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## **James W. Russell named CSU Professor**

**Willimantic, CT** – James W. Russell, professor of sociology at Eastern Connecticut State University, was honored with the title Connecticut State University Professor by the Connecticut State University (CSU) Board of Trustees at its July 2005 meeting.

“Dr. Russell is an authority in the field of sociology especially as it relates to Latino cultures,” said Eastern’s President David G. Carter. “His endeavors highlight Eastern’s excellence in teaching and scholarship.”

“I am truly appreciative that my colleagues at Eastern have selected me for this great honor,” said Russell. “Development of critical, publicly relevant research remains a central goal of mine and I am happy to have found good friends at this university who believe likewise.”

Russell has written many books in the field of sociology, including “Societies and Social Life: An Introduction to Sociology” and the forthcoming “Double Standard: Social Policy in Europe and the United States.” In addition, “After the Fifth Sun: Class and Race in North America,” which was published in 1994 in English, will soon be published in Mexico in Spanish.

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Russell has received numerous invitations and conducted research in the United States, Europe and Latin America. He is a distinguished Fulbright scholar and first recipient of the Senior Fulbright Specialist grant. He has taught and researched in Mexico City, Brno, Czech Republic and Madrid.

To be recognized as a Connecticut State University Professor, a faculty member must first be nominated by a faculty committee advisory to the University president, receive the recommendation of the president and CSU chancellor, and be approved by the CSU Board of Trustees.

Russell joined Eastern in 1986 as an assistant professor in the Department of Sociology. He holds a B.A., M.S., and Ph.D. in sociology from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

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Eastern Connecticut State University is part of the Connecticut State University (CSU) system and is the state's public liberal arts university. ECSU serves more than 5,000 students each year on its Willimantic campus.