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Multicultural Center ribbon-cutting, tours part of Homecoming festivities Oct. 16-17

The ribbon-cutting and grand opening for Western Illinois University's Multicultural Center, which houses Casa Latina Cultural Center, the Gwendolyn Brooks Cultural Center and the Women's Center, will be held at **3 p.m. Friday, Oct. 16** in conjunction with Western's 2009 Homecoming Celebration.

President **Al Goldfarb**, Western's Board of Trustees, WIU Student Services administration and staff from the centers housed in the new facility will take part in the ribbon-cutting ceremony. A brief program will be held, following by a reception and a tour.

In addition, the Multicultural Center will be open from **11 a.m.-noon Saturday, Oct. 17** to provide an opportunity for alumni and friends who are unable to attend Friday's ceremony to tour the centers.

"We look forward to welcoming the WIU and Macomb campus communities, as well as the University's many alumni and friends, to the ribbon-cutting and open house for this tremendous facility,"



said Associate Vice President for Student Services **Earl Bracey**.

For a full schedule of Homecoming Weekend events, visit wiu.edu/alumni/events/homecoming.

H1N1 vaccine available

Working in conjunction with the McDonough County Health Department, WIU's Beu Health Center will provide the H1N1 vaccine to students, faculty and staff in the following groups based on Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommendations/priority groups, according to Beu Health Center Director **Mary Margaret Harris**.

- * Healthcare and emergency medical services personnel
- * Individuals through 24 years of age
- * Individuals aged 25 through 64 years who have health conditions associated with higher risk of medical complications from influenza.
- * Pregnant women
- * Household contacts and caregivers for children younger than 6 months of age.

Individuals must present a current WIU ID. Clinic dates/locations will be announced once the vaccine arrives.

For more information, contact Beu Health Center at (309) 298-1888.

Faculty, adviser receive Provost's Awards

Six WIU faculty members and an academic adviser were recognized as the 2009 Provost's Award of Excellence Winners at an Oct. 14 reception.

The Center for Innovation in Teaching and Research (CITR) organized the six-member committees charged with determining excellence in each of the areas.

"I'm pleased to present this year's Provost's Awards of Excellence to the WIU faculty and staff who have distinguished themselves in the various areas," said Provost **Jack Thomas**. "I commend them for their commitment to students and to Western. Each of this year's recipients is truly indicative of the quality educators and staff we have at this University."

Excellence in Teaching—Jennifer McNabb, history.

"Dr. McNabb has a passion for teaching that motivates her students to reach for excellence. Through innovative methods and hands-on class activities, such as debates and role playing games, she

inspires students to succeed by teaching them critical thinking skills, how to weigh historical evidence and develop and defend their conclusions," stated the nominating committee. "

Excellence in Internationalizing the Campus—Shazia Rahman, English

Rahman's nominators said they recommended her "based on the breadth of the activities Dr. Rahman participated in in all three areas, including teaching, service and research. She developed and taught a new internationalized course, Pakistani Fiction, and she internationalized the existing Introduction to World Literature course by including readings and poetries from different continents. Several of her service activities are related to global issues. She organized a hunger banquet to raise students' awareness of the problem of hunger in some parts of the world. She served as a member of the African Literature Association Conference and read hundreds of abstracts submitted

to the conference, which was hosted by WIU and which attracted many scholars from all over the world to Macomb.

Excellence in Multicultural Teaching—J.Q. Adams, educational and interdisciplinary studies.

"J.Q. Adams was selected for the breadth and variety of ways he promotes multiculturalism in his classes and in the University campus," his nominators wrote. "The intellectual and personal passion for his topic is evident in his teaching and in the resulting effects on his students. In simply overhearing students' conversations in the halls at Horrabin, you quickly realize that students learn a significant amount from J.Q. and admire him not only as a teacher but as an individual whose life experiences have spurred him on a mission to improve the academic experiences of the younger generations."

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Ag Day Oct. 31 at WIU, popcorn for sale

The WIU School of Agriculture will hold its third annual Ag Day beginning at **11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 31.**

Fun activities for youngsters and educational activities for individuals of all ages, will be offered north of Hanson Field. The Ag Day event will continue through the Fighting Leathernecks' football game (vs. North Dakota State University at 1:05 p.m.) and is open to those who are attending the game.

