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Summary: Students will present their research and creative work during the ninth annual Undergraduate Research Symposium Friday, April 17. The event celebrates student scholarship achievement and provides information about the variety and quality of student research.

(April 6, 2009)-View a URS slideshow, with photos by Alex McGreavey '11, Maple Grove, on Flicker.

by Ruth Hamberg '09 -- University of Minnesota, Morris students will present their research and creative work during the ninth annual Undergraduate Research Symposium (URS) Friday, April 17.

The event, which celebrates student scholarship achievement and informs the community about the variety and quality of student research, is free and open to the public. Students from all disciplines will present for 15 minutes each. Types of presentations may include but are not limited to posters, oral presentations, displays of artwork, and artistic performance accompanied by a discussion. This symposium marks the first in recent years in which several creative pieces will be presented.

Jeffrey Ratliff-Crain, assistant dean, professor of psychology, and member of the URS Committee, said, “This is truly a showcase for what our students are doing as scholars. There is a lot of exciting, meaningful work that’s produced here each year and without outlets like the URS, many of us would be unaware of what is happening in other areas of campus.”

Registration begins at 12:30 p.m. in the Imholte Hall Atrium, followed by an opening ceremony in Imholte Hall 109 at 1 p.m. that will include a performance from campus improvisation troupe, The Unusual Suspects, a welcome from the university's administration and a featured presentation, Abby Swofford’s play “Just Things.” Oral presentations will begin at 2:30 p.m. in the same building. The poster session will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Science Atrium. Refreshments will be provided throughout the event.

The Undergraduate Research Symposium provides valuable research and presentation experience to students at the same time as it allows the campus community to enjoy the work of its diverse and dedicated students. Many students go on to present their work at regional and national conferences. “This is an incredible showing by our students,” said Ratliff-Crain.

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