previously worked as a freelance journalist, and her articles and opinion pieces on such topics as immigration and globalization and workplace trends have appeared in *The Nation*, the *Chronicle of Philanthropy*, the *Philadelphia Inquirer* and *Boston Magazine*. She has also worked as a restaurant critic and food writer for the *Boston Herald* and *Where Magazine*. Jennifer is an adjunct faculty member at UMass Amherst where she teaches a course on the history of the dissident press from the *Mechanics Free Press* to the *Occupied Wall Street Journal*. Despite fleeing the heartland in 1995 for parts east and a view of the ocean, Jennifer has very fond memories of EIU and east central Illinois. (She credits many hours spent at the Uptowner for her excellent skills at the pool table.) She would like to thank her EIU mentors, including Dr. Larry Thorsen and Dr. Linda Coleman, for making Eastern such a great place and a school with which she is proud to be associated. Jennifer lives in Gloucester, MA with her husband, Russ Davis.



## Larry Newman, '85

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Nominated by the graduate program in music

Larry Newman is the founder and director of Children's Music Workshop. He holds a bachelor's of music education from Temple University's College of Music and a master of arts in music from EIU. Larry has taught in the Philadelphia School District, Los Angeles Unified School District, and Santa Monica-Malibu Public Schools and has supervised music programs in more than eighty public and private institutions from the kindergarten through college levels. Larry received the Academy of Television Arts and Sciences' Los Angeles area Emmy® award for Children/Youth Programming. He wrote, directed and produced the All Schools Elementary Honor Orchestra shows which have aired nationally and feature students from more than two dozen Children's Music Workshop school programs. He also received Emmys in 2009 and 2008 for those honor orchestra broadcasts. In 2009, the Los Angeles City Council at City Hall honored Larry for his contributions to music education in Los Angeles. He received the 2006 Lori Petrick Excellence in Education Award from the Palisades Charter Schools Foundation. Larry Newman was also one of 40 teachers nominated for the 2007 25th Annual BRAVO Award, established in 1982 by the Music Center of Los Angeles County to recognize individuals for innovation and excellence in arts education. And in 2008, he was awarded a Best Buy Teach Award which rewards schools for engaging students through technology. While at EIU, Larry directed the University Jazz Lab Band, taught private undergraduate studio trumpet, and was also a member of the EIU Faculty Brass Quintet and solo trumpet player in the EIU Faculty Jazz Combo. As a professional trumpet player, Larry has toured the US, Canada, and Japan with The Glenn Miller Orchestra® under the direction of Larry O'Brien, performed in The Claridge Hotel Casino Orchestra in Atlantic City under the direction of Jack Six, and sailed the Caribbean and Northwest with the S/S Norway Big Band and other cruise ship orchestras. He has backed such star entertainers as Dizzy Gillespie, Jack Jones, Florence Henderson, Jerry Lewis, Billy Eckstine, The Fifth Dimension, Al Martino, Shirley Jones, The Lettermen, Jim Nabors, Jerry Van Dyke, Jim Stafford, Michel Legrand, Clark Terry, Cab Calloway, George Kirby, Margaret Whiting, Benny Carter, The Four Aces, The Modernaires, Bobby Rydell, Joe Williams, Roger Williams, Slide Hampton, The Smothers Brothers, Fred Travalena, Rita Moreno and others. He worked as a trumpet instructor on the 2004



Universal release, *Ray*, starring Jamie Foxx as well as the 1999 movie, *Anywhere But Here*, starring Susan Sarandon and Natalie Portman. Mr. Newman is author of the *Recorder Fun Book* and *Pre-Band Fun Book*, which are fast becoming one of the top classroom recorder methods in the country, used in hundreds of elementary schools throughout the US. He is also the author of the *Violin Fun Book* and *Beginning Band Fun Books* - group method books used in all Children's Music Workshop music programs. Larry is leader of The Pacific Palisades Brass Quintet and is a freelance trumpet player in the Southern California area.



