

11th Gathering of the Tennessee Herpetological Society at Cumberland University

Labry Hall – Tiered Classroom

Thursday September 29, 2005

- ◦ **Noon –1:00pm: Registration (\$15.00; Students free) Atrium Labry Hall**
- ◦ **1:00pm-1:30: Welcome and Introduction: Dr. Harvill Eaton, President of Cumberland University; Pete Wyatt, President of Tennessee Herpetological Society (TWRA); Danny L. Bryan, Assistant Professor of Biology, Cumberland University.**
- ◦ **1:30-2:30: KEYNOTE ADDRESS:**
 - ○ **CAREERS IN HERPETOLOGY. DR. JOE MITCHELL, UNIVERSITY RICHMOND, VA.**
- ◦ **Break – 2:30-3:00 – Atrium**
- ◦ **3:00-3:50 - Contributed Paper Session I**
 - ○ **3:00-3:20 – An Update on TWRA Alligator Snapping Turtle Restoration Project.** Jim Hamlington, Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency, Jackson, TN.
 - ○ **3:20-3:40 – TWRA's BIOBLITZing Activities: Rocky Fork and Bear Hollow Mountain.** Pete Wyatt and Pandy English. Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency.
 - ○ **3:40-4:00 – Molecular Systematics of the Tennessee Cave Salamander Complex, *Gyrinophilus palleucus*, Based on the Mitochondrial 12S rDNA Gene.** Matthew L. Niemiller and Brian T. Miller, Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, TN.
- ◦ **4:10-5:10 - General Membership Meeting/Elections (held in tiered classroom).**
- ◦ **6:00-10:00 - Bar-B-Que Social and Auction with a special presentation by Joe Mitchell on the Life of Roger Conant. Atrium of Labry Hall**

Friday October 8, 2005 Morning, Contributed Paper Session II

- 9:00am-10:00

- ○ **9:00-9:20 – Population Ecology of Stinkpots (*Sternotherus odoratus*) at Reelfoot Lake, Tennessee.** B. M. Glorioso, E. L. Young, and V. A. Cobb, Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, TN.
- ○ **9:20-9:40 – Is Thermoconformity the Norm for Timber Rattlesnakes?** Vince Cobb and Jake Pruett, Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, TN.
- ○ **9:40-10:00 – Developing Standardized Protocols for the Long Term Monitoring of the Eastern Box Turtle.** Erin Burns, John Byrd, and Kristie Fox, Clinch River Environmental Studies Organization (CRESO), Oak Ridge, TN.
- ○ **10:00-10:20 –Foraging Behavior by Young of Year Timber Rattlesnakes.** Danny L. Bryan, Cumberland University, Lebanon, TN.

- ○ **Break – 10:20-11:00 – Atrium**

- ○ **11:00 – 12:00 - Panel Discussion/Open Forum**

Saturday October 1, 2005 - Field Trip Cedars of Lebanon State Park

- ○ **Leaves Dallas Floyd parking lot at 9:00 a.m.**
Please sign up on sheets in Labry Hall