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HISTORIC PRESERVATION FIELD SCHOOL TO BE HELD

St. Joseph, Mo. — May 9, 2005—“St. Joseph has the most fabulous stock of old buildings of any city of its size in the world. It’s the perfect learning laboratory for historic preservation.”

That is the opinion of Dr. Bonnie Stepenoff, professor of history and the former director of the historic preservation program at Southeast Missouri State University in Cape Girardeau. Dr. Stepenoff will spend three weeks in St. Joseph teaching a historic preservation field school. The class runs May 23 – June 10, and will be held from 1-5 p.m. Monday through Friday, except on Memorial Day.

The class is designed to allow students to obtain hands-on field experience in documentation and preservation of the built environment, and to learn to gather and record architectural data, and to utilize library and archival collections effectively in researching history, cultural landscapes and historic structures. Class sessions will consist of lecture, discussion, and field work. This is the second year for the class.

Enrollment for this class is limited to 15 students. The course costs \$479 and is offered as a special topics course, HIS 296, with no prerequisites. Participants who are not presently enrolled at Western will pay a \$30 registration fee.

For more information, please call the Western Institute at 816-271-4100, or the department of history, philosophy and geography at 816-271-5688.

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