## Ajay K. Ojha, Ph.D., '00

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Nominated by the graduate program in communication studies

Ajay Ojha currently works as a consultant for the federal government in Washington, DC primarily assisting the Department of Defense and the Department of Homeland Security with Program Management and Strategic Communications. In his spare time he teaches at the university and college level for The Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars, is helping to build the foundation for the United States Public Service Academy, and regularly volunteers in community service. Ajay has published articles in Speech Communication journals and has served as an instructor for two Upward Bound programs. He has made numerous presentations at professional conferences and has been invited to speak to tomorrow's leaders including the Gates Millennium Scholars. He also served the United States via AmeriCorps. Ajay graduated with a bachelor's in communication studies from The University of North Carolina, a master's from Eastern Illinois University in speech communication, and a doctorate from Southern Illinois University in speech communication. He serves on various international, national, and university affiliated boards. Ajay enjoys running on the National Mall, yoga, reading, and international travel. While at EIU, Ajay was very fortunate and blessed to be a student of Dr. Norman S. Greer who taught about life and giving back to the community. Dr. Greer helped instill the basic values of humanity, always doing your best, and helping others to excel. Ajay is grateful to have been mentored by Dr. Greer, Dr. Douglas Bock, Dr. Floyd Merrit, Dr. Anthony Oseguera, and Dr. Mary Hogg.



## Mike Sarna, '93

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Nominated by the graduate program in historical administration

This year marks Mike Sarna's 25th year working in museums. He currently works as the Head of Interpretation and Design for the Natural History Museum, London where his team develops the museum's exhibition program attended by over four million visitors annually. Mike received an undergraduate degree in history with an emphasis in museum studies from the University of Iowa. He worked for the DuSable Museum of African American History and smaller local history organizations in Illinois before pursuing his master of arts in historical administration from EIU. After graduate school Mike worked for the Chicago Historical Museum as the Collections Manager for Special Exhibitions. After leaving he became the Director of Collections at the Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago. During his eight-year tenure at MSI he managed a collection of over 100,000 objects and coordinated moves and restorations of large objects including aircraft, automobiles, trains and the U-505 German submarine. He also served as the champion for the development of multi-million dollar exhibitions that included the museum's model railroad, Pioneer Zephyr and the Time exhibition. He left in 2001 to become the Director of Exhibits and Design at The Nature Museum also in Chicago. There he created a portfolio of dynamic exhibitions and programs delivering over five million dollars of projects and upgrades increasing the museum's attendance by over fifty percent over a three year period. Mike has now been in the United Kingdom for six years, working on numerous major projects at the Natural History Museum including the new Darwin Centre and a variety of dynamic permanent and special exhibitions. Mike is very proud that over 500,000 guests have come to the museum's special exhibitions this year. He is co-founder of the Sustainable Exhibitions Group for Museums, Fellow of the Royal Society of the Arts and a certified coach from Strathclyde University. He is author of numerous articles and technical inserts and has presented internationally at a variety of museum and entertainment industry conferences. Mike just graduated from the prestigious Clore Cultural Arts Leadership Programme that is awarded to twenty arts professionals annually. He dedicates this award to his mentor who was also honored as an EIU Outstanding Graduate Alumni, the late Joy Matthiessen. Her encouragement and the support of the Historical Administration Program have been of great professional value to Mike over his career.





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graduate programs offered in the college

School of Business

Master of Business Administration

Certificate in Accountancy

School of Family and Consumer Sciences

Master of Science in

Family and Consumer Sciences

Master of Science in Dietetics

Master of Arts in Gerontology

School of Technology

Master of Science in Technology

Certificate Programs in:

Computer Technology

Technology Security

Quality Systems

Work Performance Improvement



## Sally Cummins Healy, RD, CDE '93

Nominated by the graduate program in dietetics

Sally Cummins Healy is Vice President of Food & Nutrition at Edelman, the world's largest public relations firm. Building on her diverse background, Sally serves as a strong advocate for nontraditional career paths that allow dietitians to utilize their expertise to inform and impact the evolving food and nutrition landscape. Sally received a bachelor's degree in foods in business from the University of Illinois and worked for the Illinois Department of Agriculture's Marketing Division before completing her master's degree and dietetic internship through Eastern Illinois University.

