

50 years of Graduate Education

The Graduate School
April 15, 2005

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MEETING
September 25, 1950

The Curriculum Committee met at four o'clock in the Home Economics dining room. There were present: Dean Heller, Miss Reinhardt, Mrs. Morris, Miss McAfee, Mr. Metter, Mr. Dvorak, Mr. Guinegh, Mr. Barton, and Mr. Lefler. Dean Heller presented for discussion the matter of the fifth year program beyond the Bachelor's degree. He said he hoped we would arrive at some kind of a time-table and plan by December 1. The advanced degree would be the M. S. in Education.

It was suggested that the President be invited to meet with this Committee next Monday, present his ideas on the subject, and then present them to the faculty the next day.

There was an expression of opinion that we should work in smaller committees to formulate the policies for this program.

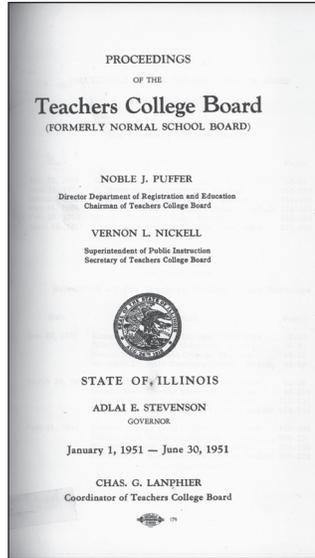
The Committee adjourned to meet again Monday, October 2.

Blanche C. Thomas
Secretary

Of the four colleges governed by the Teachers College Board, Eastern was the last to establish graduate studies into its curriculum. The first recorded proposal for an advanced degree appears in the Curriculum Committee Minutes dated September 25, 1950.

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President Buzzard presented the proposal for the M.S. in Education to the Teachers College Board who granted approval on January 22, 1951. According to Donald Tingley's Emerging University, "The program was planned as an in-service program for teachers. Its integrating principle appeared unconventional when compared with traditional graduate study in the academic disciplines. The term 'graduate' was avoided – it was called 'advanced professional study.'" By the early 1960s "advanced professional study" became "graduate study."



PROCEEDINGS

Following Board procedure, these matters were presented to the Committee at least sixty (60) days prior to this meeting, and the Committee now recommends the approval of these alterations, eliminations and additions.

In view of the foregoing, Dr. Reavis moved the adoption of the alterations, eliminations and additions to the Graduate School program as outlined in the President's Report of January 22, 1951. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bohrer and unanimously carried.

Dr. Reavis reported that Eastern Illinois State College, through the Graduate and General Curriculum Committee, hereby requests and presents a Proposed Program for the Degree, M.S. in Ed.

Dr. Buzzard advised this plan had been worked out very carefully by the faculty and the Graduate Study Committee, and was submitted to the Graduate and General Curriculum Committee of the Teachers College Board for approval.

Dr. Reavis reported the Committee had had the matter before them and were of the unanimous opinion that Eastern met all requirements necessary for qualification to offer a five-year program for teacher education.

Following much discussion, Dr. Reavis moved that the proposed program for the Degree, M. S. in Education, as presented by Eastern Illinois State College, be approved. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Peglow and unanimously carried.

Dr. Reavis reported that Illinois State Normal University had requested permission for qualified instructors, in Departments not approved by the Board to offer graduate work, to offer graduate courses in related Departments, when it seems desirable.

Discussion followed, after which Dr. Reavis moved that the request of Illinois State Normal University, to permit qualified instructors, in Departments not approved by the Board to offer graduate work, to offer courses in related Departments, when it seems desirable, be approved. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wirtz and unanimously carried.



Dr. Robert Guy Buzzard, President and Dr. Hobart Heller, Dean of Instruction were advocates for establishing the master's program. They are shown in this 1949 photo at the portrait dedication for Dr. Edson Homer Taylor, Professor Emeritus, who served as interim president after President Livingston Lord's death in 1933.

50 years of Advancing the Professional & Personal Lives of our Students

Of the three students photographed in front of Old Main in 1952, Dwight Baptist is the only surviving member. After graduating from Eastern with his master's, Dwight taught at Belleville High School and Junior College. In his second year of teaching, he was offered a job with the Internal Revenue Service. He served as a collection officer and revenue agent in the East St. Louis area and was an instructor, supervisor and field audit branch chief for the Springfield District. As a result, in 1965 he was the first ever to be selected from that district in a nationwide competition for the IRS Executive Selection and Development Program. After completing this program, he was assigned as Assistant District Director in Tennessee and in this position had the opportunity to serve as chairman of a nation wide study for the IRS, related to pension, profit-sharing, stock bonus, and bond purchase plans. This assignment led to an award from the Secretary of the Treasury, and the study was the impetus to legislation and other changes applicable to this day. While still assigned to Nashville, Dwight worked in Atlanta as Acting Assistant Regional Commissioner for the Southeast Region and in 1971 was selected as District Director for the Birmingham District which encompassed the state of Alabama. While working in Birmingham, he also was a member of the advisory boards for the School of Accounting at the University of Alabama and the School of Business and Finance at Auburn University. He also served as President of the Birmingham Federal Executive Association, Chairman of Greater Birmingham Area Combined Federal Campaign, charter member of U.S. Senior Executive Service as well as other organizations. Following retirement from the IRS, Dwight taught at Birmingham Southern College in addition to being the principal and a business instructor at Minor Christian School. All the while, he also worked as a tax consultant.

Dwight met his wife Bette at Cowden High School, where they both taught. A graduate of SIU, Bette also attended Eastern and taught home economics at Charleston High School while Dwight was earning his master's. Married in 1947, they have three children, two of whom reside in Tennessee where Dwight and Bette currently reside and one who lives in Arlington Heights, Illinois.

Anna Butler Brown was born and reared in Charleston, Illinois and received her bachelor's degree from Eastern in 1950. In 1952 Anna was enrolled in the first master's program at Eastern but actually received her master's degree from Arizona State University in 1977. After leaving Charleston in 1959 for Phoenix, Arizona with her husband and three sons, she taught for the Phoenix Union School District. When she and her family moved to Safford in 1971, she taught at a small rural school in Bonita where she worked until retirement in 1985.

Anna married her husband, Thomas Freeland Brown, in 1950 and subsequently had three sons, all of whom were born in Charleston. They moved to Arizona in 1959 and that is where Anna and Thomas raised their family. Anna passed away September 7, 2003 due to injuries sustained in a car accident the previous June.

Don Luallen earned his bachelor's as well as his master's at Eastern. After graduation, Don began his career as an instructor and assistant principal at Roanoke-Benson High School in Roanoke Illinois. In 1954 Don joined the private sector and worked as an assistant manager for the Mutual Finance Company and as an agent for New York Life Insurance, both in Peoria, Illinois. During the 1960s, Don returned to the classroom as a business instructor for both Blackhawk College in Moline and Midstate College in Peoria. From 1970 to 1985 he purchased the franchise, Cabinetpak Kitchens of Peoria, of which he was owner and operator. The classroom lured Don back in 1985, and he taught business at the high school in Brimfield, Illinois. He retired from teaching in 1991 having spent the last five years as a computer specialist at Richwoods High School in Peoria, Illinois. Don served in the Navy during World War II and upon returning home, married his wife Mary in 1947 in Decatur, Illinois. She accompanied him to Eastern. Don passed away in 2001, leaving his wife Mary, twin daughters and two grandchildren.



The first master's candidates shown in 1952 from left to right: Dwight Truman Baptist, MS. Ed. Business Education; Anna Butler Brown; MS. Ed. English, and Fredrick Donald Luallen, MS. Ed. Business Education. When this photograph was taken in front of Old Main, it was believed that these three would be the very first students to graduate from Eastern with a master's degree. However, Anna Butler Brown would not be able to claim that distinction, and history recorded Dwight Baptist and Donald Luallen as the first.

“It was a signal honor to be in the first class, first in line to receive that masters’ degree from Eastern. I remember my wife making (sewing) the hood for the ceremony. Fond memories remain, too, of receiving a distinguished alumnus award from the School of Business in 1971.”

Dwight Baptist



Dwight Baptist posed with his family for this photo taken in Pemberton Hall. Members of his family included his stepfather, John J. Smith, Jr.; mother, Ruth Baptist Smith; sisters, Beverly and Elizabeth; and wife, Bette Leckrone Baptist.

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Write a statement concerning your purpose in your master's degree work:
With this master's degree, I think I will be better equipped to teach Business and my knowledge will help me be of most use to community in which I teach.

