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BLOOMINGTON, III. – Composer, natural-science researcher and pioneer in the field of acoustical ecology David Dunn will be the keynote speaker at the Illinois Wesleyan University John Wesley Powell Research Conference on Saturday, April 9 at 1:30 p.m. in the Center for Natural Science Learning and Research (CNS) (201 E. Beecher St., Bloomington).

The conference provides an opportunity for students who are pursuing individual research projects to present those projects in



Students discuss their work at the John Wesley Powell Research Conference.

a public forum. Students will present academic posters, oral presentations, music compositions and art displays throughout the day. "The level of talent, variety of fields represented, high professional standards, and large number of student participants make this event a wonderful showcase for the university," said conference chair and Professor of Music David Vayo.

Dunn is internationally known for his articulation of frameworks that combine the arts and sciences toward practical environmental activism and problem solving. The director of the Art and Science Laboratory of Santa Fe, N.M., he has been the recipient of more than 35 grants and fellowships for both artistic and scientific research, including the National Endowment for the Arts, the Rockefeller Foundation, Langlois Foundation, McCune Foundation and the U.S. embassies to Argentina and Kyoto, Japan. In 2005, he received the prestigious Alpert Award for music, and the Henry Cowell Award from the American Music Center in 2007. His compositions and soundscape recordings have appeared in more 500 international forums, concerts, broadcasts and exhibitions.

The schedule for the John Wesley Powell Research Conference will be:

8:30-9 a.m. - breakfast and poster setup in the lobby of CNS and The Ames Library (1 Ames Plaza East, Bloomington).

9-10 a.m. – poster presentations morning session (CNS and The Ames Library), Educational Studies poster session (lower level The Ames Library)

10-noon - oral presentations (CNS), Educational Studies oral presentations (lower level The Ames Library)

11 a.m.-noon – performances of music student compositions (CNS C101)

1:30-2:30 p.m. - keynote speech by David Dunn (CNS)

2:30-3:45 p.m. - poster presentations afternoon session (CNS)

2:30 - 4 p.m. - presentation by senior art students at Merwin & Wakeley Galleries (6 Ames Plaza West, Bloomington)

For additional information on the conference, contact the office of the associate provost at (309) 556-3255.

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