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## **WESTERN HOSTS FIFTH ANNUAL SOCIAL WORK PROGRAM INSTITUTE**

**St. Joseph, Mo.** — March 16, 2004—The social work department at Missouri Western State College and the National Association of Social Workers will sponsor the fifth annual Social Work Program Institute 8 a.m-4:15 p.m. March 26 in the Nelle Blum Student Union, room 218.

The conference is held in honor of National Social Work Month. Registration is \$50 with lunch included for pre-registered participants. To register, contact Patty Kuechler at (816) 271-4110.

Dr. Josephine Allen of Cornell University will present the morning session entitled, “Ethically and Practically Speaking: Managing Your Malpractice Liability.” The afternoon will consist of nine breakout sessions including topics on disability, domestic violence, spirituality and racial issues.

Dr. Allen is the associate professor of policy analysis and management in the College of Human Ecology at Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y. Her formal education included studies at Vassar College in Poughkeepsie, N.Y. (bachelor of arts in political science) and the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, Mich. (master of arts, political science; master of social work; doctorate in political science and social welfare administration and policy). Her areas of research and consultation include empowerment and family support; welfare reform and the life experiences of women who head households, racial/ethnic and socio-economic disparities in the delivery of health and mental health services; and communication about HIV/AIDS/ STDs, alcohol and drugs among adolescents and the significant adults in their lives.

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