Also available at the festivities will be "Rocky Popcorn," microwaveable purple and gold popcorn grown at the School of Agriculture's Allison Organic Research and Demonstration Farm. The \$2 bags are also currently available for purchase from the School of Agriculture.

This year, the School of Agriculture is celebrating the 90th anniversary of the four-year agriculture degree program at Western. Ag Day activities, held by various agriculture-related student clubs and organizations, during this special celebration include:

Forestry Club: tree climbing

Horticulture Club: selling bulbs and "Rocky Popcorn"



Microwavable purple and gold popcorn grown at the Allison Farm is for sale for \$2.

Hoof-n-Horn: petting zoo

Sigma Alpha: face painting

Collegiate FFA: duck pond

Ag Ed Club: READY Bookmobile (Kids will have a chance to pick out a book to take home with them.)

For more information about Ag Day or to purchase Rocky Popcorn, contact the School of Agriculture at (309) 298-1080. Visit WIU's School of Agriculture online at wiu.edu/ag.

Free health screenings

The following health screening events have been planned as a part of Employee Wellness:

Total Cholesterol Screening

7:30-8:15 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 20, Stipes Hall 111. Employee cost is \$25; a 12-hour fast is required.

Free blood pressure screenings will be held from 7:30-8:15 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 20; Stipes Hall 111, and

from 11 a.m.- 1 p.m. on the following dates and locations:

Wednesday, Oct. 21: Seal Hall UHDS Break Room, 1st floor

Thursday, Oct. 22: Browne Hall

Wednesday, Oct. 28: Knoblauch Hall 145

Thursday, Oct. 29: Malpass Library, Garden Lounge

Wednesday, Nov. 4: University Union Fox Room, and

Thursday, Nov. 5: Spencer Student Recreation Center, Colgate Room

Plasma Glucose Screening

9 a.m.-3 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 4: University Union Concourse. Free of charge.

For more information, contact **Judy Yeast** at 298-1228 or JA-Yeast@wiu.edu.

Awards, cont'd

Excellence in Scholarly/Creative/Performative/Professional Activities—Robert Quesal, communication sciences and disorders.

Quesal, who was elected a Fellow of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) this summer, was cited by his nominators for his work which "includes a commercially published assessment instrument, two book chapters, five refereed journal articles, many refereed or invited presentations and various other professional activities. As evident in his scholarship, he integrates research, teaching and service into his activities. In addition to his research, he is an editorial consultant to six journals and served as reviewer for two textbooks."

Excellence in Teaching with Technology—Leaunda Hemphill, instructional design and technology.

"Professor Hemphill was selected for the way she goes beyond the basic tools and uses of technology in a number of areas. She has a strong commitment to incorporating a wide range of emerging tools into the curriculum and has demonstrated ways that technology can be used by both instructors (live chat, blogs, RSS feeds, Second Life) and

students (collaborative wiki writing, audio and video podcast assignments) to promote academic and workplace success," her nominators wrote. "She models her courses using the tools and practice she expects from her students. . . affording students the opportunity to gain knowledge of the field through the modeling of best practice. This includes motivating students not only by allowing them to choose technologies that interest them for their assignments, but also through collaboration with classes and students in other countries, such as China."

Excellence in University/Community Service—John Miller, communication.

"Dr. Miller's dedication to service at this institution is truly exceptional, particularly in the areas of University governance and policy-making," wrote his nominators. "At the departmental level, Dr. Miller has chaired four committees over the period of evaluation, including two search committees, the General Education Assessment Committee and the Thompson Committee. At the University level, he served as the chair of CAGAS and provided the leadership to implement a number of University initiatives,

including a new student withdrawal policy, administrative admissions policy, student responsibility statement, a change in CAGAS by-laws and an evaluation of the pre-requisite enforcement policy. He also served as the chair of the Foreign Language/Global Issues faculty senate subcommittee. Miller served on the General Education Review Committee (GERC), the UPI Executive Board, the UPI House of Delegates and is the Faculty Adviser for the College Democrats. He has also become deeply involved in local, state and federal politics. During the past few years, Dr. Miller has served as the county coordinator for U.S. Senator Dick Durbin, U.S. Senator Barack Obama and Congressman Lane Evans."

