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## WESTERN FACULTY MEMBER RECEIVES GOVERNOR'S AWARD

**St. Joseph, Mo.** — Oct. 7, 2004 — Missouri Western State College faculty member Dr. Elizabeth Latosi-Sawin, professor of English, has been awarded the Governor's Award for Excellence in Teaching. Dr. Latosi-Sawin will accept her award at the Governor's conference on higher education to be held in Columbia this December.

One faculty member from each public and private college or university in Missouri will receive the award. Dr. Latosi-Sawin was chosen from Western faculty who have received either the James V. Mehl Award or the Jesse Lee Myers Award during the past three years.

Dr. Latosi-Sawin earned a bachelor's degree from the State University of New York, and master's and doctorate degrees from the University of Iowa, Iowa City. She joined the Western staff in 1974.

Dr. Latosi-Sawin received the Western Jesse Lee Myers Excellence in Teaching award in 1986 and 2002 along with the Western Distinguished Faculty Award in 1988.

In addition to her teaching, Dr. Latosi-Sawin is the coordinator of "Writing Across the Curriculum," a program that has received national honors. She also coordinates Western's Outdoor Semester, where Western students spend 12 weeks in the classroom and 12-14 days traveling throughout the Western United States. This year, the trip included a three-day canoe trip on the upper Missouri River in Montana in order to follow Lewis and Clark's path 200 years ago.

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