



**Graduate Leaders  
2015 Fall Summit  
Agenda**

**September 1, 2015  
4:30 – 6:00 p.m.  
1895 Room, University Union**

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**Introductions:**

Samantha Young, Student Dean  
President Glassman  
Provost Lord  
Graduate Coordinators, Department Chairs and Council on Graduate Studies Members

**1. Accomplishments and Updates for 2015-2016**

Dr. Ryan C. Hendrickson, Interim Dean of the Graduate School  
Eastern Illinois University had a number of superior graduate accomplishments in 2014-2015. We will review of a sampling of these outstanding achievements and update graduate leaders on forthcoming events for the 2015-2016 academic year.

**2. Online Graduate Education and EIU**

National trends indicate substantial growth and demand in the area of online graduate education. A number of Eastern Illinois University online graduate programs have implemented successful strategies that have enabled their programs to ensure robust enrollments while simultaneously ensuring high-quality graduate education.

Speaker: Dr. Patricia Belleville, Graduate Coordinator of Art Education and Community Arts, and Professor of Art

**3. MyEIU- Prospect Relationship Manager (PRM)**

One aspect of successful recruitment of graduate students is the ability to manage prospective student's application materials expeditiously and in a well-organized manner. The graduate program in Biological Sciences implemented EIU's PRM application process last academic year, and experienced considerable growth in their applicant pool.

Speakers: Dr. Britto Nathan, Graduate Coordinator and Professor of Biological Sciences  
Lori Henderson, Director, Integrative Graduate Studies Institute

**4. Graduate Student Mentoring Strategies**

Eastern Illinois University has an increasingly diverse student body. This diversity provides our campus with much wider learning opportunities, but also with new and different considerations in the mentoring of graduate students. Effective mentoring of students is often identified as the strongest

predictor of graduate students' success. Dr. Mona Davenport will share her insights and research on the best practices for mentoring of minority students.

Speaker: Dr. Mona Davenport, Director, Minority Affairs

## **5. Booth Library and Graduate Research**

EIU's Booth Library offers outstanding research resources for EIU's graduate students and faculty.

Professor Steven Brantley will provide a brief address on how EIU librarians can assist graduate students in literature review searches.

Speaker: Steven Brantley, Associate Professor, Head of Reference Services, Booth Library

## **6 p.m.: Light supper and conversation to follow Summit**