Outstanding Academic Adviser—Dianne Fullenwilder-Bracey, University Advising and Academic Support Center.

Her nominators wrote, "Her application stood apart from the others because of her proven commitment to her students and her absolute willingness to go above and beyond the requirements of her position in order to help students in need."

For full descriptions, see the Sept. 30 news release at wiu.edu/news.

Position openings

Rural Transit Assistance Center, Transit Coordination Specialist

The Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs (IIRA) has an opening for a faculty assistant/transit coordination specialist in the Rural Transit Assistance Center (RTAC) to provide support to the Interagency Coordinating Committee on Transportation (ICCT). Duties include providing meeting facilitation and technical assistance to counties seeking a rural public transportation operating assistance grant, providing logistical support to the ICCT Clearinghouse, conducting research, preparing reports, and conducting other forms of outreach with stakeholders. This is a 12-month position and can be renewed annually, depending on funding. Anticipated start date is November 2009.

Applicants should have earned a bachelor's degree in geography, transportation, business or related field. A master's degree is preferred. Quantitative skills with excellent written and oral communication, experience in research using the Internet, self-motivation, knowledge of basic software and computer use is required. Experience in public transportation grant administration, policy, research, or provision is preferred. The position is based in Macomb. See wiu.edu/employment/emp.sphp?id=802 for full details.

Interested persons should submit a letter of application, resumé, names of three references and e-mail address to: **Carol Harper**, Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs, Western Illinois University, Stipes Hall 518, 1 University Circle, Macomb, IL 61455 or e-mail cs-harper@wiu.edu.

Volunteerism conference

The third annual West Central Illinois Volunteerism Conference (WCIVC) is slated for **8 a.m.-4 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 29** at the Wesley United Methodist Church in Macomb.

According to **Nancy Jameson** of the WCIVC, this year's theme is "Growing Together," which is based on the conference's goal of providing capacity-building training opportunities to enhance the skills of volunteer leaders and managers in the public, private and nonprofit sectors.

Local and statewide organizations will be exhibiting as part of the event, which will also include nine break-out sessions and one lunch-hour keynote speaker.

A more complete job description is available. Applications will be reviewed starting Oct. 26 and will continue until the position is filled. Salary is commensurate with experience and qualifications.

Western Illinois University (WIU) seeks an **instructor of health education/health sciences** for the Macomb campus. Appointment: 50%, nine months. A master's degree in health education/promotion, public health, or health behavior and higher education teaching experience is required. Doctoral degree in closely related field, experience in school health and/or public health, and teaching in a variety of modalities preferred. Primary responsibility is to teach health education/health science courses within the general education curriculum.

Application screening will begin **Monday, Nov. 2** and continue until the position is filled. Position begins January 2010.

For complete details see wiu.edu/employment/emp.sphp?id=799 or contact **Mark Kelley**, Department of Health Sciences, Stipes Hall 402, Western Illinois University, 1 University Circle, Macomb, IL 61455-1390.

Western Illinois University is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity employer and has a strong institutional commitment to diversity. In that spirit, we are particularly interested in receiving applications from a broad spectrum of people, including minorities, women, and persons with disabilities. WIU has a non-discrimination policy that includes sex, race, color, sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression, religion, age, marital status, national origin, disability, or veteran status.

"Nora Baldner, formerly of WGEM in Quincy, will deliver the keynote address," Jameson said. "Nora is the branch director of the Arthritis Foundation in Quincy, and she is host of the Nora Baldner Ladies Classic Golf Tournaments (in Quincy and Macomb) that benefit the Arthritis Foundation," she added.

Conference attendees are eligible to receive 0.5 hours of continuing education units (CEU) through Western Illinois University's School of Extended Studies.

For more information and/or to register, contact Jameson at (217) 357-2804; (309) 255-5152 (mobile); or via e-mail at rsvp@sandburg.edu.

Civil Service news

Employee of the Month

Lori Heagy, office support specialist for Conferences and Non-Credit Programs, has been named the October Civil Service Employee of the Month.



According to her nominators, Heagy "always looks for the best way to accomplish tasks and is an excellent problem-solver. Lori maintains a cheerful, confident, and helpful presence no matter how stressful the circumstances might be.

