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## 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Research Symposium Daniel H. Wilson Keynote Speaker

**Daniel H. Wilson**, is a roboticist, an author, and host of *The Works*, a television series on the History Channel that uncovers the science behind everyday stuff. Born in Tulsa he recieved a B.S. in Computer Science from the University of Tulsa and a Master's degree in Robotics and Computer Learning, and a Ph.D. in Robotics from Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, PA.



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The Bridge to the Doctorate program began in 2004 and has experienced success with Cohort I and II Fellows. The Fellows in Cohort I and II have completed the following degrees: 2 Ph.D., 11 M.S., and 7 expect to complete in 2009. Cohort III has completed the first year of the program with 6 Native Americans, 2 Hispanics, 3 African Americans, and 1 Pacific Islander. Cohort III Fellows attending Oklahoma State University are pursuing Ph.D. degrees in: Chemistry, Computer Sciences, Engineering, Food Sciences, Forensic Sciences, Management Information Systems, Plant and Soil Science and Physics. Cohort IV, The University of Oklahoma, will begin in the Fall of 2009.

Paul de la Cerda, owns and operates his own marketing firm and is involved in numerous public serivce positions in Santa Clarita, CA, where he serves as the youngest and first Hispanic school board member. He also invented the Controllable Pet Access System. He received his B.S. in 2000 and his MBA in 2003 from OSU.



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Cohort II, OU Bridge to the Doctorate Fellows.

Jade Vardeman, is president of Moses Biologic, LLC in Greensboro, NC designing "insect resistant" packaging. He received his B.S. in Cell Biology from NSU and M.S. in Entomology from KSU.

Heather Hannah, after completing her Ph.D. in Mathematics at Notre Dame, she returned to ECU as an assistant professor. She received a B.S. degree in

Mathematics from ECU.







Dr. Hicks visits with scholars during the 14th Annual Oklahoma Research Symposium