Courses taken to date, or currently taking. Include any courses for which transfer of credit is being asked:
 Group I. Education 550
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 Group II. Bus. Econ. 451 Bus. Econ. 480 Soc. Sci. 458
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 Bus. Econ. 455
 Group III. Bus. 501
 Bus. 550

EASTERN ILLINOIS STATE COLLEGE
 CHARLESTON, ILLINOIS
 APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO GRADUATE COURSES

Full Name: Dwight Truman Baptist
 Address: Apt. 19-B, Campus City
 Date of Birth: August 20, 1928

COLLEGE	PERIODS OF ATTENDANCE
Sparks Business College	June, 1942-March, 1943
DuSion University	November, 1943-June, 1944
University of Virginia	July, 1944-February, 1946
Eastern Illinois State College	Summer, 1947-48-49-50-51

SCHOOL	POSITION
Cresden Community High School	Cash and Business Education Teacher

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Eastern Ill. St. Col.	Sept. 1947 to Aug. 1951	Aug. 2, 1951

SCHOOL	POSITION	DATES

Teaching Experience: _____

If there is a faculty member whom you would prefer as your adviser, give his name: J. M. Thompson

Do you wish to apply your work toward the degree, Master of Science in Education, at Eastern Illinois State College? Yes

If the answer to the above question is "Yes," answer the following:
 Toward what type of position do you wish to point your program for the Master's degree?
 Business Education Teacher

Do you plan to go on for a Doctor's degree? Undecided
 If so, in what field? _____ At what university? _____

The original paperwork for the two graduates was found in the Graduate School's files. They have survived many moves over 50 years and most recently resurfaced despite the April 2004 fire in Blair Hall where the Graduate School offices were located.



Dwight Baptist and Donald Luallen were honored with a dinner hosted by the President. They are shown here with President Buzzard, faculty members and their families enjoying dinner in Pemberton Hall.

50 years of Graduate Leadership

With permission from the Teacher's College Board, President Quincy Doudna appointed the first dean of graduate studies. History professor Dr. Lavern Hamand was selected to fill the role where he served as graduate dean from 1961 to 1974. During his tenure in the 1960s, the master of arts, science, business administration and the specialist in education were established. The number of degrees conferred grew from those first two in 1952 to over 440 by 1972. Despite this growth, in 1973 President Fite, faced with budgetary woes and declining enrollment, questioned the amount of resources that should be invested to support this continued growth. President Fite stated, "The decision must be made whether we are going to have fewer programs with more students per program or more programs with fewer students per program. We should probably do less and do it better."



Dean Hamand, 1974

"An old army maxim asserts that a company commander is no better than his first sergeant can make him. Over the years I have been blessed with a series of the best of sergeants."



Dr. Wayne Thurman, professor of speech pathology, served as acting dean while Dean Hamand toured Europe in 1970 and again from 1974 to 1976 following Hamand's retirement.



Dr. Kenneth Hadwiger, professor of speech communications, was named dean of graduate studies in 1976 and served until 1978.



Dr. David Buchanan, professor of chemistry, served as acting dean from 1983 to 1984 while Dean Williams spent a year in Washington D.C.



Dr. Larry Williams, professor of mathematics, was hired as the dean of the Graduate School in 1978 and held that position until 1995.

Other individuals serving in leadership roles for the Graduate School included Dr. Tom Gladsky who served as Dean from 1995 to 1998 and Dr. Brian Bolter filled the role of Associate Dean from 1997 to 1998.

The academic structure of the university as well as the administration of graduate education has changed from the days of Dr. Hamand's term as dean. Today the current Graduate School Dean, Dr. Robert M. Augustine, oversees an administrative unit that includes the Graduate School, the Office of Grants and Research, and the Office of International Programs. Graduate education is now a collaboration of four academic colleges; whereas each college offers graduate programs that are lead by coordinators of graduate study who liaison with deans, chairs, graduate faculty, graduate students, advisory committees, and external agents. This collaboration serves to insure that the rigor and viability of graduate degree programs is preserved. Graduate education at Eastern Illinois University is a partnership of these four academic colleges: The College of Sciences, The Lumpkin College of Business and Applied Sciences, The College of Arts and Humanities and The College of Education and Professional Studies. The School of Continuing Education is essential to Eastern's graduate mission because it provides graduate courses and programs at off-campus locations and through distance learning technology. The Honors College provides incentives and guidance to promote Eastern's graduate programs to students who are being uniquely prepared for advanced study. Finally, Booth Library offers access to critical and comprehensive resources and services essential to graduate study and research.

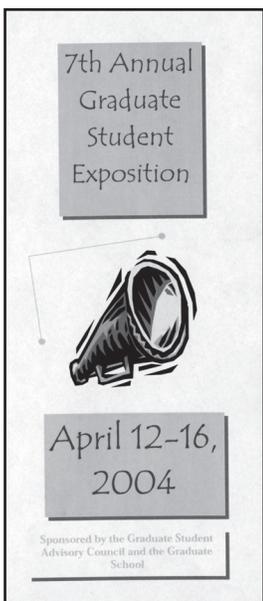


Pictured above: Dean William Hine, School of Continuing Education; Dean Diane Hoadley, Lumpkin College of Business and Applied Sciences; Dean Charles Rohn, College of Education and Professional Studies; Dean Robert Augustine, The Graduate School; Dean James Johnson, College of Arts and Humanities; Dean Mary Anne Hanner, College of Sciences; Dean Bonnie Irwin, Honors College; Dean Allen Lanham, Booth Library; Provost Blair Lord, Vice President for Academic Affairs.



Dr. Britto Nathan, current chair of the Council on Graduate Studies and Dr. Shane Miller, vice chair.

In 1959 President Quincy Doudna established the Council on Graduate Studies and appointed its first five members. He asked Judd Kline, professor of English, to act as the first chair of the council. President Doudna instructed that the council's primary purpose and duty was to "act on applications for candidacy." Today all graduate applications are processed by admissions staff in the Graduate School, and the duties of CGS have been expanded since that first council in 1959. The current chair of CGS is Dr. Britto Nathan, professor of biological sciences and the council now has eight elected faculty and one faculty member appointed by the Dean of the Graduate School as well as a student member who is appointed by the Graduate Student Advisory Council. Today the council's duties address graduate policies as they pertain to graduate courses, programs as well as students.



Graduate students gain own voice



Dr. Judd Kline, first chair of the Council on Graduate Studies in 1959.

As assistant dean of the Graduate School in 1991, Dr. Jill Nilsen established the Graduate Student Advisory Council. The council was formed to give graduate students an opportunity to take an active role in student issues. Today the Graduate Student Advisory Council and the Graduate School host an annual Graduate Student Exposition in the spring. The Exposition recognizes an Outstanding Graduate Student from each program and showcases student research through displays and presentations.

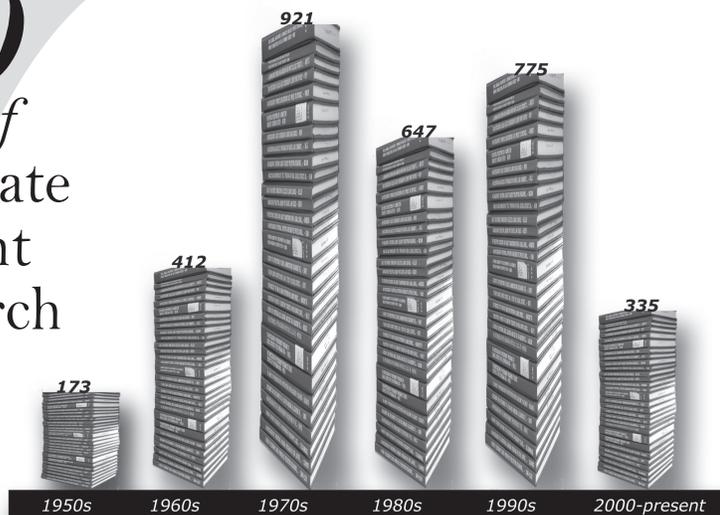


The Graduate Student Advisory Council in 1992



The Graduate Student Advisory Council in 2005

50 years of Graduate Student Research



The chart to the left shows the number of theses deposited over the last 50 years. A drastic increase in the 70s reflects the record number of enrollments in graduate programs during that period. Declining enrollments in the 80s was an issue attributed to the active job market for college graduates and also the consequence of low assistantship stipends that graduate deans have historically struggled to increase.

The Graduate School and the Council on Graduate Studies annually award a student with the **Distinguished Master's Thesis** distinction. The Distinguished Thesis Award is the university's highest form of recognition for completion of a master's thesis. The award includes a \$500 stipend and recognition during the Graduate Student Exposition Award Ceremony. Moreover, the award also includes a nomination for a Distinguished Thesis Award from the Midwest Association of Graduate Schools. In addition to this top honor, three other students are also chosen to be honored for their research, one to receive the Thesis Award of Excellence and two receive Honorable Mention. Besides the thesis awards, the Graduate School also sponsors the Williams Travel Awards and the Research/Creative Activity Awards. The Williams Travel Awards are named in honor of former dean Dr. Larry Williams. The competition awards students for travel expenses incurred while presenting their research at local, state, and national conferences. Research/Creative Activity Awards provide financial incentives for outstanding graduate research and creative activity projects that include opportunities for graduate students to partner with external businesses, industries or educational agencies to foster improvements and development of innovative ideas.