"She shows good judgment in her work and is always enthusiastic. To many of the people that come into contact with this office, Lori is their only contact with WIU. To them, she 'is' WIU, and Lori is always focused on seeing to it that everyone's experience with Western is the best possible experience it can be," her nominators added.

Heagy began working at Western as a secretary IV in 2006 in Conferences and Non-Credit Programs, and in 2008, her title was changed to office support specialist.

Anyone wishing to nominate a civil service employee for this recognition should contact **Laura Caldwell**, Civil Service Employees Council (CSEC) public relations representative, at (309) 298-1000 or LM-Caldwell@wiu.edu.

New Employees

Weaver, Timothy, stationary fireman helper, Heating Plant, 9/10/09, Physical Plant, 298-1200.

Promotions/Transfers/Reassigns

Apel, Leslie, office support associate, Human Resources, transferred to clerk, Visual Production Center, 9/28/09.

Smart, Maxine, admissions and records specialist I, Admissions, promoted to purchasing officer I, Purchasing Office, 9/24/09.

Deceased

Smith, David, purchasing officer II, Purchasing Office, 9/4/09.

Resignations

Farzna-Khan, Mona, clerk, Women's Studies, 10/9/09.

Root, Julie, broadcast news specialist, Educational/Public Service Radio, 9/30/09.

Retirements

Wuestenfeld, Glen, Locksmith, Building Maintenance, 9/11/09.

Professional activities

Virginia Boynton, history, presented "We Are the Government: The Illinois Woman's Committee during World War I" and provided comments for the "Educating America: Problems of the Twentieth Century" session at the 31st Mid-America Conference on History in October at the University of Oklahoma.

Lee Brice, history, presented "Wealthy Corinth Revisited, preliminary results of a Die Study of Corinthian Drachmas" at the XIV International Numismatic Congress in September in Glasgow, UK.

Bruce Briney, music, participated in his 16th season as a member of the Peninsula Music Festival in Door County, WI.

Virginia Broffitt, music, performed in the American Composers Concert at the National Flute Association Convention in August in New York, NY.

John Carlson, agriculture, presented invited papers on the topic of the use of ethanol co-products in livestock feed at the All-Russian Science and Research Institute of Compound Feeds Conference held May 18 at Voronezh, Russia, the Moscow Meet Meeting held May 26 Moscow, Russia, and the National Swine Producers Conference in October in Moscow.

Ute Chamberlin, history, presented "Practicing Democracy: Women in Local and State Politics in the Cities of the Ruhr Valley, 1919 to 1924" at the Annual Conference of the German Studies Association, in October in Washington D.C.

Clyde Cronkhite, LEJA, published "Criminal Justice Administration: Strategies for the 21st Century" (2008, Jones and Bartlett Publishers), which recently received nationwide support from noted law enforcement officials including FBI director Robert Mueller and assistant director John J. Miller.

Rich Egger, Tri States Public Radio, produced a feature story, "Midwest Factory has Workers Paint, Garden and Sell," that aired on the Sept. 1 broadcast of National Public Radio's "All Things Considered," (and can be heard at npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=112444125).

Jacquelyn Holan, BOT/BA adviser, (WIU-QC), presented "Can You See Me? Academic Advising and the Invisible Disabilities of Mental Health Disorders" at the National Academic Advising Association conference in October in San Antonio, TX.

Lorri Kanauss, DFMH, and **Judy Yeast**, Campus Recreation—\$16,500 from the Illinois Department of Public Health for "Heart Smart for Women - FY10."

Virginia Leonard, history, presented "Hugo Chavez and the New Left in Latin America," and chaired and served as discussant for the conference session on "Federalism and Democracies? Argentina, Mexico, and the US," at the North Central Council of Latin Americanists at Simpson College in October in Indianola, Iowa.

Jennifer McNabb, history, presented "Contesting and Negotiating Meanings of Marriage in Early Modern England: A Regional Perspective" and provided comments for "Putting the 'Spin' on England" session at the Mid-America Conference on History in October at the University of Oklahoma.

Heather Munro, educational and interdisciplinary studies, presented a paper, "The Lustron Houses of Macomb: An Investigation of Symbolic Hometown Post-World War II 'Optimistic Architecture'" at the Eleventh Annual Conference on Illinois History, sponsored by the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency, held Oct. 1 in Springfield, IL.

