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## WESTERN TO SPONSOR TRIP TO IRELAND

**St. Joseph, Mo.—Feb. 28, 2002** – Missouri Western State College’s Division of Continuing Education will sponsor its third trip to Ireland July 28 to Aug. 3, 2003. Dr. Robert Shell, associate professor in Spanish at Western, created this trip. The price of the trip is \$2,299, which includes round trip airfare from Kansas City, hotel rooms with private baths and all ground transportation. Sights on the itinerary include Kilkenny, Glendalough, Kylemore Abbey and Killarney National Park.

A deposit of \$100 is needed by April 1. The balance is due on June 2. For more information, contact Dr. Shell at 816-271-4321 (office) or 816-279-5505 (home) or by email at [shell@mwsc.edu](mailto:shell@mwsc.edu).

“This trip is not related to any class major at Western,” said Dr. Shell. “It is a trip for the public at large in the greater St. Joseph area.”

Dr. Shell has taken groups from the St. Joseph area to London, Paris, Switzerland and Scandinavia, all sponsored by the Division of Continuing Education. They were designed for the community rather than just the students at Western. Shell also participates in the college’s annual trip to Mexico, which is designed for students. They receive college credit for it.

Dr. Shell said traveling is an education. “I feel that we don’t really understand

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ourselves until we see other people in other places doing things that are sometimes quite similar to what we do, but at other times quite different,” said Dr. Shell. “We take our way of life for granted. It’s when we travel that we begin to see things in a different light.”

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.

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