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PHILOSOPHY PAPER PRESENTED AT WESTERN

St. Joseph, Mo. — Sept. 30, 2003—Dr. Frank H. W. Edler will present a paper with accompanying visual images entitled “Myth and the Poverty of Experience: Wright Morris’s ‘The Home Place’ and Walter Benjamin’s Dialectal Image” at Missouri Western State College in two presentations. The presentations are at 7 p.m. Oct 2, in the Janet Gorman Murphy Academic Center, 201, and 10 a.m. Oct 3, in the Leah Spratt Multipurpose Classroom Building, Enright room, 216.

Edler’s presentation explores the relationship of text and image in Nebraska novelist and photographer Wright Morris’s 1948 book, “The Home Place.” Edler examines how Morris’s photographs of everyday rural scenes in east central Nebraska from 1947 attempt to recast images of rural life in an aesthetic frame.

The events are sponsored by a grant from the Western Co-curricular Activities Committee with funds provided by the Office of Academic and Student Affairs and the Western Foundation.

Dr. Edler is a full-time teacher of philosophy at Metropolitan Community College, Omaha, Neb. He earned his bachelor of arts degree in philosophy from the University of Rhode Island, his master of arts degree in philosophy from New York University and his doctorate in philosophy from the University of Toronto. He specializes in 20th century continental philosophy.

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