Julie O'Brien and Niall Hartnett, UAASC, co-presented "'Affective' Advising: Building Relationships Using a Student-Centered Approach" (available online for training purposes at wiu.edu/uaasc/support) at the National Academic Advising Association (NACADA) annual conference Oct. 1 in San Antonio, TX.

Vince Palacios, art, was selected as a finalist in the Society for Contemporary Craft's (SCC) Lydon Emerging Artist Program (LEAP) award exhibition. Palacios was also juried into the Cedarhurst Southern Illinois Artists Open competition and exhibition in August.

Matt Warnock, music, was named an associate editor and member of the board of advisers for Guitar International Magazine.

Anita Werling, music, who teaches a section of Music 190, What to Listen for in Music, each semester, received the Outstanding First Year Experience Faculty Award for 2008-2009. She also taught and performed in recital at the American Guild of Organists Pipe Organ Encounter held in Chicago and the western suburbs in June.

Jeannie Woods, theatre and dance, was one of 30 stage directors from the U.S., Canada and the UK, selected to participate

in DirectorsLab Chicago 2009. Woods also was invited to participate as a mentor and gave two presentations and also chaired a session, "Open Up Your World: Fulbrights in Theatre," on her Fulbright experience in Taiwan, at the annual conference of the Leadership Institute of the Association for Theatre in Higher Education (ATHE) in August in New York City.

Ming-Yi Wu, communication, presented the results of her Thompson Professorship Award research, "Comparing Consumers' On-line Shopping Behaviors in Taiwan and the United States," Oct. 7 at WIU.

Password policy effective immediately

In order to comply with recommendations from the Office of the Auditor General for the State of Illinois, as well as industry standards and regulations, effective immediately, passwords providing access to University Systems and services will need to be changed regularly.

This will require users to change some passwords between now and **Thursday, Oct. 29** (regardless of when they were last changed) and regularly change them every 90 to 120 days thereafter. This password policy was approved by the President's cabinet in February 2009.

What does this mean for me?

uTech (University Technology) and its technology partners will not only be reminding everyone about this change, but will also guide users to change their passwords. There will be reminders and directions in the most commonly used applications (Western Online, Zimbra, etc.)

Where can I get more information?

For details and instructions on changing your password, go to wiu.edu/utech/passwordChange.

For more information, contact the uTech support center at (309) 298-2704. For STARS sign-on assistance, call (309) 298-STAR (7827).

uTech thanks the campus community for cooperation and understanding in this important security matter.

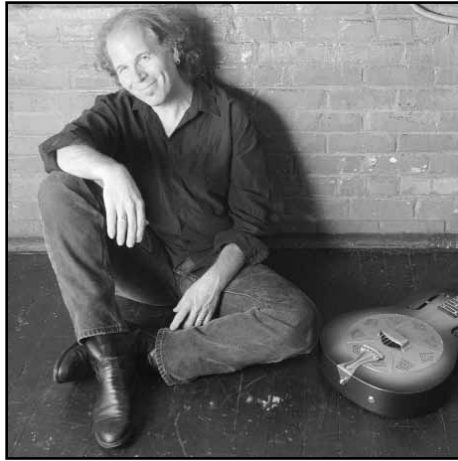
Celebration Concert Series lineup announced

Tri States Public Radio has announced its next season of Celebration Concert Series. A unique opportunity to hear live music, the series brings nationally and internationally recognized singer-songwriter artists to the tri-state region.

Scheduled to perform this year are Carrie Newcomer, Saturday **Nov. 7**; Kris Delmhurst, **Dec. 12**; Lou and Peter Berryman, **Jan. 23, 2010**; The Nields, **Feb. 6**; Switchback, **March 6** (two shows: Children's matinee and general audience evening performance); and Brooks Williams, **March 27**. More information about the series and each artist can be viewed on the web at tristatesradio.com.

All shows begin at **7 p.m.** in the Music Performance Studio at Tri States Public Radio, 320 W. University Drive.

Order online at tristatesradio.com or call (800) 895-2912 between **8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday**. Tickets are \$10 for Tri States Public Radio members; \$15 for



Brooks Williams

the general public. Everyone attending is encouraged to bring along a non-perishable food item or personal care item for donation to Macomb Loaves and Fishes.

