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During his tenure with the School of Medicine, Dr. Davis has been responsible for the development of a medical history series that has brought leading medical historians and other scholars interested in the history of medicine to campus. He has been the editor of the *Pearson Museum Monographs* --a medical history series, and served for many years as the deputy editor of *Caduceus: A Humanities Journal for Medicine and the Health Sciences*. In the Department of Medical Humanities, he coordinates the medical student required humanities clerkship experiences and teaches courses in medical history, literature and medicine, scientific writing, the history of medical jurisprudence and alternative medicine. In addition, he directs student involvement with our sister medical school, Sun Yat-Sen University School of Medical Sciences in Guangzhou, China. He has directed the publication of *SCOPE*, the creative arts magazine of the SIU School of Medicine since its inception. As a member of the Board of Directors of the Central Illinois Palliative Care Initiative, he has been responsible for organizing and delivering various educational programs, for professional and community audiences, about caring for the terminally ill.

Dr. Davis also has served as a member of the faculty of the Department of Family and Community Medicine where he initiated a simulated patient program for evaluating student competence in clinical and behavioral sciences and was instrumental in designing a rural preceptorship training program for Family Medicine clerks. During his time with that Department, Dr. Davis held positions as acting deputy chair for academic affairs and as the Director of a federally funded Faculty Development in Family Practice Program.

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