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WESTERN HOSTS SOCIAL WORK INSTITUTE

St. Joseph, Mo. —March 8, 2005—As part of national social work month, the social work program at Missouri Western State College will sponsor the sixth annual Social Work Program Institute from 8:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. March 25 in the Nelle Blum Student Union, Forrest Hoff Room, 218.

Registration is \$50, with lunch included for pre-registered participants. To register, contact Shelley Scott at (816) 271-4110.

The morning session, “A New Look at Cultural Competence: What Really Matters to Our Clients,” will be presented by Jan Potter, ACSW; Wynema Morris, BSMA; and Louise Latimer, II, BSW. This presentation will discuss the qualities, knowledge and skills that clients of color want their workers to possess. Three afternoon sessions consisting of six presentations will include topics on work with involuntary clients, domestic violence, death and dying, and spirituality.

Potter, a professor of social work, has taught for over two decades at Dana College in Blair, Neb., and now directs the social work practicum program there. Her special interests lie in the areas of group work, spiritual and cultural diversity.

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Morris, an adjunct professor of social work at Dana College, has a long history of service to American Indian groups throughout the U.S. She has taught the Native American studies course at Dana College for seven years.

Latimer, director of advocacy and resource development, teaches a Black Experience course at Dana College. Latimer is a certified mediation and conflict manager, and is currently working on her master's in public administration from the University of Nebraska, Omaha.

For more information, contact Dr. Martha Ellison at 271-4350 or Ellison@mwsc.edu.

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