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WESTERN ANNOUNCES FACULTY AND STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

St. Joseph, Mo. —Dec. 12, 2006— Missouri Western State University announces recent achievements of its faculty and staff:

- Dr. Reza Hamzaee, professor of economics, has published the following: “Modern Banking and Strategic Portfolio Management,” accepted for publication in the upcoming edition of the refereed journal, *The Journal of Business and Economics Research* (JBER) second author: Bob Hughs, '06; “The Interest Rate Reduction, Inflation, and an Independent Central Bank,” *Sarmayeh (Capital)*; “A Collective Airport- Airline Efficiency Strategic Model,” *The International Journal of Applied Management and Technology*, second author: student Bijan Vasigh; “The Environmental-Economic Effects of Landfill Expansion on a Nearby Community,” *The Scholar-Practitioner*.
- Dr. Phil Mullins, professor of philosophy, and Struan Jacobs published “T.S. Eliot’s Idea of the Clerisy, and its Discussion by Karl Mannheim and Michael Polanyi in the Context of J. H. Oldham’s Moot,” *Journal of Classical Sociology*. This essay is accompanied by 1944 papers from Eliot, Mannheim and Polanyi edited by Dr. Mullins and Jacobs.
- Dr. Jim Puckett, instructor of chemistry and director of the chemistry dual credit program, recently attended the National Convention of the National Science Teachers Association in Omaha, Neb. At that meeting Dr. Puckett represented Science Teachers of Missouri at the NSTA District XI reception and was a member of the program committee, proposal reviewer.

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Missouri Western State University is a four-year public institution providing a blend of traditional liberal arts and professional degree programs. The university offers student-centered, high quality instruction that focuses on experience-based learning, community service, and state-of-the-art technology. Western is located in St. Joseph, Mo. and is committed to the educational, economic, cultural and social development of the region it serves.