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MVC FACULTY MEMBER RECEIVES PRESTIGIOUS RESEARCH AWARD

Marshall, Mo. (January 17, 2006)—Dr. Tim Baumann, associate professor of anthropology and archeology at Missouri Valley College, has been awarded the John L. Cotter Award in Historical Archaeology by the Society for Historical Archaeology at the 2006 Conference on Historical and Underwater Archaeology in Sacramento, Calif.

The award, which is named after the first president of the SHA, was presented to Baumann in response to his exceptional achievements throughout his professional career. In his first semester at MVC, Baumann will continue research in and near Arrow Rock, Mo., a National Landmark site since 1963.

According to Baumann, the majority of his research over the past 10 years has been conducted in the village that is located on the western bluffs of the Missouri River in Saline County. He has conducted an active program of archaeological field investigations in Arrow Rock, exploring its post-Civil War African American community through the material remains of former households, a Masonic lodge, and African Methodist Episcopal church, a school, a restaurant, and a tavern.

“The research that Dr. Baumann has conducted is fascinating,” said Dr. Bonnie Humphrey, Missouri Valley College president. “Being able to interpret his findings to colleagues and the community creates a very unique educational opportunity.”

In addition to research in Arrow Rock, Baumann has continued on Missouri’s African American heritage and conducted excavations at the Oak Grove and Prairie Park plantations outside of Arrow Rock, focusing on enslaved African American homes. The data collected at these sites is being analyzed and will eventually be compared to the previous work in Arrow Rock.

Baumann has been an active member in the Missouri Archaeological Society, the Missouri Advisory Council for Historic Preservation, the Missouri Association of Professional Archaeologists, the Midwest Archaeological Conference, the Society for Industrial Archaeology, among others.

Prior to MVC, Baumann was an assistant professor in the department of anthropology at University of Missouri-St. Louis from 2001 to 2005 and a lecturer at UMSL from 1998-2001. He received a bachelor’s degree in anthropology from the University of Missouri-Columbia in 1991; a master’s degree in anthropology at the University of Wisconsin-

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Milwaukee in 1995; and a Ph. D. from the University of Tennessee-Knoxville in 2001.

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