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## WESTERN OFFERS COURSE ON HUMAN SKELETAL REMAINS

**St. Joseph, Mo.** — March 23, 2004—Anyone interested in learning how to search, recover and identify human skeletal remains may now enroll in a course at Missouri Western State College. The class will meet 8 a.m.-5 p.m. May 24-29 and may be taken for three graduate or undergraduate credit hours as well as for noncredit.

The course will consist of lectures, labs and field experiences. Lecture topics include recovery techniques, use of forensic odontology and radiology, map reading, scene documentation, evidence collection and basic methods of skeletal identification. A field practicum for gravesite recovery, along with a surface recovery and identification of bones, will be provided.

Enrollment is limited to 36 participants and is \$695 for graduate or undergraduate credit and \$595 for noncredit until May 3. The cost is \$795 for credit and \$695 for noncredit after May 3. For more information or to enroll, call Sue Meadows in the continuing education office at (816) 271-4115.

Instructors for the course are Dr. Steve Symes, associate professor of anthropology at Mercyhurst College in Erie, Pa., and published author; Dr. Hugh Berryman, a private consultant in the field of forensic anthropology and published author who assists law enforcement and military personnel in the identification of remains; and Dr. Cal Jennings, professor of anthropology at Colorado State University in Fort Collins, Colo., and private consultant.

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