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WESTERN HOSTS HISTORIAN DR. FREDERICK FAUSZ

St. Joseph, Mo. —Nov. 6, 2004—Three presentations over two days will transport audiences over a 200-year span when Dr. Frederick Fausz, associate professor of history at the University of Missouri – St. Louis, visits Missouri Western State College Nov. 11 and 12. His presentations about Lewis and Clark, Missouri’s fur trading history and Indian relations are open to the campus and community.

Dr. Mark Mikkelsen, associate professor of philosophy, said he has wanted to bring Dr. Fausz to Western ever since he saw one of Dr. Fausz’s presentations. “Since he brings materials from his extensive collection of trade goods with him, his presentations are both very informative and very entertaining,” Dr. Mikkelsen said.

Dr. Fausz will speak to students at 2 p.m. Nov. 11 in the Frank Popplewell Administration Building, room 104. His topic is “Lewis and Clark and the Corridor of Western Conquest, from 17th Century Virginia to 19th Century Missouri.”

At 7 a.m. Nov. 12, he will speak at the college’s Eggs and Issues, which includes a free breakfast for attendees. His topic is “From Lewis and Clark to Many Trails of Tears.” Reservations are required for this event – call 816-271-5646 by Nov. 8. Eggs and Issues will be held in the Nelle Blum Student Union, room 222.

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Dr. Fausz will speak again at noon on Nov. 12 in room 222 of the Student Union, presenting “Missouri Fur Trade: Pioneered by the French and Transformed by the Americans.” The two Friday presentations will feature Dr. Fausz’s extensive collection of artifacts from the French-Osage fur trade.

Dr. Fausz, a nationally known ethnohistorian, was the founding dean of the Pierre Laclede Honors College at University of Missouri-St. Louis, and held that position for five years. He earned his doctorate in early American history from The College of William and Mary, and is an internationally respected scholar of colonial European-Indian relations and fur trade history. Two of his many publications have won “Best Essay of the Year” awards in Virginia and Missouri.

Dr. Fausz has also been a historical consultant on several films projects including Kevin Costner’s “500 Nations” and the PBS/American Playhouse production of “Roanoke.”

He has been a member of the Missouri Humanities Council Speakers Bureau for 11 years.

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