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WESTERN HONORS DISTINGUISHED PROFESSORS

St. Joseph, Mo. —Oct. 27, 2005—At its October meeting, the Missouri Western State University Board of Governors recognized 10 faculty members who received the 2005 Governors Distinguished Professor Awards. Following the meeting, a dinner was held for the Board members and the Distinguished Professor awardees from 2005, 2004 and 2003. A campus reception for all the recipients was held Oct. 24.

“Missouri Western State University is committed to excellence in teaching, scholarship and creative activities, and professional service,” said Dr. James Scanlon, Western’s president. “To celebrate the excellence of faculty members at Western, the university presents the Governors Distinguished Professor Awards each year.” The awards, he said, recognize the outstanding performance of individual faculty members over a substantial period of time in all three areas – teaching, scholarship and service.

The 2005 awardees are Dr. David Ashley, professor of biology; Dr. Jason Baker, associate professor of biology; Dr. Evelyn Brooks, professor of nursing and director of the Western Institute Center for Health and Wellness; Dr. Michael Cadden, associate professor of English; Dr. Kelly Henry, associate professor of psychology and the Director of Applied Learning; Dr. Shiva Nandan, associate professor of marketing; Dr. Jeffrey Poet, assistant professor of mathematics; Carol Roever, associate professor of business; Dr. Dennis Rogers, professor of music; Dr. Ann Thorne, associate professor of journalism.

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The 2004 awardees were Dr. Nancy Tanner Edwards, professor of education; James Estes, professor of art; and Dr. Jane Frick, professor of English. The 2003 awardees were Dr. Reza Hamzaee, professor of economics; Dr. Phil Mullins, professor of philosophy; Dr. Elizabeth Latosi-Sawin, professor of English; Dr. John Tapia, professor of speech; and Dr. Phil Wann, professor of psychology and chair of the psychology department.

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Missouri Western State University is a four-year public institution providing a blend of traditional liberal arts and professional degree programs. The university 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.