Autumn Williams, 2005 winner of the Distinguished Master's Thesis Award with her faculty mentor, Dr. John Guzowski, Professor of English.



Dr. Bailey Young, Professor of History, faculty mentor with Christopher Bailey, winner of the 2003 Distinguished Master's Thesis Award.



Jocelyn Tipton, winner of the 2004 Distinguished Master's Thesis Award with her faculty mentor, Dr. Ryan Hendrickson, Assistant Professor of Political Science.



Dr. Britto Nathan, Professor Biological Sciences in the lab with graduate assistant Ike Nwosu, graduate candidate in Biological Sciences.

Historically, the graduate assistantship program has provided essential resources for students to pursue graduate degrees while simultaneously enhancing Eastern's teaching and research mission. Monthly stipends and tuition waiver scholarships are examples of the financial incentives for students. Hands on experience in teaching, teaching support and research are examples of the opportunities to gain knowledge and skills beyond the classroom. The ability to maintain competitive stipends has always been a challenge for the university and over the years alternative funding has been established. In 1971 there were a total of 55 assistantships offered in 20 different disciplines. The introduction of the teaching assistantship program in 1974 hoped to increase enrollment and stipends and did result in an increase of 50 assistantship positions. In 2000, the Graduate School added the Summer Research Assistantship program, which provides research support to faculty during the summer term. In 2003 the competitive Presidential Assistantship program was introduced and in 2004 the Director of Financial Aid unveiled the Spring Scholars Program which expanded the number of spring awards. Today there are over 300 assistants working in 25 different programs and departments. During the past five years, programs have been able to increase assistantship offerings through collaborations with external agencies and grants. Examples of these agencies include, the Charleston and Mattoon School Districts, Jackson Avenue Coffee, and Coles County Mental Health, and numerous other local firms, corporations and medical facilities.

The future of Graduate Education

“ The future of the university lies in graduate education due to the aging of our populations. People are living longer and therefore not retiring at what was once a typical retirement age. They are beginning new careers later in life and are looking for graduate programs to further their education. The scope of knowledge and technology required in today’s work place will only grow broader and it will be the challenge of the university to accommodate this new age of professionals. ”

Dr. Susan Bazargan Graduate Coordinator for English

The Graduate Student Exposition and the Distinguished Graduate Student Award Ceremony serve also as an opportunity for the Graduate School to recognize leadership and service to the mission of graduate education by departmental units as well as individuals. **The Award of Excellence** recognizes a person, program, or unit on campus that has made a unique contribution to the university and has made a significant impact on the quality of graduate education. The Leadership Award is given to recognize and reward an academic department or school that has achieved documented recognition for achievements in graduate education. Past recipients of the Award of Excellence have included: Dean Allen Lanham and the Staff of Booth Library, 2002; President Lou Hencken, 2003; and Jone Zieren, Director Financial Aid Office and Staff, 2004. Honorees of the Leadership Award have included: Dr. Tom Nelson, Graduate Coordinator for Biological Sciences, 2001; Dr. Cheryl Noll, Graduate Coordinator for the MBA program, 2002; Dr. Peter Ping Liu, Graduate Coordinator for Technology, 2003; Dr. Susan Bazargan, Graduate Coordinator for English and Dr. Brenda Wilson, Graduate Coordinator for Communication Disorders & Sciences shared the honor in 2004.



The Graduate School’s 2004 Graduate Leadership Award was presented to the Graduate program in English. Pictured above are: Dean Jim Johnson, College of Arts and Humanities; Dr. Susan Bazargan, Graduate Coordinator for English; Dr. Dana Ringuette, Chair for the Department of English.



Jessica Catto



Lindsey Roberts

Outstanding faculty attract outstanding students and donors of such prestigious scholarships encourage and reward that student potential with competitive financial assistance. **The Betty Wright Downing Scholarship** was established by Mr. & Mrs. Harry T. Wright in memory of Betty Wright Downing, this scholarship is presented annually to a graduate candidate who is preparing for a career in medicine or a health related field. Jessica Catto, graduate candidate in Communication Disorders & Sciences was awarded the scholarship in 2004. **The Frances Meyer Hampton Scholarship** was established through the estate of EIU alumna Mrs. Frances Meyer Hampton, the Hampton Scholarship is presented annually to a full time student in a master’s degree program who has demonstrated exceptional potential for graduate study in any graduate discipline. The 2004 recipient of the Hampton Scholarship was Lindsey Roberts, specialist candidate in School Psychology.

In conjunction with Graduate Exposition Week the Graduate Student Advisory Council accepts nominations for the **Outstanding Graduate Faculty Mentor Award**. The award was founded in 2000 and the faculty member chosen is honored at the Distinguished Graduate Student Award Ceremony in April each year. Past winners are pictured below.

“ His attitude is influential, and inspires me to do better; I think of him as one of the most distinguished professors on this campus. He has earned my respect as a person, a teacher, a researcher, and as a mentor. ”

Yoriko Saeki, '04 M.S. Biological Sciences



Dr. Mary Anne Hanner
2000



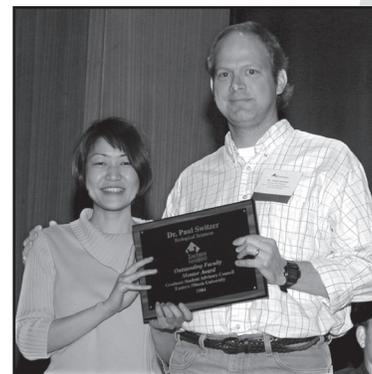
Dr. Jeffrey R. Laursen
2001



Dr. Robert "Bud" Fischer
2002



Dr. Mark E. McGuire
2003



Student nominator, Yoriko Saeki, M.S. in Biological Sciences and 2004 Outstanding Graduate Faculty Mentor, Paul Switzer, Professor Biological Sciences

50 Outstanding Graduate Alumni



Dwight Baptist representing the original class of graduate candidates from 1952. Dwight, along with Donald Luallen and Anna Butler Brown were the original members of the first class of master's candidates.

College of Arts & Humanities

Selected by the Graduate Program in History

Delaine Donaldson '65 '66, retired from Effingham High School in 2001, after teaching American History and Sociology to the students there for 35 years. He also served as the chair for the Social Studies Department. During his high school teaching career, he has received numerous awards in recognition of his excellence in teaching, including two from the Illinois State Board of Education; the Award of Merit during the 1991-1992 school year, and an Award of Recognition during the 1994-1995 school year. In 1991 Donaldson was honored with the National Daughters of Colonial Wars Illinois State Teacher Award. Currently, Donaldson is working as an adjunct social studies department faculty member and coordinator of Lakeland's Evening College at the Kluthe Center in Effingham, Illinois. In addition, he is a member of the faculty for the Illinois Virtual High School, a freelance writer and editor for several educational testing firms, as well as a student of local history, especially the National Road and the involvement of Effingham County residents in the Civil War. Vitally interested in religious matters, he preaches each Sunday at the Old Union Church of Christ near Bible Grove, Illinois. Donaldson is a native of Effingham County and he and his wife Sandy reside in Effingham. They are the parents of three sons, and the grandparents of six grandchildren.



Selected by the Graduate Program in History

Klaus Grillmaier, a native of Homburg, Saar, Germany, was amazed when, three months after his arrival in Charleston, he caught himself thinking and dreaming in English. It was the first of many breakthroughs for Grillmaier, who earned his master's degree in history in 1989. "I had great professors who were not above relaying the techniques and mechanics of things while enjoying an intellectual discussion at any time," Grillmaier said. In 1990, he started in supply chain management in DuPont's Imaging business in Neu-Isenburg, Germany. In 1991, he moved into information technology, holding positions in Neu-Isenburg; Bad Homburg; Germany; and Geneva, Switzerland. In 2002, he was appointed regional CIO for DuPont's Engineering Polymers business in North America, based in Wilmington, Del., and he is currently Global IT leader for marketing and sales of DuPont's Performance Materials businesses. Grillmaier met his wife, Lisa Grace Dempsey, at EIU, and they have three daughters: Hannah, 11; Sophie, 9; and Meike, 5.

Selected by the Graduate Program in Communication Studies

Howard Kamerer is a sixteen year veteran of the computer networking industry. Kamerer began his career locally, while still a student at Eastern he worked for County Office Products in Charleston. He credits his time at the firm Anixter in Skokie, Illinois as the place where he "learned the complexities of sales in major accounts and the importance of corporate culture." In 1994 he joined Cisco Systems and became one of the top producing salespeople in the country. In 1999 Kamerer left Cisco to create Redeye Network Group, Inc. and in 2002 it was acquired by Allied Telesyn, Inc. Kamerer took the helm of ATI serving as COO and in 2003 was named COO and President. In October 2004, he stepped down from his position and took the opportunity to write his first book: *The Four Pillars-Building Strategic Sales Organizations*. In January 2005, Kamerer filed a corporate charter for Converge Systems, Inc. a service provider that plans on delivering voice, video, and data services to the general enterprise marketplace. Kamerer and his wife Laura have two sons and a daughter and reside in Crete, Illinois.



