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Earthquake Engineering Symposium for Young Researchers

On August 17-19, 2000, the three earthquake centers, MCEER, MAE and PEER, held an *Earthquake Engineering Symposium for Young Researchers* in Memphis, Tennessee. The symposium was the final activity for the summer Research Experience for Under-graduates 2000 (REU) program. Sponsored by the National Science Foundation, the Symposium provided a forum for the REU participants to present information about their research projects in process.

Dr. Gerard Pardoën, PEER education coordinator, gave an overview and welcome. Brian Crowell, UC Irvine graduate, shared how his participation in the 1999 program influenced his future career decisions. Dr. Ed Harris presented a lecture and work session on engineering ethics.

The group visited the Center for Earthquake Research and Information (CERI) on the second day. Gary Patterson, Dr. Shahram Pezeshk and Dr. Jim Dorman hosted the students' visit and discussed various activities of CERI. On the final day, the students toured the base-isolated Auto-Zone Building in Memphis.

Nineteen students attended the symposium. Jason Hanley, Jason McCormick and Tony Yang represented MCEER.

Final research reports are currently being compiled and will be available in the near future.

Prior to the Symposium, MCEER hosted an *REU Communications Workshop* on August 2 in Buffalo. The Workshop featured fundamental communication concepts which are building blocks to a successful career in engineering. ❖



- *REU students Jason Hanley, UB, Jason McCormick, Catholic University, and Tony Yang, UB, are shown with MCEER's Andrea Dargush at the Symposium for Young Researchers.*