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MYSTERY WRITER TO SPEAK AT WESTERN

St. Joseph, Mo. —March 27, 2006—Donna Andrews, award-winning mystery writer, will visit Missouri Western State University from 5:30-9:30 p.m. April 5 in Nelle Blum Union, rooms 222 and 223. Her schedule for the evening follows:

- 5:30-6 p.m. – Book sales and signing
- 6-7 p.m. – Andrews will read from her current work and discuss her writing process.
- 7-7:30 p.m. – Refreshments
- 7:30-8:30 p.m. – Workshop on how to get published
- 8:30-8:45 p.m. – Q & A
- 8:45-9:30 p.m. – Book sales and signing

“The public reading and workshop are a wonderful opportunity for anyone interested in writing and selling popular literature,” said Dr. Patricia Donaher, assistant professor of English and event coordinator. “Ms. Andrews is a very approachable writer, eager to share her knowledge and experience with beginning, as well as advanced, writers.”

Andrew’s novel, “Murder with Peacocks,” is an assignment for reading by the English 210, Murder and More, course. Andrews will visit the class from 12:30-1:50 p.m. April 6 in Janet Gorman Murphy Hall, room 119, and talk with them about the art of crafting a mystery story.

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Both events are free and open to the community. The reservation deadline is April 2.

Andrews was born in Yorktown, Va., and now lives in Reston, Va. She received her bachelor of arts degree in English and drama from the University of Virginia. In 1998 she won the Malice Domestic/St. Martin's Press Best First Traditional Mystery contest. "Murder with Peacocks," her first mystery, was published by St. Martins in 1999. Since then, she has published eight more mystery novels and contributed short stories and articles to a number of publications. She has won several awards, including the Agatha Award for best first mystery for "Murder with Peacocks" in 1999, and for best mystery for her book "You've Got Murder," in 2002. She is also the author of the Meg Langslow series.

For more information or to make a reservation, contact Dr. Donaher at 816-271-5964 or by email at donaher@missouriwestern.edu.

The visit is sponsored by the department of English, foreign languages and journalism; Prairie Lands Writing Project; the co-curricular committee; Sigma Tau Delta; Borders Books, and the Western Library.

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