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## WESTERN HOSTS RENOWNED AUTHOR

**St. Joseph, Mo.** —Oct. 13, 2004—Dr. Peggy McIntosh, renowned author and speaker, will make a presentation on white privilege and male privilege at Missouri Western State College at 7 p.m. Oct. 25 in the Leah Spratt Multipurpose Classroom Building, Kemper Recital Hall. The event is free and open to the community, and a brief question- and answer-session will follow the presentation.

“She is an outstanding speaker,” said Karl Bell, director of the Center for Multicultural Education, sponsor of the event. “She is the premier authority on the concept called white privilege and male privilege.” He noted that several faculty members have used her books in their classrooms.

Dr. McIntosh authored the ground-breaking “White Privilege and Male Privilege: A Personal Account of Coming to See Correspondences through Work in Women’s Studies.” This analysis and its shorter form, “White Privilege: Unpacking the Invisible Knapsack,” have been instrumental in putting the dimension of privilege into discussions of gender, race and sexuality.

“This lecture is central to the mission of the CME and the institution’s mission,” he said. “We want to challenge students to explore cultural differences, and stimulate the intellectual curiosity of students in a quest for knowledge.”

Dr. McIntosh, founder and co-director of the National S.E.E.D. (Seeking Educational Equity and Diversity) Project on Inclusive Curriculum, and associate director of the Wellesley College Center for Research on Women, consults widely throughout the country and the world on creating gender-fair and multicultural curricula.

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*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.*