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## ELEVENTH MULTIDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH DAY AT WESTERN

**St. Joseph, Mo.** — April 22, 2004— The 11<sup>th</sup> Missouri Western State College Multidisciplinary Research Day, a public forum for the promotion of independent student research and creative projects, will be held May 3 in the Leah Spratt Multipurpose Classroom Building Enright Room, 214. Western students will showcase their research projects in a poster session from noon–2 p.m.

“Multidisciplinary Research Day is really a celebration of the independent research and creative activities of Missouri Western students,” said Dr. Todd Eckdahl, professor of biology and one of the event coordinators. “[It] has been successful because of a strong commitment at Missouri Western to undergraduate research and creative activities. It is an important way to showcase the collaborative work of students with faculty.”

According to Dr. Eckdahl, presenters in the past have mostly been from the departments of biology, psychology, and nursing, but education, psychology and chemistry projects will also be a part of this year’s event. Specific student projects can be viewed at <http://www.psych.mwsc.edu/research/mrd/>.

The event is free and open to the community. For more information, contact Dr. Todd Eckdahl, professor of biology, at (816) 271-5873 or [eckdahl@mwsc.edu](mailto:eckdahl@mwsc.edu).

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