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WESTERN OFFERS HISTORIC PRESERVATION COURSE IN MAY

St. Joseph, Mo. — March 10, 2004 —Dr. Bonnie Stepenoff, professor of history and the former director of the historic preservation program at Southeast Missouri State University, Cape Girardeau, will present a historic preservation field school in St. Joseph May 17 - June 4. The school will be offered as part of the summer intersession at Missouri Western State College.

The field school is open to current Western students or community members, and may be taken for three credit hours or audit. Cost of the course is \$441, but scholarships may be available. Enrollment will be limited to 15.

The course will focus on preservation principles and survey methodology. Class sessions will consist of lecture, discussion, field work and lab work. The field work will include tours, inspections, photography and documentation of structures in a historic neighborhood. The 2200-2700 blocks of Francis Street in St. Joseph have been selected for the neighborhood survey.

Stepenoff earned a bachelor of arts in social science from Ohio State University, a master of arts in history and a doctorate in American history from the University of Missouri – Columbia. She also holds a master of arts in library science with an emphasis in archives administration from University of Missouri – Columbia.

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She is the author of many articles in scholarly journals and two books: “Thad Snow: A Life of Social Reform in the Missouri Bootheel,” and “Their Fathers’ Daughters: Silk Mill Workers in Northeastern Pennsylvania.”

She has 15 years experience working with historic preservation, including eight years with the State Historical Society in Columbia and seven years with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources Historic Sites Program in Jefferson City, Mo.

For more information, call Western’s department of history, philosophy and geography at (816) 271-5688.

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