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DR. KAREN FULTON NAMED DIRECTOR OF STUDY AWAY PROGRAM

St. Joseph, Mo. —Aug. 31, 2005— Missouri Western State University has created a Study Away office, and Dr. Karen Fulton, professor of English, has been named its first director.

“I’ve been at Western for 20 years and I’ve seen what study abroad can do for students,” said Dr. Fulton, “I want to give something back and make the opportunity to study away available for more people.”

Dr. Fulton’s short-term goals for the year include putting together an advisory committee, updating the student handbook, and setting up a study abroad office on campus. She hopes to explore more semester-long study abroad options for Western students.

She hopes to enroll Western in the College Consortium for International Study (CCIS), and the International Student Exchange Program (ISEP). CCIS would allow students to travel to almost any country, while ISEP would allow a Western student to go to a foreign country to study in exchange for a student from that country coming to Western to study.

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Dr. Fulton's goal is to offer a variety of study abroad options to suit a large variety of students. Some programs allow students to study in the heart of Europe, housed with people from all over the world, many of whom don't speak English. Other programs allow students to be housed with people and professors from the United States.

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Missouri Western State College is a four-year public institution providing a blend of traditional liberal arts and professional degree programs. The college offers student-centered, 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.