Selected by the Graduate Program in Music

Dr. Helen Krehbiel-Reed, who earned her master's degree in music education from EIU in 1968, taught elementary music in Moundridge, Kan., and Charleston, Ill., for 10 years, until budget shortfalls caused classes to be cut. That's when she returned to EIU for certification to allow her to teach first and third grades for nine years. After earning her doctorate from the University of Illinois in 1990 and teaching in Champaign-Urbana schools, she taught music education and supervised music student teachers at EIU for 10 years. She retired in May 1998, but music is still a big part of her life, as she is active in church music and playing piano duets for groups in the area. She also volunteers by teaching at the Greenwood School Museum, organizing the local Alternative Gift Market, and working with several charities. She recently created an EIU Music Education Scholarship for prospective music educators. She and her husband, John, live in Charleston and enjoy attending Elderhostels. Her three sons, Jeff, Rod and Tim live in St. Croix, Oregon, and Oklahoma, so she loves traveling to visit with children and grandchildren.

College of Arts & Humanities

Selected by the Graduate Program in Historical Administration

Leo E. Landis currently serves as the Director of Interpretation at Living History Farms, a 550-acre outdoor museum in Urbandale, Iowa. Landis earned a master's at EIU in history with an option in historical administration in 1992. Prior to his current position, Landis worked for eight years as the Curator of Agriculture at Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village. His 1997 book, *Building Better Roads: The Iowa Contribution to Highway Engineering* received a nomination from the State Historical Society of Iowa as one of the best books on Iowa history for that year. Landis is a respected and active member of the outdoor museum and academic history communities. He has received fellowships from the National Endowment of Humanities (NEH) and participated in NEH panels for museum planning. He is a regular contributor of reviews and essays to scholarly journals such as *Technology and Culture*, *Public Historian*, *Michigan History* and *Annals of Iowa*. Landis has also appeared as a guest on National Public Radio's "Talk of the Nation," as well as the syndicated "Great American Museums" program on public television. He is a frequent presenter at professional conferences on topics related to agricultural and rural history and the history of baseball. Landis serves on the board of the Association for Living History, Farm and Agricultural Museums (ALHFAM), an international museum organization with over 1,100 members. Landis and his wife Nancy have a son, Forrest, who is nearly two years old.



Selected by the Graduate Program in Historical Administration

Joy A. Matthiessen, executive director of the Des Plaines (Ill.) Historical Society, oversees daily operations of its four sites, including a 1907 Queen Anne style house, 1916 bungalow, 1952 office building, and a storage site, with an overall collection consisting of 13,000 items, more than 10,000 photographs, and 40,000 archival pieces. She has served in that capacity since 1989. Matthiessen was named the 2000 Museum Professional of the Year by the Illinois Association of Museums, and the Des Plaines History Center was named 2004 Best Mid-Sized Institution by the Illinois Association of Museums. She previously worked for the Arlington Heights (Ill.) Museum; the Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn, Mich.; and the Missouri Historical Society in St. Louis. She serves on the Illinois Heritage Association Board of Trustees and is a past vice president and president of the Eastern Illinois University Historical Administration Program Association. She also has been vice president of the Northeastern Illinois Historical Council. Matthiessen received her master's degree in historical administration from EIU in 1988.

Selected by the Graduate Program in Communication Studies

Sandra Miller chose to take a sabbatical from her position as Director of Worldwide Market Analysis and Research at Dell Computer Corporation in 2001. However, no one could accuse Sandra of "slacking" while on sabbatical. During those three years, she learned to speak Italian, ran nine marathons, moved to California, traveled to Italy, Brasil, Belize, Australia and completed her first novel and collection of short stories. She also managed the time to found a Brazilian-based manufacturer's rep firm. No stranger to the corporate world, after working for companies such as; Anheuser-Busch, Compaq Computers and Dell, Sandra currently serves as the vice president of the Connecticut based firm, Marketing Management Analytics in their San Francisco office. Sandra earned both her bachelor's and master's in communications from Eastern and resides in San Francisco, California.



Selected by the Graduate Program in Art

Gary Lee Noffke, best known for his creative work as a goldsmith and development of new silver and gold alloys, maintains a studio in Farmington, Ga. Since 1965, he has participated in more than 250 public exhibitions in major art galleries and museums, as well as being a visiting artist and lecturer, nationally and internationally. Noffke's work, which is published in more than 100 exhibition catalogs documenting the contemporary crafts and metals movement, continues to be a major influence in the fields of jewelry design, silver, and goldsmithing. Noffke, who earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from EIU in 1965 and '66, later attended the University of Iowa and Southern Illinois University. He is a professor emeritus at Lamar Dodd School of Art, University of Georgia, Athens, where he was professor and chairman of the metals area (1971-2001). He established the metals area in the University of Georgia Studies Abroad Program in Cortona, Italy, in 1981. He received a National Endowment for the Arts Fellowship in 1990, and he was elected to the American Craft Council College of Fellows in 2001.

Selected by the Graduate Program in English

When international student **Dr. Anita Obermeier** came to EIU, professors Tim Shonk and Vic Bobb "guided me expertly and kindly, as I still felt inadequate writing critical papers in English, my fourth language," Obermeier said. After earning her master's degree at EIU in 1985, she continued her education at Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität, Munich, before earning her doctorate at Arizona State University in 1992. Now, the student who was once uneasy with the English language is an associate professor of medieval literature in the Department of English at the University of New Mexico, where she also is an affiliate of Women's Studies and the Feminist Research Institute. She has authored many publications, including books and encyclopedia articles, and she has given many presentations and lectures. With her knowledge of several languages, she has also provided translation and language consultant services for the State of Bavaria, EIU, and many companies. Obermeier and her husband, David Buchholz, have two daughters, Isabella, 5; and Sophia, 9 months.



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Alumni

Selected by the Graduate Program in Music



Dr. A. Dennis Sparger started his music career at EIU, singing in the chorus and playing cello in the orchestra before leaving with his bachelor's and master's degrees in 1965. He went on to earn a doctorate in choral conducting from the University of Illinois. He taught at the high school and college level before founding the Masterworks Chorale in Belleville, Ill., in 1974, where he continues as music director and conductor. He also founded the Masterworks Children's Chorus. Since 1986, he has been music director and conductor of the Bach Society of Saint Louis. Sparger, a past president of the Illinois chapter of the American Choral Directors Association, received its Harold A. Decker Award in 1998. In 2003, he was named Choir Director of the Year by the St. Louis chapter of the American Guild of Organists. He has served as a panel member of the Illinois Arts Council and the Missouri Arts Council. Sparger is presently associate producer and writer for the radio program "Joy" on KFYO-FM in St. Louis. In 1963, he married EIU alumna Helene Gottschling. They are the parents of Cynthia, John, and Brian; and grandparents of Mackenzie, Nicholas, Hutton, and Katherine.

Selected by the Graduate Program in English

In August 1978, **Dr. Ray Wallace**, a native of Northern Ireland, was picked up at the Coles County Memorial Airport, had his first Big Mac ever, and was deposited at Ford Hall to begin his college career, courtesy of a track scholarship. In 1982, Wallace completed his master's degree in English at EIU. "Really, Eastern Illinois University, and the English Department in particular, changed my life," Wallace said. He went on to complete his doctoral degree in English at Illinois State University in 1985. Wallace, who has held faculty and administrative positions in several states, currently serves as dean of arts and sciences and professor of English at Clayton College & State University in suburban Atlanta, Ga. Two of his books have won book-of-the-year awards from the International Writing Centers Association. Wallace has served as an external evaluator on several institutions' English faculty tenure decisions, and has been a Southern Association of Colleges and Schools accreditation team member on several on-site visits. Wallace and his wife, Susan Lewis Wallace, an English instructor at Georgia Perimeter College in Atlanta, have a son, Reed; daughter-in-law, Jill; and grandson, Noah.



Selected by the Graduate Program in Art

Jamie Willis '75 '86, discovered her love of art from a Dominican Sister while attending elementary school in Jerseyville, Illinois. Jamie's devotion to teaching the arts is a reflection of that early encounter. However, she credits the faculty at Eastern for "truly preparing me for stepping into any classroom." She has taught visual arts to kindergarten through third grade students in the Charleston public schools since 1995 and has been an instructor here at EIU since 1998. Willis was honored in 2003 by the Illinois Art Education Association with the overall Art Educator of the Year award. Willis's husband Roger built their house in the woods of rural Mattoon and each summer she runs a program entitled "Art in the Woods" for local children. Willis estimates that over 500 children have attended her program over the past 13 years. Jamie and Roger have three grown children, Katherine, Blake and Christopher.

