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## WESTERN HOLDS SUMMER RESEARCH INSTITUTE SYMPOSIUM

**St. Joseph, Mo.** —Oct. 12, 2005—Missouri Western State University's Colleges of Liberal Arts and Sciences and Professional Studies are hosting the 2005 Undergraduate Research Summer Institute Symposium (URSI) from 3-5 p.m. Oct. 18 in the Potter Hall theatre lobby. Several student/faculty teams who conducted research over the summer will report on their projects.

Justin Tone-Pah-Hote, senior natural science major from Orrick, Mo., and Dr. Michael Ducey, assistant professor of chemistry, will present "T1 Relaxation Times as a Function of Solvent Polarity for Alkylimidazolium Bromide Ionic Liquids."

Trevor Butner, junior biochemistry major from Savannah, Mo., and Dr. Todd Eckdahl, professor of biology, will present "Molecular Genetic Analysis of Paddlefish, Arkansas Chub, Arkansas Black Carp, and China Black Carp."

Bob Hughs, senior economics and finance major from St. Joseph, and Dr. Reza G. Hamzaee, professor of economics, will present "Strategic Bank Investment and Operation."

Charity Witkowski, junior natural science major from St. Joseph; William Wright, senior chemistry major from Rayville, Mo.; and Dr. Shauna Hiley, associate professor of chemistry; "Development of Microlab Experiments for General Chemistry Laboratories."

Darcie Elder, junior biochemistry major from Gallatin, Mo., and Dr. Steven Lorimor, associate professor of chemistry, will present "Evidence for the Generation of p-Diphenodimethane."

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URSI was designed to enrich undergraduate teaching and learning by providing talented students with meaningful investigative or creative experiences in their major discipline in partnership with a faculty member of that discipline.

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