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WESTERN TO HOLD PANEL DISCUSSION ON SOCIAL SECURITY REFORM

St. Joseph, Mo. — April 1, 2005 — The department of economics at Missouri Western State College will hold a panel discussion on the issue of Social Security reform 7 p.m. April 7 in the Leah Spratt Hall, 205. It is free and open to the community.

Western alumnus Joseph Carr of New York Life Insurance Co. will be debating in favor of reform, along with Western economics major Cole Kiner of St. Joseph, Mo. Their opponents will be Franklin Walker, a representative from AARP in Kansas City, Mo., and economics major Sean Poole of Platte City, Mo.

“The issue of reformation of Social Security is quite a hot topic,” said Nader Vargha, associate professor of economics. “Social Security is something eventually that will matter to everyone, young and old alike.”

The event is cosponsored by the department of economics and the Economics Club. For more information, contact Vargha at (816) 271-4339.

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