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WESTERN TO AIR PRESENTATION ABOUT MUSLIM WOMEN IN AMERICA

St. Joseph, Mo. —Nov. 1, 2006—Missouri Western State University will air a recent Eggs and Issues presentation regarding Muslim women in America. Donna Gehrke-White, features writer for the Miami Herald, spoke at Western Oct. 24 about what she learned while writing her recent book, “The Face Behind the Veil: The Extraordinary Lives of Muslim Women in America.”

The program will air at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 5 and 12 on St. Joseph Cablevision channel 39 and Charter Communications of Atchison, Kan., channel 97. The presentation follows Western’s newest program, “Western Reports.”

Gehrke-White, a native of Clarksdale, Mo., interviewed 50 women for her book, and she divided the women into four categories: new traditionalists, blenders, converts, who make up about 30 percent of the Muslim population in the United States; and changers.

Her presentation is filled with stories of the lives of the women – escaping from political turmoil in their homelands, adapting to life in the United States, and becoming quite successful.

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