College of Business & Applied Sciences

Selected by the Graduate Program in Gerontology

Eulalee Anderson despite her 1978 "retirement," has continued to serve as one of Eastern's most visible and active advocates. Anderson has earned two master's degrees from Eastern, the most recent being the degree in Gerontology earned at age 65. Her first degree in Foreign Languages in 1963 afforded her the opportunity to study abroad in Brazil. Anderson's true passion rests with the university's international student population. In the 1970s while studying for a degree in Guidance and Counseling, she served an internship in the International Student Office and was later hired as the director. Anderson reflects on her experiences with international students in her role as director; "I loved them. My home was open to them. My car was available to them. I was like a mother to them." Eastern has bestowed numerous honors on Anderson, but she cites her proudest accomplishments as the "Eulalee Anderson International Friendship Award" and receiving an Honorary Doctor of Public Service in 2004. In addition to her multitude of other accomplishments, she has also managed to attend and/or volunteer at each EIU commencement since 1961.



Selected by the Graduate Program in Gerontology

Eileen Brewer, who has worked in the field of aging for 24 years, received both her bachelor's degree in home economics (1979) and her master's degree in gerontology (1986) from EIU. Since then, she has served her community and the state of Illinois in long-term care facilities, hospice, a community health center, and the Illinois Secretary of State's office. For the past 12 years, Brewer has served as the elder abuse coordinator for the Illinois Department of Aging. As such, she is responsible for statewide training and policy development for the Elder Abuse and Neglect Program, which serves thousands of vulnerable older people who are abused, neglected, and financially exploited. She has provided expert witness courtroom testimony in elder abuse cases, and serves as a consultant to provider agencies throughout Illinois. She shares her knowledge as an adjunct faculty member for the University of Illinois' Non-Physicians Geriatric Certificate Program, and volunteers her time to a variety of causes and organizations, including Eastern's M.A. in Gerontology Advisory Committee.

College of Business & Applied Sciences

Selected by the Graduate Program in Family and Consumer Sciences

Carole Corder earned her both her bachelor's and master's degrees from Eastern, in 1978 and 1980. Corder has made a career of making sure people eat for good health. She has held her current position as Chief Clinical Dietitian for St. Anthony's Hospital in Effingham, Illinois since 1989. This position has allowed her to create several new programs including: the first outpatient education program for patients with diabetes mellitus; a day camp for children with diabetes, a gestational diabetes education program; an outpatient weight management program; an interactive health fair for children; and various cooking classes. Corder also teaches nutrition to students at Lakeland Community College and for the School of Family and Consumer Sciences at EIU. Corder holds numerous memberships in professional organizations such as, the American Diabetes Association, Illinois Dietetic Association and serves on the Professional Advisory Committee for the School of Family and Consumer Sciences here at Eastern. She, her husband Bob, and their three children reside in Charleston.

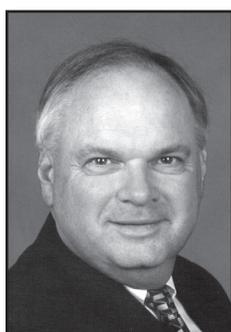


Selected by the Graduate Program in Technology

John Elder (known as J.R. while at EIU) serves as the vice president of manufacturing for HN Automotive's automotive parts manufacturing facilities in Effingham, Ill., and Wellsboro, Pa. He also serves on the Board of Directors of HN Automotive Inc., the Effingham YMCA, EIU's Industrial Technology Advisory Board, and the EIU Foundation. In 2002, he received the Outstanding Industrial Technologist Award from the Industry Division of NAIT. Elder was commissioned as a supply corps officer with the United States Naval Reserves in the fall of 2003. Elder holds very fond memories of his time at EIU – most notably, playing football on the playoff team of 1989 and meeting his future wife. He and his wife, Christy, met in 1989 while working together at Booth Library and have been married since 1995. They live in Effingham with their children, Avery, 4; Jack, 3; and Griffen, 9 months. He spends much of his free time with the children and pursuing physical fitness, running, biking, and playing basketball. He has run six marathons and currently competes locally in 5K and 10K races.

Selected by the Graduate Program in Technology

Dr. Anthony Gilberti '83, currently serves as Chair and Professor for the Department of Industrial Technology Education at Indiana State University. His years as a student and educator qualify him to reflect on the faculty here at EIU when he states, "the faculty provided an extremely challenging program while having a humanistic touch. They were professional mentors who took an outstanding amount of time to develop leadership qualities in students." Anthony has published over 30 articles on education and related subjects as well as a textbook entitled, *Energy Technology: Sources of Power* and has presented at numerous national and international conferences. In 1996 Anthony was honored with the Technology Teacher Educator of the Year Award, Presented by the Council of Technology Teacher Education. His commitment to community service is evident in the fact that he has served on over 60 committees, boards, task forces and associations in his career. Anthony and his wife Janet reside in Marshall, Illinois and have three children.



Selected by the Graduate Program in Business Administration

Stan Hollen, president and chief executive officer of Liberty Enterprises since September 2002, is one of the credit union movement's most respected and recognized executives. Hollen is the former long-time president and CEO of The Golden 1 Credit Union, Sacramento, which, under Hollen's leadership, grew to become the nation's fifth-largest credit union. Hollen earned bachelor's and master's of business administration degrees at EIU. He was first elected to a credit union board of directors at the age of 19. From 1973 to 1984, Hollen was a vice president at Construction Equipment Federal Credit Union in Peoria, where he developed the in-house data processing systems and share draft program and created the first shared ATM network with banks and thrifts. Hollen has served in national leadership roles on several credit union boards and advisory committees. In November 2003, Hollen was inducted into the Credit Union Executives Society Hall of Fame. A Hoopston native, Hollen and his wife, Beth, have two children, Jayne, 14; and Eric, 8. He also has three older children, Jill, 26; Christina, 24; and Kimberly, 21; as well as four grandchildren.

Selected by the Graduate Program in Business Administration

Since earning his MBA in 1972, the majority of **Walter Knollenberg's** 30-plus-year career has been in the automotive industry, including years with Rockwell International Corp., Intermet Corp., and Magna International, both domestically and overseas. He has been a CFO or corporate controller of public and semi-private companies since 1968. He started his business career with Ford Motor Co. in its graduate training program. He is currently vice president of finance of U.S. Pipe and Foundry Co. of Birmingham, Ala. Knollenberg, who also earned his bachelor's degree at EIU in 1967, says "small class sizes, an interested and helpful faculty and a valuable curriculum contributed to provide me with important tools to help build my success in future years." He served in the U.S. Navy from 1967 to 1971. His wife, the former Ellen Schrader, graduated with a bachelor's degree from EIU in 1972. They have three children: Gregory of Dallas, Texas; Erik of Washington, D.C.; and Rebecca of Raleigh, N.C. They have one grandchild, Colin, 4.



50 Outstanding Graduate Alumni

College of Business & Applied Sciences



Selected by the Graduate Program in Family and Consumer Sciences

Jacqueline Schaefer's devotion to families would be apparent in the fact that she has raised her own five children while earning bachelor's and master's degrees specializing in child development from Eastern. But aside from parenting for her own family, as Director of Head Start Embarras River Basin Agency from 1977 to 1990, she nurtured that program from twenty students and one center to over 280 students in nine counties. EIU has also benefited from Jackie's enthusiasm and commitment to children. In 1990 she co-wrote the grant for the EIU Child Care Resource and Referral program and served as the Assistant Director until her retirement in 1999, this program continues to flourish to this day. Despite "retiring" in 1999, Jackie continued to serve the Child Care Resource and Referral program on a part time basis as an instructor and consultant until 2004. In that time, she also worked as a coordinator for the Service Learning Program at the Charleston High School. Jackie and her husband Don reside in Charleston and her family has now grown to include 14 grandchildren.

College of Education & Professional Studies

Selected by the Graduate Program in Counseling

A 1973 graduate of Eastern, where he was a member of the Panther Football Team and an AP All-American selection, **Dr. Nathaniel Anderson's** ties to Eastern go back many years. He has served on Eastern's Alumni Association board of directors and in leadership for the Big 12 Athletic Conference. He earned a B.S. in Recreation and an M.S. in Education from Eastern and an Ed.S. from Southeast Missouri State University in 1991. He received his doctorate in Educational Administration from Illinois State University in 1998. Until March of this year, Dr. Nathaniel Anderson was a charter member of Eastern Illinois University's Board of Trustees, serving as chair the last five of his nine years on the Board. Dr. Anderson recently retired as superintendent of the East St. Louis school district #189 and prior to holding that position, he was a high school principal and assistant superintendent of Rock Island/Milan School District. Currently, Anderson is teaching graduate courses on educational leadership at the University of Illinois-Springfield campus. In 1998 he received the Excellence in Education award from the Rock Island Rotary Club. He served on the Board of Directors for the Quad Cities Scholars program and as a board member for the Decatur Respect organization and the West End Coalition. He received the President's Award in Education from the NAACP, Decatur Branch, in 1992.