Upon completing her education, Sally served as a clinical and outpatient dietitian specializing in diabetes, but expanded this role to serve as a media spokesperson for the Prairie Heart Institute, the largest cardiovascular program in Illinois. Seeing the power of nutrition education and programming for broad audiences, Sally then pursued a career in public relations. Today, she helps commodities and consumer packaged goods companies build and share their stories while navigating the evolving nutrition environment. Her broad range of expertise includes nutrition marketing, food policy, health professional outreach, and media relations. Sally is also the founder of Edelman Nutrition Solutions, the largest group of on-staff dietitians in the public relations industry. Advocating for the unique skill set and relevant expertise dietitians bring to the table, Sally was able to quadruple the number of Edelman dietitians in just three years. In addition, she oversees Edelman's Nutrition Communications Internship and Residency Programs, which allow entry-level RDs the opportunity gain experience in communications and engagement. As a former board member of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics' Dietitians in Business and Communications practice group and past-president of



the Chicago Nutrition Association, she is a respected member of the national nutrition community. In addition, she has served on the board for the Healthy Schools Campaign and the Chicago Public Schools' Taskforce to Promote Healthy Eating and Smart Choices. Acknowledging the impact of her EIU education, in particular the guidance of Dr. Ruth Dow and Dr. Carol Reis, on her career path, Sally is proud to serve as a member of EIU's Dietetic Program Advisory Council. Sally lives in Chicago with her husband, Peter, and dog, Abraham.



## Jayne Ozier, Ph.D., '63, '71

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Nominated by the graduate program in family and consumer sciences

Eastern Illinois University has been central to Jayne Ozier's life. She earned both her home economics bachelor's (1963) and master's (1971) degrees from EIU. In 1979 she and her husband Bill earned their PhDs from Florida State University. Teaching undergraduates and graduate students child development, family studies, women studies, and research methods; directing theses; serving EIU; advising the Family and Consumer Sciences honor society; and administering child care resource and referral were some of the professional duties she performed during her 34-year tenure at EIU. For four years Jayne was the faculty union president and chief negotiator; she served two terms on the Faculty Senate; she chaired the Faculty Senate, as well as the Women's Studies Council. She ended her EIU career as Acting Chair of the School of Family and Consumer Sciences. Jayne received awards from the Illinois Council on Family Relations, Kappa Omicron Nu (national honors society), International Rotary, University Professionals of Illinois, Daily Eastern News, Florida State University College of Home Economics, Corporation for Public Broadcasting, and EIU School of Family and Consumer Sciences. Neither her husband nor children ever referred to her "commitment" to EIU as "work"; they reported "she went to school" and enjoyed every day. On occasion they suggested maybe they could invite "mom" to serve on their caucus! Her heart continues to be warmed as she observes her former students in their professional lives. In retirement she continues close ties with EIU. Currently she is the EIU Annuitants Association President; serves on the Academy of Lifetime Learning Advisory Council; plays her clarinet in the Eastern Symphonic Band (learning from professors, graduate assistants, and students); attends many EIU concerts; and holds season tickets to football games. Family, church, playing the piano, exercising, photography, and other hobbies are essential to her daily well-being. Her daughter and family live in Charleston; her son in Auburn; they mean so much to her and Bill who recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.



## Thomas Seng, '68, '70, '87

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Nominated by the graduate program in business administration

Thomas Seng earned an educational background in the life sciences and rose to management in the cooperative electric utility industry. His career began in consulting, mainly environmental issues with the electric utility industry. He later accepted a position with a generation and transmission electric cooperative overseeing their environmental licensing matters associated with the construction of new generating facilities. Recognizing that a solid business foundation was needed to advance in the industry he returned to graduate school at EIU and earned an MBA in addition to the bachelor's in education and master's in zoology that he also earned at EIU. Tom worked as a senior environmental engineer and acting general manager for Soyland Power Cooperative in Decatur, Illinois in the early eighties and as a general manager for Jay County REMC in Portland, Indiana from 1988 to 1993. Tom served as President and CEO of Central Indiana Power in Greenfield, Indiana from 1993 until his retirement in 2011. In his career he was active in the Indiana Statewide Association of REC's organization that represents all of Indiana's rural electric cooperatives in state and federal political forums. He participated in state and national lobbying conferences to secure and enhance the position of rural electrics and served nine years on the board of Federated Rural Electric Insurance Exchange and Federated Rural Electric Management Corp. Active in his community, Tom has served on numerous boards in Hancock and Jay counties in Indiana and also served on EIU's School of Business Advisory



Board. Having been a member of the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) at Eli Lilly and Company in Indianapolis for ten years, he is now a member of the IACUC for Covance, Inc. He is currently very active in leadership roles at Mt. Comfort United Methodist Church. Tom and his wife Carol are Mattoon, Illinois natives currently residing in Greenfield, Indiana, and have been married for 45 years. They have two grown children, Chad and Rachel, and four grandchildren residing in the Peoria, Illinois area.

