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## TEN WESTERN PROFESSORS HONORED

**St. Joseph, Mo.** —July 6, 2005—Ten Missouri Western State College professors were honored with the Regents Distinguished Professor award. The awards are given to faculty with excellent records in teaching, scholarship/creative activity, and professional service each year.

The 10 awardees were approved by the Board of Regents in May.

For distinction in the area of teaching, which include, student evaluations, teaching innovations, presentations and publications on teaching, development of new courses, leadership in the development of new curricula/programs, participation in learning communities, sample syllabi, examinations, and course handouts, the awardees are: Dr. Jason Baker, assistant professor of biology; Dr. Jeffrey Poet, assistant professor of mathematics; Dr. Ann Thorne, associate professor of English/journalism; Dr. Shiva Nandan, associate professor of business, and Dr. Dennis Rogers, professor of music.

For distinction in the area of scholarship/creative activity, which include, scholarly/creative artifacts, professional certifications, peer reviewer comments, acceptance letters for publications or other peer reviewed presentations, and information on competitive grants, the awardees are: Dr. Kelly Henry, assistant professor of psychology; Dr. Evelyn Brooks, associate professor of nursing; Dr. Michael Cadden, associate professor of English, and Dr. David Ashley, professor of biology.

For distinction in the area of service, which include, appointments to boards, professional consulting, professional practice, accreditation/program reviews, organizing conferences, committee reports, leadership of committees and task forces, serving as an advisor to a student organization, and public presentations to audiences outside of one's academic field, the awardee is Dr. Carol Roeber, associate professor of business.

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Applications for the awards are reviewed by the vice president for academic and student affairs, the school deans, and six faculty members who have previously been recognized as Regents Distinguished Professors. The faculty on the committee this year were past recipients of the Active Career Program awards.

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