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PAPER SESSION

Time	Author(s)	Institution(s)	Paper Title
1:15	Josephine Rathsam* and Denise Thompson.	Drury University, Springfield, Missouri.	Effects of Prior on Prey Capture Behavior of Juvenile Alligator Snapping Turtles.
1:30	Grayden Schmitz* , Sunny Slater, John W. Finger Jr., and Meghan Kelley.	Missouri State University, Springfield, Missouri.	Tail Scute Cutting in Juvenile American Alligators (<i>Alligator mississippiensis</i>) does not Elevate Corticosterone.
1:45	John W. Finger Jr., Mary Mendonca, and Meghan Kelley* .	Missouri State University, Springfield, Missouri.	Corticosterone, Progesterone, and Estradiol Levels in Female Gopher Tortoises (<i>Gopherus polyphemus</i>) Following Trapping and Temporary Transfer to a Captive Setting.
2:00	Jaden Just* and Brian Greene.	Missouri State University, Springfield, Missouri.	Effects of Visual and Thermal Sensory Occlusion in Northern Cottonmouths Feeding on Thermally Manipulated Mice.
2:15	Nathan Wendland* and Brian Greene.	Missouri State University, Springfield, Missouri.	Comparing Wild Juvenile Cottonmouths (<i>Agkistrodon piscivorus</i>) to Captive-reared Head-start: Preliminary Findings.
2:30-3:00	BREAK AND GROUP PHOTOGRAPH		
3:00	Anna Faust and Alicia Mathis* .	Missouri State University, Springfield, Missouri.	Life After Mining: Body Condition and Behavior of Boreal Chorus Frogs tadpoles from the Tri-State Mining District (Preliminary Analyses).
3:15	Jeffrey T. Briggler* .	Missouri Department of Conservation, Jefferson City, Missouri.	A Long-term Herpetofauna Survey on an Ozark Natural Area.
3:30	Tom Anderson* .	Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville, Illinois.	Spatiotemporal Variation in Wood Frog Abundance at Daniel Boone Conservation Area.
3:45	Jeffrey T. Briggler* .	Missouri Department of Conservation, Jefferson City, Missouri.	Conservation of Missouri's State Endangered Amphibian and Reptile Species.
4:05	Tom R. Johnson* .	Retired-Missouri Department of Conservation, Jefferson City, Missouri.	Herpetology Recollections.
4:35	BUSINESS MEETING AND DISCUSSIONS		

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