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graduate programs offered in the college

Department of Educational Leadership

Master of Science in Education in Educational  
Administration

Specialist in Education in Educational  
Administration

Department of Early Childhood, Elementary, and  
Middle Level Education

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Education

Certificate Program in Reading Instruction

Department of Counseling and Student Development

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Master of Science in Counseling

Concentration in Clinical Counseling

Concentration in School Counseling

Department of Secondary Education and Foundations

Master of Science in Education for

Master Teacher

Department of Special Education

Master of Science in Education in Special Education

Department of Kinesiology and Sports Studies

Master of Science in Kinesiology and Sports Studies



## Gwendolyn Dungy, Ph.D., '65, '67

Nominated by the graduate program in college student affairs

An accomplished speaker, leader, and educator, Gwendolyn Jordan Dungy has been executive director of NASPA (Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education) since 1995. In her capacity as a national advocate for students and the primary spokesperson for student affairs administrators and practitioners, she draws on more than 40 years of experience in higher education. Before joining NASPA, Gwen was associate director of the Curriculum and Faculty Development Network and coordinator of the National Diversity Network at the Association of American Colleges & Universities. Previously, she was a senior administrator at the County College of Morris (NJ), Montgomery College (MD), and Catonsville Community College (MD), and a counseling faculty member at St. Louis Community College (MO). Gwen represents NASPA in national forums such as the Washington Higher Education Secretariat, which includes the leaders of approximately 50 higher education associations. While at NASPA, she has pursued a number of initiatives designed to enhance the association's role in public policy, research, professional development, and student learning and assessment, with a particular interest in the increasing veteran student population. Gwen is called on frequently to speak on a wide range of topics at conferences nationally and internationally. In the international arena, she has increased alliances and collaborations between NASPA and associations and non-profit groups in other nations. Within the past year, she traveled to Norway as the only student affairs representative for an international conference on the role of higher education in "reimagining democratic societies," and presented at a conference in Qatar, after which she met with higher education leaders throughout the region. At the behest of the Department of Education and the State Department, she traveled to Jordan in order to represent student affairs and moderate a panel addressing community colleges in the Middle East and North Africa. She also served as a consultant to the Center for Higher Education Transformation in South Africa in its work to facilitate the establishment of a national association for student services professionals in that



country. She spent several months in Mexico creating strategic professional relationships and exploring how NASPA can learn from international communities and provide unique value to the lives of students abroad. After Mexico, she represented US student affairs at the 50th anniversary of the National Academy of Education Administration in Beijing, Peoples Republic of China. Gwen has served as a member of the board of directors of HEADS UP – A University Neighborhood Initiative in Washington, DC, the Association Mutual Health Insurance Company, Berkeley College-New York and New Jersey, the American Association of University Women's Legal Advocacy Fund, the AAUW Educational Foundation, the Morris Shelter and Morris Museum, and as a trustee of the California Institute of Integral Studies and Gettysburg College.



## Ruth Hawkins, '47, '68

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Nominated by the graduate program in elementary education

Ruth Hawkins earned a bachelor's in education from Eastern Illinois State Teachers College in 1947 and in 1963 she completed her master's in education from Eastern Illinois University. Her undergraduate degree was in social studies and her graduate degree focused on elementary education. She has retired three times: the first after 20 years of teaching in the public schools, the next after working for 16 years and an elementary education consultant for a major publishing company, and the last after spending seven years as an associate professor in EIU's elementary education department. After graduating in 1947 Ruth taught in public schools in Illinois and Michigan as an elementary teacher (grades 3 through 12) and completed her master's degree while teaching. She was a coordinating teacher for EIU's student teaching program while working in Oakland, Illinois and it during her tenure at Oakland that she was selected as the 1974 Illinois Teacher of the Year. Ruth maintained an active role in professional organizations at the local, state, and national levels while teaching. After retiring from the classroom Ruth served as an elementary education consultant for Houghton Mifflin Company, giving workshops and seminars. For most of those years she also presented the children's literature seminars at Houghton's annual Notre Dame Reading Conference. In 1988 she returned to EIU's campus as an Associate Professor in the Department of Elementary Education. In this role she taught methods courses in reading and language arts and served as director of the Reading Center, consultant to the MAPS program, and coordinator of student teaching. Now that she has officially retired, Ruth spends time pursuing her interests in genealogy, gardening, and collecting antiques. She's written several booklets on her family history, joined Coles County Master Gardeners to pursue her interest in herbs and prairie plants, is a member of EIU's Lifetime Academy of Learning, and also attends activities at the Coles County Lifespan Center. Best of all, she now has time to read, read, and read! Ruth resides in Charleston and her son Thomas and daughter-in-law Jan live nearby. She has two grandsons, Robert and Jonathan, who attend Indiana University.



