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WESTERN ANNOUNCES FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

St. Joseph, Mo.— Dec. 23, 2004 — Missouri Western State College announces recent achievements of its faculty and staff:

- Dr. Michael Cadden, associate professor of English, had his book, “Ursula K. Le Guin Beyond Genre: Fiction for Children and Adults,” published recently.
- Denise Smith, associate professor of general business, had an article published in the ALSB Journal of Employment and Labor Law. The article is entitled “Workplace Religious Freedom: What is an Employer’s Duty to Accommodate?” She also spoke at the St. Joseph Business Resource Council luncheon. The topic was “Changes in Overtime Eligibility.”
- Dr. Mark Mikkelsen, associate professor of history, had an essay entitled “Reading Kuki Shuzo’s ‘The Structure of Iki’ in the Shadow of Le’affaire Heidegger” that appeared in a new translation of the Japanese philosopher’s “Iki no kozo” by Hiroshi Nara, “The Structure of Detachment: The Aesthetic Vision of Kuki Shuzo.”
- Dr. James Huntermark, assistant professor of psychology, gave a paper entitled “The Importance of Cultural Context When Considering Research Methodology” at the “Finding Out: Best Practices in Teaching Research Methods and Statistics in Psychology” conference that was recently held in Atlanta.
- Dr. Brian Cronk, professor of psychology, presented a poster on “Using Excel to Simplify Computational Burden in Introductory Statistics” at the “Finding Out: Best Practices in Teaching Research Methods and Statistics in Psychology” conference in Atlanta.

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- Dr. Phil Wann, professor of psychology, gave a presentation entitled “Teaching Critical Thinking about Psychological Theory in the Research Methods Course” at the “Finding Out: Best Practices in Teaching Research Methods and Statistics in Psychology” conference in Atlanta.
- Carol Roever, associate professor of business, presented results of a joint research project with Dr. Matrese Benkofske, assistant professor of business, and Western graduate Kathleen Randall entitled “The Impact of Cell Phone Technology on Traditional Monochronic Behavior in the U.S.” Roever also organized and moderated a panel, “Teaching Abroad, Personal and Pedagogical Experiences During International Faculty Exchanges.”

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Missouri Western State College is a four-year public institution providing a blend of traditional liberal arts and professional degree programs. The college offers student-centered, high quality instruction that focuses on experience-based learning, community service, and state-of-the-art technology. Western is located in St. Joseph, Mo. and is committed to the educational, economic, cultural and social development of the region it serves.