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John Wesley Powell Student Research Conference

April 15, 2013

BLOOMINGTON, Ill.— The 24th annual John Wesley Powell Student Research Conference will take place on Saturday, April 20, from 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. IWU students will feature their research through academic posters or oral presentations, music compositions and art displays. Venues for the various programs and presentations will include the Center for Natural Science Learning and Research (CNS) Commons, The Ames Library, Young Main Lounge in the Memorial Center and the Merwin and Wakeley Galleries in the Joyce Eichhorn Ames School of Art Building.

There will be a luncheon (for conference participants, parents and advisors) in the Young Main Lounge (104 University St., Bloomington), from 12:15 to 1:45 p.m. John Churchill, secretary of Phi Beta Kappa (PBK), the nation's oldest honorary society, will deliver the keynote address titled "I said to him 'Well, Lord Russell, What's It All About?' And Do You Know, *He Couldn't Tell Me!*"



Joe Daniels '13 presented research at the 2012 John Wesley Powell Student Research Conference.

Educated at Rhodes College at Oxford as a Rhodes scholar, Churchill was inducted into PBK during his time there. He went on to earn a doctorate from Yale University in 1978. In the 1970s he served as assistant American secretary to the Rhodes Scholarship Trust, and has continued to assist in the selection of Rhodes Scholars.

Churchill's scholarly interests include the philosophers Ludwig Wittgenstein and David Hume, as well as topics in the history of philosophy, the philosophy of religion and the philosophy of liberal education.

The conference is named for explorer and geologist John Wesley Powell, a Civil War veteran and a founder of the National Geographic Society, who joined IWU's faculty in 1865. He was the first United States professor to use fieldwork to teach science. Later, Powell was the first director of the Smithsonian Institution's Bureau of Ethnology.

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

- 8:30-9 a.m.-- Continental breakfast and poster setup at CNS commons (201 Beecher St., Bloomington) and The Ames Library (1 Ames Plaza, Bloomington).
- 9-10 a.m.-- Morning poster presentations – session one at CNS commons and The Ames Library.
- 10- 11 a.m.-- Oral presentations – session one in CNS classrooms and the Beckman Auditorium of The Ames Library.
- 11-12 p.m.-- Oral presentations – session two in CNS
- 11- 12 p.m.-- Oral presentations – session two in CNS
- 12:15- 1:45 p.m.-- Luncheon in the Young Main Lounge with keynote address by John Churchill and performances by Music Students

- 2-3 p.m.-- Afternoon poster presentations – Session Three
- 2- 3 p.m.-- Senior art show and critique at the Merwin and Wakeley Galleries located in the Joyce Eichhorn Ames School of Art Building (6 Ames Plaza West, Bloomington).

For additional information visit the [John Wesley Powell Research Conference website](#).

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