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ENGLISH, FOREIGN LANGUAGES AND JOURNALISM DEPARTMENT TO HOST FORUM AND POETRY READING

St. Joseph, Mo.—March 25, 2003—On April 3, the English, foreign languages and journalism department of Missouri Western State College will host a forum and poetry reading featuring Michelle Boisseau, associate professor of English at the University of Missouri – Kansas City.

The forum will be held at 2 p.m. in the Janet Gorman Murphy Building, room 219. The topic will be “Quieting the Silence: Poetry and Courage.” Boisseau will discuss the courage required to confront self, language and the culture. Boisseau’s poetry reading will be held at 3:30 p.m. in the Warren E. Hearnes Learning Resource Center, room 102.

Boisseau is a rising talent, rapidly gaining national respect not only for her poetry, but also for her scholarship and teaching in the discipline. She has won numerous national prizes for her poetry and has received the National Endowment for the Arts Fellowship in poetry. She has published over 100 poems, stories, essays and reviews in journals and anthologies. Boisseau has three editions of leading textbooks in the field of writing poems and she currently has three books of her collected poems.

The event is made possible through a Western Expanding Horizons grant and the Mochila Review. For more information, contact Bill Church at 271-5966 or church@mwsc.edu.

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