

## **Barbour, Judith A**

Dr. Judy Barbour received her B.A. from Northern Illinois University, her MS.Ed. from Southern Illinois University and her Ph.D. from the University of Illinois. After teaching in Illinois public schools in grades 2 through 12, she accepted a job as Director of the Adult Literacy Program for a 12-county area in Central Illinois. Upon receiving her Ph.D. she began her work at Eastern Illinois University teaching elementary methods and reading courses. She has been at Eastern for eight years, conducting research in the areas of teacher education, reading development, and language arts. She has been the president of the Illinois Reading Council and serves on the Research Committee of the Illinois Reading Council.

With the help of the 2006 Faculty Development Award, Dr. Barbour will be presenting a workshop at the International Reading Association Annual Convention held in McCormick Place, Chicago, the first week of May. Her workshop presentation will train a number of teachers from all corners of the world to utilize the strategy of timed repeated partner reading in their classrooms. Through a three-year study, this strategy has proven to be an effective means of increasing oral reading fluency which transfers to silent reading and leads to increased reading competence and improved comprehension.