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## LECTURE ON THE FRENCH AT WESTERN

**St. Joseph, Mo.** — Oct. 15, 2004 — Missouri Western State College will host best-selling Canadian author Jean-Benoît Nadeau Oct. 20. He will present a lecture entitled, “Unraveling the Riddles of France: From Privacy to the State,” at 7 p.m. in the Leah Spratt Multipurpose Classroom Building, Kemper Recital Hall. The event is free and open to the community. He will also meet with classes during the day while on campus.

In his lecture, Nadeau will explain how the French see some of the challenges their country is facing in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Combining historical analyses with his own observations, the author will discuss what these hot issues actually mean to the French from the question of integrating minorities to their place in the European Union, anti-Americanism and the incursion of English and how the French are handling them. The lecture is in English.

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Nadeau co-authored “Sixty Million French Can’t Be Wrong: Why We Love France, But Not the French” in 2003. Their analysis explains why the French think and organize themselves the way they do. The book was reviewed in the Wall Street Journal, and he has also been featured in the New York Times. Since publishing his best-selling book, he has published articles on France in the *Christian Science Monitor*, the *International Herald Tribune* and *Courrier International*.

The lecture is sponsored by the department of English, foreign languages and journalism and made possible by the Western Foundation, co-curricular activities committee and the Alliance Française de Saint Joseph. For more information, contact Dr. Susan Hennessy at (816) 271-5813.

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