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TAY TRIGGS NAMED DIRECTOR OF WESTERN'S CENTER FOR MULTICULTURAL EDUCATION

St. Joseph, Mo. —Sept. 8, 2005—Tay Triggs, former minority achievement coordinator at Missouri Western State University, has been named the director of Western's Center for Multicultural Education (CME).

CME is responsible for sponsoring events such as The Big Event, a day that students, faculty, and staff are given the opportunity to help out the community by donating their time and service; the Martin Luther King luncheon, where three people from the community are given Drum Major for Justice awards for their dedication to social justice, and RHYME, a monthly event where students are given the chance to express themselves in a public forum through music and poetry.

Triggs goal is to work with CME's staff and continue with the Center's signature programs for the first few months. After that, she says that she will begin to implement more programs that focus on multicultural education. She hopes to make the Center's material resources available to faculty, staff, and students, participate in more co-sponsorship opportunities with student organizations, campus departments, and add to Western's tradition of providing outstanding applied learning opportunities for students.

“I hope to educate students about current cultural issues,” said Triggs, “I want them to be educated about local and global issues. We invite the whole campus to find a way to get involved...and when you find that avenue, forge ahead! We welcome you!”

For more information about the Center for Multicultural Education, visit their website at <http://www.missouriwestern.edu/cme/index.asp>.

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