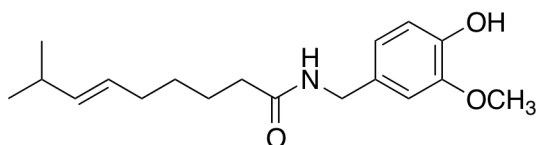


WMU Chemistry Instructors Teach New Steps At The KIA

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Two WMU chemistry instructors will trade in their laboratory gear for elegant ballroom attire to teach a free dance lesson during “Elements of Dance” which will take place 6:30-9:30 PM on Friday, November 9, 2012 at the Kalamazoo Institute of Arts. Dr. James Guzinski will bring his expertise about capsaicin in spicy foods to the heat in Salsa, a Latin dance. He is a retired chemist from Kalsec® (Kalamazoo Spice and Extraction Company) and now teaches at Western Michigan University (WMU). He will be joined by Dr. Elke Schoffers who is a tenured chemistry professor at WMU. She specializes in catalysts and looks to ignite a new reaction on the dance floor. This event is organized by the Kalamazoo American Chemical Society (KACS, <http://www.wmich.edu/acs/>).



Capsaicin - the active component of chili peppers