'Online/Nonline' auction kicks off Oct. 28

Looking for ways to start your holiday shopping early this year? You can do so—and benefit a great cause at the same time—by bidding for items on the Radio Information Service's (RIS) 11th annual "Online/Nonline 'Think Holiday' Auction **Wednesday, Oct. 28** through **12:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 6**.

The auction's proceeds will benefit the RIS, which fosters equal access to printed material for individuals who are visually impaired or physically disabled, and will help fund its general operating expenses for the coming year.

A link to the auction site will be available on the RIS website beginning Oct. 28 at tristatesaudio.org. The items will also be displayed at the Tri-States Audio Information Services (AIS) studios, where bidders can bid "nonline" from 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

"An extensive collection of items has been secured by our committee members and, again this year, we are eager to showcase our auction site," said **Carol Dennhardt**, AIS director. "A lot of familiar patrons of the RIS as well as new businesses and individuals donated items this year and we thank them all for their generosity."

The auction site, complete with photographs and descriptions, will preview the items, track the starting and current bid amounts, and keep a tally of the total amount of bids received. Bidders can simply submit their bids at ais@wiu.edu.

"Our staff will record and track all bids and notify the bidders when their bid is received. We have created a more user-friendly auction experience with this method. But, competition will be present as the online bidders compete with those who bid at our studios. In-person or 'nonline' bidding, along with online bidding, was created as a way to give more people an opportunity to participate with this auction. The website will be updated regularly and will reflect online and "nonline" bids alike," Dennhardt added.

Items will be on display Oct. 28-Nov. 6, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday-Friday, at the RIS studios, located in the University Services Building on University Drive. Off-hour and weekend appointments can be made by contacting Dennhardt at (309) 298-2403.

The items for this year's auction are categorized into Art and Handcrafted, Automotive, Household, Lodging, Music and Entertainment, Recreation and Leisure, Services, Special Interest, and Sports.

Part of Tri States Public Radio, the RIS reaches a 20-county area spanning west central Illinois, southeast Iowa and northeast Missouri with programming 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Volunteers read national, regional and local newspapers, magazines and novels. For more information, visit tristatesaudio.org.

Grants & Contracts

Andrew Baker, Agriculture—\$12,532 from the Illinois State Board of Education for "Agriculture Teacher Education - FY10."

Judy Brown and Kathleen Neumann, Computer Science—\$2,000 from the Western Area Career System for "West Central Illinois Partnerships for College and Career Success - FY10."

Richard Chamberlain and Crystal Hack, CAIT—\$246,215 from the Illinois Community College Board for "GED Illinois Online - Statewide Curriculum Deployment FY10."

Joyce Johanson, Center for Best Practices—\$72,266 in supplemental funding from the Illinois Department of Human Services for "Provider Connections FY10."

Gordon Rands, Management—\$13,430 in continuation funding from Northern Michigan University for "A Brazilian and U. S. Partnership for People, Planet and Profits: Fostering Socially, Environmentally, and Economically Sustainable Entrepreneurship - Year 2."

Sustainability brownbag sessions

Upcoming presenters and topics for the Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs (IIRA)'s Sustainability Brownbaggers series, held from **12:30-1:30 p.m.** on Tuesdays in Malpass Library Room 180, include:

Tuesday, Oct. 20: "Sustainable Landscaping on WIU's Campus" by **Tara Beal**, grounds superintendent, WIU Physical Plant

Tuesday, Oct. 27: "Open Access to Libraries as a Sustainability Issue" by **Linda Zellmer**, assistant professor, WIU Libraries

Tuesday, Nov. 3: "Perspectives on Sustainability" by WIU Honor students, organized by **William Knox**, director, Centennial Honors College

Tuesday, Nov. 10: "What's in the Future for Sustainability?" A panel discussion organized by: **Eric Ribbens**, associate professor, Western's biological sciences department; **William Knox**, director, Centennial Honors College; and **Timothy Collins**, assistant director, Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs.

For more information, contact **Timothy Collins**, IIRA assistant director, at (309) 298-3412 or T-Collins@wiu.edu, or visit iira.org.