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BLOOMINGTON, Ill.— More than 140 [students](#) are scheduled to present poster or oral presentations or musical performances April 16 at this year's [John Wesley Powell Student Research Conference](#).

Student presenter Lydia Hartlaub '16 is looking forward to being a part of this year's conference. "I love the idea of showcasing the research that so many really smart people do here," she said.

"It's going to smell like burning batteries [in CNS and State Farm Hall] because there is so much brainpower," she quipped. "It's going to be fun for me to be among that."

Research projects range from legalities of the Cuban missile crisis quarantine to genetic analyses of newly discovered mycobacteriophages to earnings effects of China's one-child policy. Hartlaub's research is a study of international cinema by focusing on five Latino actors. It is an idea sparked by a course she took last semester on Latin American media and film. Conducting her research and writing her paper entirely in Spanish, Hartlaub estimates she has spent about 150 hours on the project this semester.



The John Wesley Powell Student Research Conference includes numerous poster sessions in CNS.



Mark Nosiglia '17 presents his work at the 2015 John Wesley Powell Student Research Conference.

The conference [schedule](#) begins in 9 a.m. with poster presentations in CNS and State Farm Hall. Oral presentations begin at 10 a.m.

University of Oregon Professor [Regina Psaki](#) will present the luncheon keynote address. She is Giustina Family Professor of Italian Language and Literature in the Department of Romance Languages at the University of Oregon.

Musical performances will also be presented by Illinois Wesleyan students during the luncheon. Afternoon events include presentations by [senior art students in the Merwin & Wakeley Galleries](#).

Established in 1990, the research conference provides an opportunity for students who are pursuing individual research projects to present their work in a public forum. The conference is named for John Wesley Powell, the explorer, geologist and founder of the National Geographic Society. He joined Illinois Wesleyan's faculty in 1865. A

few years later Powell took IWU students on field expeditions in the West, one of the first expeditions of its kind in American higher education.

