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WESTERN HOSTS HISTORIC PRESERVATIONIST DR. BONNIE STEPENOFF

St. Joseph, Mo. — Oct. 31, 2003 —Missouri Western State College will host Dr. Bonnie Stepenoff at three events Nov. 4 and 5. Dr. Stepenoff, professor of history and former director of the historic preservation program at Southeast Missouri State University in Cape Girardeau, has directed a historic preservation field school for several years at the university. For three weeks in May and June 2004, she will direct a historic preservation field school in St. Joseph and will discuss this at two of the upcoming events.

At 7 p.m. Nov. 4, Dr. Stepenoff will meet with the St. Joseph Landmark Commission in the first floor conference room of City Hall, 11th and Frederick, to discuss plans for the field school.

At 1 p.m. on Nov. 5, she will meet with students and community members who are interested in enrolling in the field school in Western's Frank Popplewell Classroom and Administration Building, room 105.

At 10 a.m. Nov. 5, Dr. Stepenoff will discuss her new book, "Thad Snow: A Life of Social Reform in the Missouri Bootheel." The presentation will be held in Western's Warren E. Hearnese Learning Resource Center, room 102.

All events are free and open to the community.

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Dr. Stepenoff's visit is sponsored by Western's Co-Curricular Activities Committee with funds provided by the office of academic and student affairs and the Western Foundation.

For more information, contact the history, philosophy and geography department at (816) 271-5688.

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