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The place: Auburn University

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Dr. Willie Harper

- Recipient of the 2006 NSF Faculty Early CAREER award and the 2007 Auburn University Alumni Engineering Council Junior Faculty Research award
- Researcher in the field of biological treatment processes, with a focus on emerging water contaminants, such as endocrine-disruptors and synthetic antibiotics, and microbial biochemistry
- Registered professional engineer with five years of professional practice in environmental consulting with CH2M Hill, Inc. and is a graduate of UCLA, Cornell and UC Berkeley

In his five years at Auburn, Dr. Harper has garnered numerous awards and grants for his research on the removal of pharmaceutical compounds in biological systems. Dr. Harper has also worked with middle school students to promote environmental literacy and has partnered with the college's AT&T Minority Engineering Program to reach out to underrepresented students.

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