Selected by the Graduate Program in Educational Administration

John Dively, Jr. graduated from EIU with a bachelor's degree in history with teacher certification in 1980 and a master's degree in educational administration in 1990. He went on to earn a law degree from Southern Illinois University School of Law and a doctorate in educational administration and foundations from Illinois State University. From 1994 to 2004, he was principal of Carbondale Community High School. Currently the executive director of the Illinois Principals Association, he has served the educational community in many capacities, including principal, assistant principal, dean of students, teacher, and coach. Prior to his administrative career in the public school system, Dively was engaged for five years in the private practice of law in Coles County. In addition, he served as an assistant states' attorney and as the Charleston city attorney. Dively is married to Dr. Ronda Leathers Dively, who graduated from EIU with bachelor's and master's degrees in English. His parents, John A. Dively Sr. and Joyce (Reynolds) Dively, are also EIU graduates who devoted their careers to public education.

Selected by the Graduate Program in Special Education

Christina R. Edmonds-Behrend '97, is continuing her pursuit of higher education and is currently working toward a doctoral degree from Illinois State University. In addition to her own her studies she is employed as a seventh grade special education teacher for Braidwood Elementary School. Her work at the school also involves homebound instruction and summer sessions. Her professional memberships include service to such organizations as the Illinois Council for Exceptional Children and Kappa Delta Pi Honor Society. She recalls her time at Eastern with fondness, especially participating in the annual Special Olympics and watching the homecoming parades. Edmonds-Behrend resides near Joliet, Illinois with her husband Jeff and many family pets. They also enjoy time spent with Jeff's son Christian.



Selected by the Graduate Program in Special Education

James W. Gunnell came to EIU from West Chicago High School, where he was a member of the state championship football team. He earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from EIU in 1982 and 1992. As a teacher, Gunnell taught students who had severe emotional and behavioral needs. Now, as the division administrator for special education services at the Illinois State Board of Education, he and his staff are responsible for compliance, oversight, and technical assistance as mandated by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act for all school districts outside of Chicago. The division is also responsible for staffing and supporting multiple interagency agreements, authorities, councils, boards, commissions, and task forces. He serves on the Illinois State Advisory Council, the Community Residential Services Authority as executive vice chair, the Illinois Association Administrators of Special Education, and the Illinois Special Education Leadership Academy. He has a 17-year-old son, Tony. He resides in Springfield, Ill., and will soon relocate to Chicago with his future wife, Patricia, and her two sons.

College of Education & Professional Studies

Selected by the Graduate Program in Counseling

Dr. Barbara Hill is a familiar presence on Eastern's campus and has served the university in a number of leadership roles. In 1958 Barbara began her career as an educator teaching grades one through four in a one room school house in rural central Illinois. That beginning marked a career path that led all the way to China and Taiwan where she taught as a visiting professor. After receiving her bachelor's, a master's and a specialist degree from Eastern she completed her doctorate at Southern Illinois University. At EIU, Barbara has held the positions of Dean for the School of Home Economics and the College of Applied Sciences as well as the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs. Barbara was called to serve as the Acting President of the university in 1992. Her relationship with EIU continues today in her service as secretary to the EIU Foundation Board and membership in the Eastern Illinois University School of Continuing Education Advisory Committee. Barbara has worked as a consultant for The Hill Group since 1995, a firm providing services to business and educational agencies. Barbara and her husband William reside in Charleston and they have four grown daughters and six grandchildren.

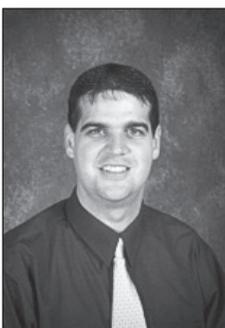


Selected by the Graduate Program in Educational Administration

Marilyn Holt is the superintendent of schools for the East Richland School District in Olney, Ill. Her love of education and pride in students began as a junior/senior high school mathematics teacher in Girard, Ill., followed by exciting years as a third- and fourth-grade teacher in Johnsonville, Ill. To gain more time for her two young daughters, Holt moved out of the classroom and into the larger arena of providing better educational opportunities for all of Southern Illinois. She eventually became director of the Educational Service Center #17 (1986-1995) and then the administrator of the Southern Illinois Regional Office for the Illinois State Board of Education (1995-2002). Holt began her own educational journey with a bachelor's degree from Blackburn College in 1967. She completed her master's degree in educational administration in 1988, and her educational administration specialist's degree in 1994 at EIU. She is married to Merl, a teacher and farmer, and has two daughters, Kara Gardner (husband Todd) and Tyra Cycholl (husband Brandon), and two grandchildren, Holt, 5; and Taegan, 3.

Selected by the Graduate Program in Physical Education

If you were to ask **Sharon Jackson** about her career as an exercise physiologist, she would tell you that her pride and joy is the METS program at Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center in Mattoon, Illinois. METS stands for Monitored Exercise Testing Services. Jackson began her career there as a graduate intern in 1984, when she was hired permanently and became responsible for developing a wellness program for employees, community, and industry. She was promoted to Director of the program in 1989, pulmonary rehabilitation was added in 1990, and recently in 2003 she took on the responsibilities of cardiac diagnostic testing. Jackson is certified as both a Preventive and Rehabilitative Exercise Specialist and a Preventive and Rehabilitative Program Director by the American College of Sports Medicine. Jackson received her bachelors' in physical education from EIU in 1983 and completed her master's in 1984 where she worked as a graduate assistant in Tom Woodall's new Adult Fitness/Cardiac Rehab program. She is an avid tennis player with plans to obtain certification to teach professional tennis upon retirement. She and her husband Dave have a son Jason and daughter-in-law Nicole, they reside near Hindsboro, Illinois.



Selected by the Graduate Program in Elementary Education

Joshua John Quick of Robinson, Ill., has been taking classes at EIU nearly every semester since 1990. Quick has been principal of Washington Elementary School in Robinson since 2002. He is also grant administrator for the school district. He previously was a first-grade and learning disabilities teacher in Casey, Ill. He earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from EIU in 1995 and 2000. "Every department with which I have been affiliated at EIU has been full of professionals who want to see students succeed," Quick says. "Almost every professor makes an effort to get to know his/her students. This has been a huge factor in my decision to keep coming back to EIU. In addition to the academic departments, I was fortunate to have been employed as a student worker in the graduate school office, where I received a great deal of mentoring and encouragement over the years." Quick and his wife, fellow EIU graduate Roselene (Kocher) Quick, have four children: Jessica, 8; Ian, 5; Samuel, 3; and Joseph, 3 months.

Selected by the Graduate Program in Physical Education

Brendan Roach is an exercise physiologist and the founding director of Wellness Consultants, LTD in Wellington, New Zealand. After earning his master's degree in Exercise Physiology/Cardiac Rehabilitation from EIU in 1992, Roach complimented his education with further study in exercise rehabilitation through the Paul Chek Institute in San Diego. He has reached the Level II CHEK Internship status with two levels yet to complete. Roach has eighteen years of work experience in his field. He has extensive experience in the health and fitness industry, sports testing/conditioning, cardiac rehabilitation, pre-employment screening, occupational exercise rehabilitation and education. Over the past six years he has focused on providing a reliable and results oriented rehabilitation service for insurance companies. Roach's commitment to fitness doesn't stop at his job. He co-leads an amateur, non-profit group called Team Salsa. Team Salsa's focus is on preparing for salsa competitions, shows and private functions and is considered to be a beginner/intermediate performance group based on international standards. The group is the 2004 New Zealand Performance Team Champions.



50 Outstanding Graduate Alumni

College of Education & Professional Studies

Selected by the Graduate Program in Elementary Education



Dr. Sandra Westbrooks has acquired more than 25 years of administrative experience in higher education and five years of elementary teaching for the Chicago Public School System. Currently, Westbrooks serves as Dean of Education at Chicago State University. Prior to Dr. Westbrooks' posts as dean and assistant dean at Chicago State University, she served in other administrative positions. These included the Chicago Regional Coordinator for the Department of Student Teaching at Eastern Illinois University, Charleston, Illinois; Board of Governors Administrative Fellow and Assistant to the Provost at Governors State University; Assistant Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Director for the Minority Internship Program under the Board of Governors of State Colleges and Universities system, Springfield, Illinois; and Assistant Provost and Dean of Student Development at Chicago State University. Westbrooks maintains strong ties to EIU and has served as both president and vice president of the Alumni Association Board here at Eastern. She has also served as Chair for the Illinois Association for Public Deans of Education, and the Vice Chair for the Chicago Area Deans of Education. In addition to grant writing activities, Westbrooks has obtained official posts for numerous state, professional and community boards. Further, she has earned both professorial rank and tenure in Reading at Eastern Illinois University and Chicago State University.

