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Retiring USM Academic Vice President to Present Reflections of Her Life and Career

7 p.m. Thursday, March 13

(Leavenworth, Kan.)— University of Saint Mary Vice President and Dean for Academic Affairs Dr. Sandra Van Hoose will reflect on her 28 years at USM in a Delta Epsilon Sigma lecture at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 13, 2008, in Mead Hall Walnut Room, 4100 South 4th Street in Leavenworth, Kan. The event is free and open to the public.

Her presentation is titled, "*Twisted Paths and Spiritual Geography: Of Places, Passages, and Pilgrimage.*" In prose and poetry, Dr. Van Hoose offers valedictory reflections as she prepares to retire at the end of this academic year. Call (913) 758-6115 for more information.

Dr. Van Hoose has served as academic vice president at Saint Mary for the past decade. Her previous posts include interim president, chair of the education department, graduate faculty, professor of education, associate academic dean, assistant dean for records and adult programs, and registrar. She was hired as registrar in 1980, the year Saint Mary transitioned from typewritten class lists with carbon copies to a computerized system.

Under her tenure at USM, she played a key role in the creation and implementation of the Global Studies Institute, and gave leadership to a curricular initiative that included Idea Seminars with the theme of Global Interdependence, and interdisciplinary team-taught Freshmen Learning Communities.

Dr. Van Hoose holds an interdisciplinary Ph.D. from the University of Kansas in Educational Foundations with a minor in Soviet and Eastern European Studies. Her dissertation, *The Reformulation of Educational Reform in the USSR 1986-88*, was recognized as one of the top ten dissertations for the Dissertation of the Year Award at the University of Kansas.

She served as Project Director for a Fulbright-Hays Groups Abroad Award sponsored through the Kansas City Regional Council for Higher Education to the Baltic Academy, Riga Latvia, and the Baltic States, and the Russian Academy of Labor, Moscow. She was also the recipient of a Fulbright-Hays summer scholar award to the Budapest University of Economic Science in Budapest, Hungary.

As a former chair of the education department and professor with tenure in educational foundations, Dr. Van Hoose has taught courses and workshops in comparative and international education and educational history and philosophy.

Dr. Van Hoose resides in Leavenworth with her husband Dallas.

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