

**Ninth Annual  
Tennessee Herpetology Conference**

**Ayers Auditorium  
McWherter Center  
Jackson State Community College  
Jackson, Tennessee  
2-4 October 2003**

**Schedule of Events**

***THURSDAY AFTERNOON, 02 OCTOBER***

Brian Butterfield, Moderator

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| 12:00-1:00    | <b>Registration</b> (\$10.00; students waived)   |
| 1:00-1:15     | <b>Welcome</b> (JSCC President Charlie Roberts) <b>and Announcements</b>   |
| 1:15-2:15     | Keynote Address: <b>Conservation Efforts in the Hatchie River Basin</b> , Alex Wyss, The Nature Conservancy                    |
| 2:15-2:30     | Break  |
| 2:30-3:00     | <b>Great Moments in Herping</b> . David H. Snyder, Austin Peay State University  |
| 3:00-3:20     | <b>TWRA Wildlife Grant Initiative</b> . Richard Kirk, TWRA   |
| 3:20-3:40     | Contributed Paper: <b>"The Turtle Community of the Little Pigeon River (Sevier County, TN)"</b> . James Eubanks, Knoxville Zoo |
| 3:40-4:00     | Contributed Paper: <b>"Amphibians and Disease"</b> . Daniel French, Jackson State Community College                            |
| 4:00-4:10     | Break  |
| 4:10-5:10     | <b>General Membership Meeting/Elections</b>  |
| <b>Supper</b> | <b>(on your own)</b>   |
| 7:00-9:00     | <b>Auction: Science Auditorium, Math and Science Bldg.</b>   |

**FRIDAY, 03 OCTOBER**

**Contributed Papers:** Daniel French, Moderator

- 9:00-9:20      **Early Movement Behavior in a Litter of Neonate Timber Rattlesnakes.** Vincent Cobb, Middle Tennessee State University
- 9:20-9:40      **Do Higher Order Effects Govern the Outcomes of Biological Invasions? An Examination of the Interactions of Larval Cuban Treefrogs and Native Frogs in Florida.** Mike Knight, University of Memphis
- 9:40-10:00     **Daily Body Temperature Patterns of Black Racers (Coluber Constrictor) in Middle Tennessee.** J. Jeffrey Green, Middle Tennessee State University
- 10:00-10:20    Break
- 10:20-10:40    **Multiple Mating & Offspring Viability in the Leopard Gecko (Eublepharis Macularius).** Lara LaDage, University of Memphis
- 10:40-11:00    **Seasonal Changes in Environmental Abundance of Chiggers & Infestations on Fence Lizards.** Matt Klukowski, Middle Tennessee State University
- 11:00-11:20    **Anuran Monitoring in the Tennessee River Gorge –Some Significant Records.** Mike Linger, Tennessee River Gorge Trust
- 11:20-11:40    **Demography of Hellbenders in Middle Tennessee: Cause for Concern?** Brian & Joyce Miller, Middle Tennessee State University
- 11:40-1:00     Lunch
- 1:00-1:20      **The Herpetofauna of the Duck River Watershed in Coffee County, Tennessee.** Matthew Niemiller, Middle Tennessee State University
- 1:20-1:40      **Inventory of the Herpetofauna of Stones River National Battlefield.** Jeremy Spiess, Middle Tennessee State University
- 1:40-2:00      **Effect of Hydroperiod on Development Polymorphisms of the Eastern Newt.** Mizuki Takahashi, University of Memphis
- 2:00-2:15      Break
- 2:15-4:00      **Panel Discussion: “Promoting Herpetological Awareness in Tennessee”.** Moderated by John Byrd, Clinton High School

**Panel Members:**

John Byrd, Clinton High School; Daniel French, JSCC; Marvin Nichols, Hatchie NWR; Matthew Sokoloski, Bolivar Central H.S. A. Floyd Scott, APSU; Jonathan Stanley, FHU

*SATURDAY, 04 OCTOBER*

9:00 a.m. **Field Trip:** Hatchie NWR. Meet in the JSCC parking lot in front of the Math and Science Bldg.

THURSDAY & FRIDAY (ALL DAY)

**"Toadal Vision" Photo Exhibit.** Larry Safko. McWherter Center Lobby