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Lindsay Sicks '06 explains her work on a collaborative research project presented at the 2005 John Wesley Powell Student Research Conference.

#### John Wesley Powell Student Research Conference

March 29, 2006

BLOOMINGTON, Ill. - Illinois Wesleyan University's annual John Wesley Powell Student Research Conference will be held on Saturday, April 8 from 8:30 a.m to 6:15 p.m. in the Center of Natural Sciences (201 Beecher St., Bloomington).

The event is free and open to the public.

Named after explorer-geologist John Wesley Powell, a Civil War veteran and a founder of the National Geographic Society, who joined IWU's faculty in 1865, the conference was established as an annual event in 1990 to recognize the research endeavors of IWU students. The program will allow the 147 student participants to present their individual or joint research projects in fields such as economics, neuroscience, and philosophy, among many others, in a public forum. Research by students at the first-year to senior levels will be presented either in a poster session format, or in a 15-minute oral presentation.

Some research topics submitted by students include: Organochlorine Contamination in Dickcissel (*Spiza americana*) Eggs and the Potential Effect of Egg Shell Thickness, The Integration of Women into the Flute Sections of Major American Orchestras from 1950 to the Present, The Influence of Religious Dogma on Perceptions of Modern Technology in the Mennonite Communities of Upper Barton Creek and Spanish Lookout in Belize, The Effect of Oil Prices on Exchange Rates: A Case Study of the Dominican Republic, Quantifiable Torques for Microfluidic Studies, The Self-Fashioning of James VI and I in his Speeches to the English Parliament, The Ghost of King Hamlet: Catholic in Purgatory or Protestant from Hell?, Los detectives provados somos los termómetros de la moral establecida: The Spanish Detective Novel as Resistant Text, and Quartet Revisited.

The scheduled events open to the public are as follows:

10 a.m.-12 p.m. -- Oral presentations by students, Center for Natural Sciences.

1:15-2:30 p.m. -- Keynote Speech, "Teaching Psychology for Successful Intelligence," by Robert J. Sternberg, dean of the School of Arts and Sciences at Tufts University in Boston, Mass., Center for Natural Sciences.

4-5 p.m. -- Presentation by senior art students, Merwin Art Gallery (6 Ames Plaza, Bloomington).

5:15-6:15 p.m. -- Performances of music student compositions, Westbrook Auditorium of Presser Hall (1210 Park Street, Bloomington).

For additional information, contact Michael Theune, assistant professor of English and event coordinator at (309) 556-3168 or at [mtheune@iwu.edu](mailto:mtheune@iwu.edu) or view the conference Web site at <https://www.iwu.edu/jwprc/>.

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