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### **Celebrating Impeccable Women—Ms Mentor Comes to Winnipeg**

WINNIPEG—Dr. Emily Toth, renowned author of *Ms Mentor's Impeccable Advice for Women in Academe*, and writer of Ms Mentor, a monthly advice column in the *Chronicle of Higher Education*, will dispense her wisdom at the universities of Winnipeg and Manitoba on **September 27 and 28, 2006**.

Ms Mentor's visit is sponsored by the Status of Women Committees of The University of Winnipeg Faculty Association and the University of Manitoba Faculty Association, and supported by numerous groups across The University of Winnipeg campus.

Toth is a renaissance scholar, Professor of English and Women's Studies at Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge. In addition to the Ms Mentor work, she has published *Inside Peyton Place: the Life of Grace Metalious*, the rights of which were sold to 20th Century Fox and Sandra Bullock for the forthcoming film, *Grace*. She is also an authority on author Kate Chopin, and co-author with Janice Delaney and Mary Jane Lupton of *The Curse: a Cultural History of Menstruation*, the first academic work to deal with that topic. She has written a historical novel as well as over 200 articles in academic and literary journals (such as *Massachusetts Review*, *Women's Review of Books*, *Southern Review*, *Southern Quarterly*, *Southern Studies*, and *Journal of American Culture*), and in popular periodicals (such as *Ms. Magazine*, *USA Today*, *Washington Post Book World*, and *New Orleans Times-Picayune*).

Toth has given over 300 presentations at conferences in the United States, Canada, Mexico, United Kingdom, the former Yugoslavia, and Thailand, and appeared in several educational films.

Her free, open to all talk "Women's Secrets and Academic Success" will be at the University of Manitoba on Wednesday, September 27, 2006 at 7 p.m. in Room 224 – Education Building – Fort Garry Campus. For directions or access information, please contact Jettie Zwiep at 204.474.8562, [jzwiep@umfa.ca](mailto:jzwiep@umfa.ca) or Dr. Sandra Kouritzin at 204.474.9079, [kourizi@cc.umanitoba.ca](mailto:kourizi@cc.umanitoba.ca)

"Lunch With Ms Mentor" at The University of Winnipeg will be from Noon to 1:30 p.m. (talk and questions from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.) on September 28, 2006 in the Archives on the 5th floor of The University of Winnipeg Library. Admission to the lunch talk is **BY FREE TICKET ONLY!** (call Lou at 204.786.9878 to reserve; pick up your ticket in room 4G09- 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Graham Hall, Room 9).

After the talk, books by Emily Toth, as well as books by feminist writers at The University of Winnipeg, will be available for sale. Ms Mentor and the UWinnipeg writers will be signing their books.

Those who wish to celebrate impeccable women will also be interested in book display sponsored by

the UWinnipeg Library which will feature the above works, as well as a special collection of mysteries by academic women concerning the murderous university, open from 1:30 p.m. (after the talk) to 4:00 p.m. in the Archives, Thursday, September 28, 2006.

Co-sponsored by: University of Winnipeg Faculty Association with help from the University of Manitoba Faculty Association and department of Women's Studies and the UWinnipeg departments of Anthropology, Classics, English, Modern Languages and Literature, Philosophy, Politics, Religious Studies, Sociology, Women's and Gender Studies, the Centre for Academic Writing, VP (Research), Dean (Arts), Dean (Education), Dean (Science), Library, Associate VP (Academic) Student Services.

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