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graduate programs offered in the college

Department of Biological Sciences

Master of Science in Biological Sciences

Master of Science in Natural Sciences

Concentration in Biological Sciences

Department of Chemistry

Master of Science in Chemistry

Master of Science in Natural Sciences

Concentration in Physical Sciences

Department of Communication Disorders and Sciences

Master of Science in Communication Disorders  
and Sciences

Department of Economics

Master of Arts in Economics

Department of Geology/Geography

Master of Science in Natural Sciences

Concentration in Physical Sciences

Option in Geographic Imaging Sciences

Department of Mathematics and Computer Science

Master of Arts in Mathematics

Option Elementary/Middle School

Mathematics Education

Option Secondary Mathematics Education

Department of Physics

Master of Science in Natural Sciences

Concentration in Physical Sciences

Department of Political Science

Master of Arts in Political Science

Certificate in Public Planning

Department of Psychology

Master of Arts in Clinical Psychology

Specialist in School Psychology







## Frank Blum, Ph.D., '76, '77

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Nominated by the graduate program in chemistry

Frank D. Blum grew up in Chicago and graduated from Eastern Illinois University with a bachelors in chemistry in 1976 and a master's in 1977 in physical chemistry. He obtained his Ph.D. in 1981 from the University of Minnesota. He was Assistant Professor of Chemistry at Drexel University in Philadelphia from 1981 to 1986, when he moved to the University of Missouri-Rolla, where he rose to the rank of Curators' Professor of Chemistry and Adjunct Professor of Materials Science and Engineering. In 2010, he moved to the Oklahoma State University as the Harrison I. Bartlett Chair, and Professor and Chair of Chemistry. He was named Regents' professor in 2011. Frank has held visiting positions at IBM in San Jose, California, USA and at Lund University in Lund, Sweden. Frank's research interests are in the areas of materials science and surface chemistry with a focus on polymers. He has coauthored more than 200 publications and has supervised 28 Ph.D. and 20 M.S. students to advanced degrees. Frank received two Exxon Education Foundation Awards and an Alcoa Foundation Award. He has also received a Distinguished Alumni Award from Eastern Illinois University. Frank served as secretary and chair of the Division of Polymer Chemistry of the American Chemical Society (ACS) which honored him with Distinguished Service and Special Service Awards. He has been councilor of ACS for over 20 years and formerly chair of the ACS Committees on Nominations and Elections and Divisional Activities. Frank is a Fellow of the American Chemical Society and the Division of Polymer Chemistry, Inc. He enjoys hiking, kayaking, and still attempts to play softball and basketball. He and his wife Linda (EIU, '77) now enjoy Cowboy and Cowgirl sports. As the first in his family to go to college, Frank benefitted greatly from his interactions with the EIU Chemistry Department Faculty, especially Drs. Keiter, Henderson, and Ebdon. They have become friends and colleagues. When he was a student, they helped open his eyes to world he could not have dreamed of. For this he is truly grateful.



