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Marie-Therèse Goncalvez to Speak at Eastern

Willimantic, Conn. – Noted social activist and television journalist Marie-Therèse Goncalvez will visit Eastern Connecticut State University from March 3-6 as part of Women’s History Month. At 7 p.m. on March 4, she will give a lecture in the Student Center Café titled “The Role of Women in the Social Life and Economic Development in West Africa.” As part of her visit, Goncalvez will also speak in several classes of the Departments of History, English, Business, Visual Arts, Modern and Classical Languages and Sociology. The public is invited; admission is free.

Goncalvez is the former director of the Social Mobilization and Primary Health Care Program for UNICEF and serves as an activist for women’s and children’s rights in Benin. She studied communications at Johns Hopkins University and has received several awards for her work, including the Prix Moulin D’Or, the UNICEF Excellence

Award, the Best Men and Women in The Media Award, and le Prix de l'ONGJAAC. Goncalvez has been a major force in boosting the vaccination rate among women and children in Benin and also has organized successful education programs for children in that country.

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