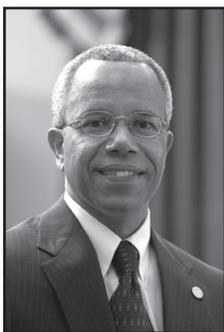
College of Sciences

Selected by the Graduate Program in Communication Disorders and Sciences

Brig. Gen. Joseph G. Balskus, who earned degrees from EIU in 1976 and 1977, has amassed a long list of military and business accomplishments. After joining the U.S. Air Force in 1979, he served in Korea, Florida, and Saudi Arabia. Balskus was an associate professor of aerospace studies at The Citadel, Military College of South Carolina, from 1984 to 1988. In 1990, he joined The Florida Air National Guard, holding a number of positions before being promoted to brigadier general in June 2003. He became commander of the Florida Air National Guard in October 2004. He was inducted into the National Guard Officer Association of Florida Hall of Fame in 2001. Outside of the military, Balskus is the former owner and chief executive officer of BalWink Enterprises Inc., one of the largest home-health nursing agencies in North Florida, leading to his listing in Who's Who of American Chief Executive Officers. Balskus and his wife, Lisa, have a son, Brandon, and two daughters, Brittany and Courtney. They live in Jacksonville, Fla.



Selected by the Graduate Program in Communication Disorders and Sciences



From working with patients as a speech-language pathologist to administering a state university, **Dr. Al Bowman's** career has been filled with accomplishment within and outside the classroom. Al received his bachelor's degree in Speech Pathology from Augustana College in 1975, earned a master's degree from Eastern in 1976, and a Ph.D. in Speech and Hearing Science from the University of Illinois-Urbana in 1979. He joined Illinois State University in 1978 as a faculty member in the department of Speech Pathology and Audiology. He was appointed Chairperson of Speech Pathology and Audiology in 1994. Bowman served as interim provost during the 2002/2003 academic year and was appointed interim president in 2003. He was officially appointed President of Illinois State University on March 1, 2004. Dr. Bowman maintains professional memberships in a number of organizations, one being the director, since 1990, for the Down Syndrome Speech-Language Clinic, a specialty clinic that provides Speech and hearing services to children and adults with Down syndrome. Services are funded through annual grants. The clinic provides direct treatment and consultative services for parents, schools, hospitals, and agencies. He also provides service to his community by serving on various boards, such as the McLean County Chamber of Commerce, McLean County Museum of History, Bloomington Cultural District, and the United Way of McLean County.

Selected by the Graduate Program in Natural Sciences, concentration in Physics

Teaching is a family affair for the Breig family, with three members earning their graduate degrees at EIU. **Marvin L. Breig Jr.**, who earned EIU degrees in 1985 and 1987, teaches honors and advanced-placement physics at Hinsdale Central High School, where the WYSE team has been to the state finals 11 times since 1987. His sister Anna Breig, who earned EIU degrees in 1988 and 1992 teaches physics at the school and serves as Marvin's assistant in coaching the JETS team, which has earned two national titles. Marvin Breig's wife, Dardrae, a high school math teacher, earned her master's degree at EIU in 1998. They have three children, Cynthia, who just graduated with an English degree with teaching certification; and grade-school students Ryan and Kaylina.



Selected by the Graduate Program in Natural Sciences, concentration in Chemistry

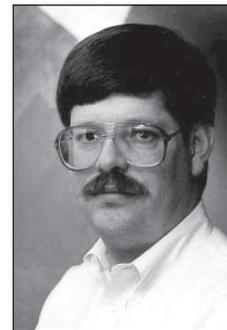
At the age of 40-plus, **Rosemary Buffat** found herself in the unusual position of leaving her husband and children to sleep three nights a week in an EIU dorm room. Her days were spent in pursuit of a master's degree in chemistry, having earlier earned a bachelor's of science in education degree (major, biological sciences; minor, chemistry) from Illinois State University. "It was quite an undertaking," she said, recalling those events from more than a decade ago. Some memories are more vivid than others: the EIU professor (who shall remain nameless) who singed his hair while demonstrating a lab experiment. . . another professor who covered his beard with colorful notes. . . potluck picnics. . . end-of-the-term awards dinners. . . late-night group sessions to solve physics and physical chemistry problems. After earning her degree in 1995, Buffat returned to the southern Illinois community – and the southern Illinois family – she loved so well. She resumed teaching (Chemistry I and II) at Centralia High School and, from 2000 to 2003, served as head of the science department there.



College of Sciences

Selected by the Graduate Program in Chemistry

In the 1970s, **Dr. Roger Bumgarner** and his then-girlfriend chose to attend EIU because it was the only state school that offered both a dietetics program for her and a chemistry program for him. "We found out later that it was also a good school with great teachers who really care about the students, but love and wanting to be together was the deciding factor!" he says. Roger and Joyce married after their junior year, and, nearly 24 years later, they don't regret any of those decisions. Their 16-year-old son, Roger Giles Bumgarner, was even named after Roger Bumgarner's master's degree advisor, Giles Henderson, who "taught me a lot more than just chemistry." Bumgarner went on to earn his doctorate at the University of Arizona and is now an assistant professor in the Department of Microbiology, School of Medicine, University of Washington, Seattle. His research interests include developing software and databases to analyze and store microarray data; producing arrays for species for which there are no commercially available sources; developing arrays that will represent known splice variants of eukaryotic genes; and analyzing host gene expression in infected cells.



Selected by the Graduate Program in Biological Sciences (representing the former program in Environmental Biology)

After volunteering with the Peace Corps in Africa, **Michael William Conlin** came to EIU in 1966. He earned his bachelor's degree in zoology (with honors) in 1970 and his master's degree in aquatic biology (with distinction) in 1971. He now serves as director of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources' Office of Resource Conservation, where he is responsible for all activities and programs of the divisions of wildlife, fisheries, forestry, natural heritage, and nature preserves. He has been with the IDNR in different capacities since he started as a district fisheries biologist with the Illinois Department of Conservation in 1971. He is a member of many organizations and has received awards from many groups, including the IDNR and the Illinois House of Representatives. In 1990, he received the Distinguished Alumnus Award from EIU. He continues to serve his alma mater on the College of Sciences' Board of Advisors, which he currently chairs. He also holds a diploma in higher accounting and auditing from Illinois Commercial College. Conlin and his wife have three children and reside in Auburn.

Selected by the Graduate Program in Political Science

Following the win of gubernatorial candidate Rod Blagojevich in November 2002, **Julie Curry** resigned her seat in the House of Representatives to serve as the Governor's Deputy Chief of Staff for the Economy and Environment. At this post she is committed to improving the quality of life for all citizens of Illinois through cultivating business and economic development, and preserving the rights of the state's workforce. Curry (D-Mt. Zion) was first elected to the Illinois House of Representatives (101st District) in 1994. During her tenure in the Illinois House, she served as the Chairman of the House of Elementary and Secondary Education Appropriations Committee as well as many other committees such as; Child Support Enforcement, Elections and Campaign Reforms, Property Tax Reform, School Funding and Telecommunication Rewrite. Curry graduated with her master's in Political Science in 1985. She began her career in public service working as a Local Government Liaison for the Illinois Comptroller. From 1986 to 1990 she served as the District Manager for then Congressman Richard Durbin and in 1990 was first elected to public office as the Treasurer of Macon County. Curry and her husband, Kevin Ryan reside in DeWitt county and are proud parents to Evan who is six years old.



Selected by the Graduate Program in Economics

When **Dr. Richard Grabowski** arrived at EIU, it was as if "I had been in a dim, narrow hallway and then I stepped into a huge, bright auditorium. There was a variety of ideas and ways of thinking that I had never seen or heard of before. I could sample all of these ideas in history, philosophy, zoology, botany, political science, anthropology, economics, etc. I was stunned." He found his "home" in the Department of Economics and, after receiving a bachelor's degree in education in 1971, went on to earn his master's degree in economics one year later. After earning his doctorate in economics from the University of Utah (Salt Lake City), he began teaching at the university level and, since 1999, has served as the chair of the Department of Economics at Southern Illinois University, Carbondale. Dr. Grabowski enjoys both teaching and research, and has authored two books and several other works published in trade journals. "The experiences that I had (at Eastern) are still very much alive in my mind, they still influence me," Dr. Grabowski said. "I have never been the same since."

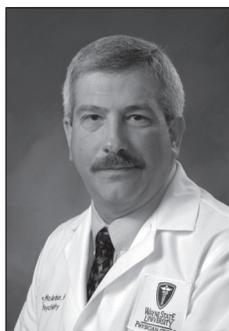
Selected by the Graduate Program in Chemistry

Matt Madigan earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in chemistry from EIU. He worked as a faculty assistant in chemistry at EIU from 1976 to 1994, and he now teaches chemistry and serves as division chair of math/science at Lake Land College in Mattoon, Ill. Madigan is married to Joyce Madigan, who earned her bachelor's degree in accounting from EIU. They reside in Charleston, Ill.



