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## FRENCH HISTORY EXPERT TO LECTURE AT WESTERN

**St. Joseph, Mo.** — Sept. 10, 2004 — Missouri Western State College will host history expert Jacques Julliard Sept. 23. He will present “The United States, France and Europe: A Conflicting Friendship” at 7 p.m. in the Leah Spratt Multipurpose Classroom Building, Kemper Recital Hall, and it is free and open to the community. He will also speak to classes while on campus.

Julliard’s lecture will address why, although France and the United States have never fought each other in a war, the relationship between the two countries has been difficult.

Julliard is a graduate of the Ecole Normale Supérieure and is an expert in contemporary history, especially the workers’ movement and the history of political cultures in France since the Revolution. He has worked as a journalist for the left-of-center liberal weekly “Le Nouvel Observateur,” of which he is currently executive director and a weekly columnist.

Julliard is lecturing throughout the United States. The event is organized by the Alliance Française organization and is sponsored by the departments of English, foreign languages and journalism; history, philosophy, and geography; and government, social work and sociology.

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