## Jerry Boyd, Ph.D., '73, '76

Nominated by the graduate program in clinical psychology

Dr. Jerry Boyd is a Licensed Clinical Psychologist who earned his bachelor's and master's from EIU in psychology and a doctorate from the University of Illinois in 1981. Jerry's early career involved assisting in the de-institutionalization of persons with chronic mental illness and developmental disabilities from United States Veteran's Administration Medical Centers and State of Illinois Mental Hospitals and Developmental Centers. After earning his master's degree he moved to the outpatient mental health service and was involved in the psychological evaluation and treatment of children, adolescents and adults, eventually being promoted to the position of Clinical Services Director of the mental health center, a position which he held until he moved into private practice on a full time basis in 1985. In 1985, he was accepted for listing in the American Psychological Association's National Register of Health Service Psychology and has earned the American Psychological Association's Certificate of Proficiency in Alcohol and other Psychoactive Substance Abuse in 1996 and has also been granted the Certificate of Professional Qualification in Psychology from the Association of State Psychology Boards. He has been a member of both the American and Illinois Psychological Associations since 1982 and was an invited presenter at the inaugural National Conference on Post Traumatic Stress Disorder in 1983. He has taught graduate courses and supervised practicum students from EIU, as well as master's of social work students for the University of Illinois and a Doctoral Internship in Counseling Psychology for Indiana State University. In 1985, Jerry commenced the full time practice of clinical psychology, opening offices in Coles and Effingham Counties in Illinois. The Effingham county practice has and currently includes a health psychology practice at a family practice clinic in Effingham County. Jerry's focus of outpatient practice became divided, with his practice being general clinical psychology and forensic psychology. His primary office was moved to its current location in 1992. His services, over time, have included Social Security evaluations; and post offer employment exams for police officers, sheriff's deputies, correctional officers,



DARE officers, Sniper Squad team members, and Tactical Response Team Members for the Illinois State Police. He has seen defendants for forensic evaluation including capital individual and multiple murder cases. He has testified in state and federal courts of law. He has conducted DUI evaluations and is a consultant to various associations for vocational workshops and associations for citizens with intellectual disabilities. Jerry resides in Charleston with his wife of 35 years, Melissa. Their daughter, Sara, is a doctoral candidate in Clinical Psychology, and their son, Justin, is in the Physician Assistant Program, both at the University of Kentucky in Lexington.



## Andrew Ramage, J.D., '93, '94

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Nominated by the graduate program in political science

Andrew Ramage currently practices law with Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP in Springfield where his practice focuses in the areas of commercial, employment and governmental litigation. His private sector experience includes representation of major corporations, employers, insurers, physicians, health care providers, banks and homeowners' associations. For his public sector clients, Andrew provides advice to and litigates on behalf of the State of Illinois, counties and schools involving contractual and personnel issues, civil rights disputes and FOIA & Open Meetings Act issues. He currently serves as a special Assistant Attorney General for the State of Illinois

and also is a Special Assistant State's Attorney for Sangamon County for civil rights claims. He serves as outside general counsel to the Sangamon County Emergency Telephone System Department and the 911 Board. Prior to joining Hinshaw & Culbertson in May 2001, Andrew served as an Assistant Attorney General for the State of Illinois in the General Law Bureau. In that capacity, he represented the State of Illinois, its officers and agencies in both state and federal court as well as before state administrative bodies. While at the Office of the Attorney General, Andrew tried several federal civil rights cases as well as numerous cases before the Illinois Court of Claims, Civil Service Commission, State Police Merit Board and the Human Rights Commission, and frequently represented the Illinois State Board of Education in special education lawsuits involving the IDEA. Prior to working for the Illinois Attorney General, he worked for a private firm where he litigated criminal and personal injury actions. He is a member of the Illinois State Bar Association and the Lincoln-Douglas chapter of the American Inn of Court and also a member of the Sangamon County Bar Association, where he serves as an officer. Andrew is a member of the Leading Lawyers Network, where he was selected by his peers as a Leading Lawyer in the areas of Commercial Litigation; Employment Law: Management; and Governmental, Municipal, Lobbying & Administrative Law. In addition, he has been rated by Martindale-Hubbell for legal ability and ethics. From 2008 to 2010, Illinois Super Lawyers magazine named Andrew annually to its Rising Star list. He is a member of the Springfield Chamber of Commerce, a baseball coach for the Springfield Southwest Baseball Association, and has been a volunteer for the St. John's Breadline, Junior League of Springfield and Meals on Wheels. He is a past member of the Springfield Parks Foundation Board, Pregnancy Care Center Board of Springfield, Grant's Ridge Homeowners' Association and the St. Agnes Parish Council. Andrew provides pro bono legal services to a number of organizations, including to Sojourn's clients in domestic abuse cases, and low income persons on behalf of Land of Lincoln Legal Assistance Foundation (Legal Aid). He also serves as a guardian ad litem for children and disabled adults in Sangamon County. Andrew was a 2004 inductee to the Forty Under 40 Club by the Springfield Business Journal. He currently serves as an elected member of the Lincoln Land Community College Board of Trustees. He and his wife Roxane reside in Springfield with their two sons, and are expecting their third child in mid-April.





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