50 Outstanding Graduate Alumni

Selected by the Graduate Program in Clinical Psychology



Dr. Steven F. McArthur earned his master's degree in clinical psychology from EIU in 1978. He currently works in several capacities in Detroit, Mich., including as director of the Insomnia Clinic at the VA Medical Center; director of the insomnia program at the Sleep Disorders Center at Hutzel Hospital, Detroit Medical Center; director of psychology training and consultation for the Liaison Psychiatry Service at the School of Medicine, Wayne State University; and staff psychologist for several hospitals, including the Renal and Pancreas Transplantation Program and the Adult Cystic Fibrosis Program at Harper University Hospital, Detroit Medical Center. He teaches in several university and hospital programs. McArthur also serves the National Aeronautics and Space Administration in Washington, D.C., as a reviewer on research topics including human health in space. He was a co-investigator in a four-year study of cystic fibrosis treatment that received a \$325,000 grant from Bristol-Myers Squibb Pharmaceutical Co. and the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. He has co-authored publications and presentations on nicotine and heart function, electroconvulsive therapy, and more. McArthur and his wife Barbara have two grown sons, Ryan (wife Deidre) and Alan.

Selected by the Graduate Program in Biological Sciences (representing the former program in Zoology)

Dr. Rick Miller, remembers well the EIU faculty members who had the greatest impact on his journey to medical school. Dr. Vern Kniskern, Dr. Judy James and Dr. Michael Goodrich are among the zoology staff that Miller says "provided me with an excellent, well-rounded education that served me well as I continued my post-EIU education. I will be always grateful." After earning his bachelor's and master's degrees at EIU in 1982 and '86, Miller graduated from the Kirksville (Mo.) College of Osteopathic Medicine, took an internship in Missouri and completed his OB/GYN residency in Michigan. That year, in 1993, he returned to Coles County to practice at Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center, where he still works today. He and his wife, Deborah, live in Charleston, Ill., with their three daughters, Amy, 16; Lindsay, 12; and Kelsey, 10.



Selected by the Graduate Program in Economics



Thomas Milowski is currently a Vice President for Bank One as a Senior Relationship Manager for a portfolio of business customers. Before joining his current bank, Milowski held several management and officer positions with other banking and financial organizations in Chicago. In addition to his banking responsibilities, Milowski owns and operates a residential real estate development company, building custom homes in the Northern suburbs of Chicago. Milowski has also held part-time teaching positions for many years. Recently he has been part of the faculty at the Lake Forest Graduate School of Management and the College of Lake County where he taught macroeconomics and microeconomics. He has also taught for the Columbia College of Missouri and at the Great Lakes Naval Base for Chapman University. Milowski's service to his community includes membership in the local Chamber of Commerce, as a board member with Youth & Family Counseling in Libertyville and a committee member on the annual Libertyville Days Planning Committee. He was also a Commissioner with the Lake County Affordable Housing Commission for six years and was Chairman of the Education Committee for the Illinois Mortgage Bankers Association for two years. He and his wife Mary Ann reside in Libertyville with their two daughters, Emma and Riley.

Selected by the Graduate Program in Clinical Psychology

Dr. David R. Murphy has taught psychology to more than 20,000 students in his 30-year career at Waubensee Community College in Sugar Grove. His success is largely attributable to the instruction he received from the staff at EIU, he says. "The department's legacy lives on through guys like me, who harbor the same passion for top-notch teaching, service, research, and the maintenance of rigorous standards of performance." Murphy received his bachelor's and master's degrees in psychology from EIU in 1972 and '74 before earning his doctorate from Northern Illinois University. He was a pioneer in telecourse instruction in 1976 before moving on to two-way interactive courses and, now, a Web-based course. He chartered Waubensee's chapter of Psi Beta, the national honor society for students in two-year colleges. Murphy lives in St. Charles, Ill., with his wife, Lynn, a senior associate director for academic affairs for the Illinois Board of Higher Education. They have three sons: Ian, a senior at Michigan State University; Pat, a junior at Indiana University; and Ben, a freshman at EIU.



Selected by the Graduate Program in Biological Sciences (representing the former program in Botany)



Dr. Dan Royse, a professor and mushroom extension specialist in plant pathology at The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, Pa., has presented lectures and visited growers in more than 30 countries and now serves as president of the World Society for Mushroom Biology and Mushroom Products, headquartered in Hong Kong. He earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in zoology and botany from EIU and his doctorate from the U of I at Urbana-Champaign. Royse began his Penn State career in 1978. His work is directed toward increasing the biological efficiency and quality of edible fungi, but he says his greatest satisfaction has been mentoring 12 graduate students (some of them from EIU) and several undergraduate students, watching them develop professionally and become teachers, research directors, vice presidents, and business partners. "Now that I have had time to reflect on my time at EIU, I can say without a doubt that it is one of the top universities in the nation," he says. Royse lives in State College, Pa., with his wife, Lynn, also a graduate of EIU. They have two sons, Matt and John.

College of Sciences

Selected by the Graduate Program in Political Science

Since earning his master's degree in political science in 1997, **Chris Seper** has traveled the globe reporting for papers including The Washington Post, The Christian Science Monitor and The Philadelphia Inquirer. Seper spent two years reporting from Phnom Penh, Cambodia, and recently finished four years as an award-winning technology journalist for Cleveland's daily newspaper, The Plain Dealer, where he is now a general assignment reporter. Seper also co-founded the Pookai Book Project (Pookaibooks.org), a non-profit organization supporting a rural library in Cambodia. His favorite classes at EIU were Third World Ideology, taught by David Carwell, and a course on the American presidency, taught by Barb Poole. But his fondest memories of Eastern came as editor of The Daily Eastern News. Seper also earned a bachelor's degree in political science and journalism from EIU. He and his wife, Leah, have two sons, Colin, 2, and a newborn, Connor.



Selected by the Graduate Program in School Psychology

Dr. Mark Allen Shatz earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from EIU in 1976 and '77, and from 1978 to 1980, he was a psychology instructor at EIU. In 1983, he became a professor at Ohio University in Zanesville, where he's been ever since. A former school psychologist, he now serves on the crisis team for Zanesville City Schools, as well as serving on the Ethics Committee for the local hospitals. His awards have included Who's Who Among America's Teachers, as well as a Distinguished Teaching Award and Outstanding Advisor Award at OUZ. His writings have been in several publications, including Writers' Digest, Teaching of Psychology and Psychological Reports. He has given presentations on various aspects of humor, death education, and other topics.

Selected by the Graduate Program in Natural Sciences, concentration in Biological Sciences

Joy Wendell Smoots received her bachelor's degree in zoology in education and master's degree in zoology in education at EIU in 1972. Within a week of graduation, she married Jim, also an EIU graduate, and she spent the next 32 years as a Marine wife, traveling all over the U.S. and overseas. At every duty station, she found a teaching position. She started her career in the high schools and received the Outstanding Teaching Award in 1988. Over the years, she taught for the University of Maryland at Oslo, Norway; Campbell University; Coastal Carolina Community College; and for the past nine years, has enjoyed teaching anatomy/physiology at Cape Fear Community College, Wilmington, N.C. Many of her students have gone on to successful careers in the medical profession. Smoots has obtained the principal certification in educational leadership and administration from Old Dominion University. She has recently co-authored a biological science lab manual to be used at the community college level. She is a member of Alpha Sigma Alpha Sorority, Beta Beta Beta Biological Honor Society, and Phi Sigma Research Society. She and her husband have two sons and live in Hampstead, N.C.



Selected by the Graduate Program in Math Education

For math teacher **Dr. Paul W. Tougaw**, EIU has been part of a formula for success. After he graduated with a bachelor's degree in 1969, Tougaw taught and coached at Marshall (Ill.) High School and earned his master's degree in mathematics education from EIU. For 19 years, he taught and coached at Red Hill High School in Bridgeport, Ill., and continued his own education by earning a specialist in educational administration degree from EIU in 1983, followed by a doctorate from Southern Illinois University in 1993. That year, he was hired by EIU to teach and to supervise the student teachers from the mathematics department; students included his daughter, Laura, who graduated from EIU with degrees in mathematics and physics. In 1994, Tougaw returned to the Red Hill school district as the assistant superintendent and later as superintendent of schools. Tougaw and his wife, Ruby, an EIU alumna, live in Valparaiso, Ind., where he was hired as Valparaiso University's coordinator of professional development and placement. He presently teaches upper-level education classes and supervises placement of students for field experience and student teaching.

Selected by the Graduate Program in Math

Dr. John Ziebarth earned his bachelor's and master's degrees at EIU in 1972 and '74, before earning his Ph.D. in aerospace engineering at Mississippi State University. In 1987, he became the director of the Computational Fluid Dynamics Laboratory, where he managed contracts with NASA Marshall Space Flight Center, the National Science Foundation, the Department of Energy, and the state of Alabama. In 1994, he became an associate director at the National Center for Supercomputing Applications at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, with duties including directing involvement in Department of Defense research programs. In 1997, he moved to NASA's Ames Research Center in California as the director of the Consolidated Supercomputing Management Office, which coordinated high-end computing investments across the agency, and then became division chief for the NASA Advanced Supercomputing Division. Since 2003, Ziebarth has lived in Santa Fe, N.M., and has served as the director of the Advanced Computing Laboratory at the Department of Energy's Los Alamos National Laboratory.





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