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ALBANY, N.Y. – Patrick Hayes of Albany, a 2005 graduate of Illinois Wesleyan University, will be honored during the American Chemical Society (ACS) national conference in August for his work on an article he co-authored while in college.

The article written entitled “Bismuth Compounds in Organic Synthesis: Bismuth Nitrate Catalyzed Chemoselective Synthesis of Acylals from Aromatic Aldehydes,” originally published in a 2004 issue of the international journal *Tetrahedron* has been named one of the “Top-50 most cited articles” for the journal from 2004-2007. Authors of the 50 papers will be honored at a dinner during the ACS conference in Boston.

Hayes, who graduated with a degree in chemistry, worked on a team with Illinois Wesleyan Associate Professor of Chemistry Ram Mohan that developed environmentally friendly processes for chemists. Other student co-authors of the article included David Aggen of Savoy, Ill., Joshua Arnold of Peoria, Ill. and Nate Smoter of Beaumont, Texas.

*Tetrahedron* publishes five monthly journals covering different aspects of science, which are among the most accessed journals worldwide. According to James Milne publisher of the “Organic & Inorganic Chemistry” version of *Tetrahedron*, more than one million articles are downloaded each month.

Mohan, a member of the IWU faculty since 1996, works to discover environmentally friendly processes for chemists to use at pharmaceutical and other companies, including work with bismuth compounds. He recently received a \$380,000 grant from the National Science Foundation to continue his work.

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