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WESTERN HOSTS BELGIAN SCHOLAR

St. Joseph, Mo. —Oct. 24, 2005—Missouri Western State University will host Dr. Bart Vandenebee, a professor of aesthetics and philosophy of art at Ghent University in Belgium, who will give several lectures and presentations that are free and open to the community. Dr. Vandenebee will be a guest of the department of history, philosophy and geography from Nov. 2 – 18.

While here, he will speak in several classes, and the community is invited to attend. A presentation specifically for the community is also planned, but the date and time has not been determined. Western has also made arrangements for Dr. Vandenebee to speak at Northwest Missouri State University in Maryville, University of Missouri – Kansas City and Grinnell College in Lamoni, Iowa.

His schedule of class presentations at Western follows:

- Nov. 3, 3:30 p.m., Frank Popplewell Hall, 101. “Aesthetic Disinterestedness” for a philosophy class.
- Nov. 15, 4:30 p.m., Leah Spratt Hall, 203. “Schopenhauer’s Philosophy of Music” for a music class.
- Nov. 16, noon, Thompson E. Potter Hall, 107. “The Modern Sublime” for an art class.

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Dr. Mark Mikkelsen, associate professor of philosophy and humanities and the director of the Western Institute Center for the Arts, Culture and Literacy, arranged Dr. Vandenabeele's visit. Dr. Mikkelsen said Dr. Vandenabeele is well known in his field and is widely published. "Students and faculty will have the opportunity to interact with a prominent foreign scholar. He is a first rate researcher."

Dr. Vandenabeele earned a bachelor of arts and master of arts in Germanic philology, and a bachelor of arts and a master of arts in philosophy, all from the University of Leuven. He was awarded his doctorate from the Institute of Philosophy at the University of Leuven with a dissertation on the philosophy of Arthur Schopenhauer. He has authored and edited eight books, published several articles in international journals and wrote chapters in 15 books. He has contributed papers and made presentations at conferences all over the globe.

Dr. Vandenabeele's visit has been made possible with funding from the Western Institute Center for the Arts, Culture and Literacy, Western's Co-Curricular Activities Committee and the University of Ghent. For more information, contact Dr. Mikkelsen at 816-271-4530 or mikkelsen@missouriwestern.edu.

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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.