

**James Madison University's  
Provost's Award for Excellence in Research and Scholarship**

**2009 AWARD RECIPIENT**

**Professor of Biology**

**Dr. Reid Harris**



*Dr. Harris receiving the Research and Scholarship Award from Provost Doug Brown*

**Short Bio:**

Reid Harris is a professor of Biology at James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Virginia, where he teaches classes in ecology and evolution. He has conducted research on amphibian life-history evolution, behavioral ecology, and most recently on disease ecology and microbial ecology. His current research focuses on using amphibians' naturally occurring protective skin bacteria to control or prevent a lethal skin fungal disease, and his research program has been internationally recognized. He has published over 50 peer-reviewed journal articles and book chapters and was a member of the 2005 IUCN/SSC Amphibian Conservation Summit, which developed the Amphibian Conservation Action Plan. The National Science Foundation currently funds his research. Grant proposals he has authored or co-authored to the National Science Foundation have lead to over 2.7 million dollars awarded to fund research and teaching at JMU. Reid received a Ph.D. in Zoology from Duke University, where he also obtained his bachelor's degree and had a postdoctoral appointment. He obtained a master's degree at the University of Maryland in College Park.