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**MISSOURI VALLEY COLLEGE TO CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY  
MONTH WITH PRESENTATION**

*“Soul Food: An Archaeological Perspective of African-American Identity” to be  
presented by Dr. Tim Baumann*

**Marshall, Mo.** (February 07, 2007)—The Murrell Library’s *Coffee by the Book* staff at Missouri Valley College is hosting a lecture and power point by Dr. Tim Baumann, associate professor of anthropology, on Feb. 13 in the Library’s *Coffee by the Book* room. Presentations scheduled for 12 noon and 7 p.m.

Dr. Baumann will present “Soul Food: An Archaeological Perspective of African-American Identity,” which provides the historical perspective of the surrounding areas and the term soul food. The presentation will focus on the two area-plantations that are still standing. One plantation is located in Oak Grove the other in Prairie Park.

The Oak Grove plantation home is owned by the Murrell Family, and was home to George Murrell—the namesake of MVC’s Murrell Library.

The library staff will prepare soul food recipes for tasting during the lecture. Samples will include corn bread, sweet potato biscuits, jambalaya, fried chicken, grits, collard greens, and more.

“Saline county is in the middle of little Dixie as far as plantations,” said Dr. Baumann. “Twenty five to forty percent of the African Americans in this area are descendents of slaves.”

The presentation is free and open to the public and no reservations are needed. For more information, visit [www.moval.edu](http://www.moval.edu) or call (660) 831-4123.

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