

*Michigan State University Outreach and Engagement*

# Awards Ceremony

**February 19, 2020 | 4:30 – 6:00 p.m.**

Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center, Lincoln Room  
Reception follows presentation of awards

 *program*



*Michigan State University occupies the ancestral, traditional, and contemporary Lands of the Anishinaabeg–Three Fires Confederacy of Ojibwe, Odawa, and Potawatomi peoples. The University resides on Land ceded in the 1819 Treaty of Saginaw.*



A Michigan Agricultural College map from 1857 overlaid with a modern map of Michigan State University. The circled area indicates the location of the Native encampment in 1857.



# Program

## WELCOME REMARKS

Laurie A. Van Egeren  
Interim Associate Provost for University Outreach and Engagement

## PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

### **2020 Spartan Volunteer Service Awards**

Justice K. Bass  
Sydnie A. Burch  
Nick Piner  
Kiersten E. Walsworth

### **2020 Distinguished Partnership Award for Community-Engaged Service**

Spartan Project SEARCH

### **2020 Distinguished Partnership Award for Community-Engaged Teaching**

Teacher Leadership Development for Great Lakes Watershed Stewardship:  
The GRAND Learning Network and Annie's BIG Nature Lesson

### **2020 Distinguished Partnership Award for Community-Engaged Creative Activity**

Sense-Ability Ensemble: Creating Innovative, Multi-Sensory, Interactive  
Theatrical Performance for Neurodiverse Audiences

### **2020 Distinguished Partnership Award for Community-Engaged Research**

Menominee Sustainable Development Institute Partnership

### **Michigan State University Community Engagement Scholarship Lifetime Achievement Award**

Hiram E. Fitzgerald

## CLOSING REMARKS

Laurie A. Van Egeren

# 2020 Spartan Volunteer Service Awards

A presidential recognition, the award celebrates MSU students' commitment to community-engaged learning and is given to students who volunteer 100 hours or more in one year.

*Introduced by Renee C. Brown, Director  
Center for Community Engaged Learning*



# Recipients

Of the 128 students who received the 2020 Spartan Volunteer Service Award, four students volunteered over 600 hours, and are being recognized today.

*Introduced by Kristopher C. Keyton, Program Advisor, Center for Community Engaged Learning*

- Justice K. Bass, College of Social Science
- Sydnie A. Burch, College of Agriculture and Natural Resources
- Nick Piner, Lyman Briggs College
- Kiersten E. Walsworth, Lyman Briggs College

# Distinguished Partnership Awards

Recognizing highly engaged and scholarly  
community-based research, creative activity,  
teaching, and service collaborations that positively  
impact both the community and scholarship

*Introduced by Laurie A. Van Egeren, Interim Associate  
Provost for University Outreach and Engagement*



## **Distinguished Partnership Award for Community-Engaged Service**

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### *2020 Recipient*

#### **SPARTAN PROJECT SEARCH**

**Connie Sung and Marisa Fisher, College of Education**

**Michigan Rehabilitation Services**

**Ingham Intermediate School District**

*Introduced by Kathleen M. Wilbur, Executive Vice President for  
Government, Communications, and Advancement*

For individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD), the anxiety and obstacles experienced during the transition from youth to adulthood can be overwhelming. In 2016, MSU faculty members Connie Sung and Marisa Fisher, in collaboration with intermediate school district and vocational rehabilitation agencies, initiated Spartan Project SEARCH at MSU, a program that helps transition-aged youth with IDD to overcome some of those obstacles. MSU is the first large public university to host the international Project SEARCH program.

To date, Spartan Project SEARCH has provided internship and employment opportunities to 25 transition-age individuals with IDD; involved over 40 MSU undergraduate students in a peer mentoring program; engaged over 30 internship site supervisors; provided disability awareness training to over 200 staff of departments/units across campus; and provided clinical and research training opportunities for over 10 graduate students and postdoctoral fellows. Academic outcomes include research publications examining the impact of this program on students with IDD and on the MSU community (4 peer-reviewed journal articles and 12 conference presentations) and 8 new funding awards.

Spartan Project SEARCH is a clear example of multiple partners and large groups of people successfully collaborating to improve the quality of life of individuals with disabilities and to embrace a more inclusive and diverse campus.

## **Distinguished Partnership Award for Community-Engaged Teaching**

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### *2020 Recipient*

#### **TEACHER LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT FOR GREAT LAKES WATERSHED STEWARDSHIP: THE GRAND LEARNING NETWORK AND ANNIE'S BIG NATURE LESSON**

**Shari L. Dann, College of Agriculture and Natural Resources**

#### **Annie's BIG Nature Lesson**

*Introduced by Sonya Gunnings-Moton, Associate Dean, College of Education, and Senior Advisor to the Provost*

The GRAND Learning Network is a partnership between MSU's Department of Community Sustainability and the Annie's BIG Nature Lesson organization. Since 2007, this partnership has offered teacher leadership professional development to more than 447 teachers, who then worked with local communities (more than 17,000 elementary students and 185 other partners) for watershed stewardship. The partners have shared decision making at almost every step in the Network's development.

Teachers are vital actors in their school systems, whether or not they are administrators or curriculum leaders. Rather, teachers become leaders when they step out of their comfort zones to offer creative, school-community learning for their students; share their experiences with their peers; and enact change in meaningful projects with lasting environmental benefits, such as establishment of rain gardens to limit stormwater runoff and enhancing natural areas through erosion prevention, habitat improvement, or wetlands/trails management.

The GRAND Learning Network focuses on four themes in teacher professional development and student learning: Great Lakes watersheds, community, sense of place, and stewardship. The partnership has produced numerous peer-reviewed articles, case studies generated by teachers, a PBS-aired video, presentations at environmental education conferences, an invited policy article for the Governor's *State of the Great Lakes* report, and best-practice guides co-developed with other institutional leaders throughout the state.



## **Distinguished Partnership Award for Community-Engaged Creative Activity**

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### *2020 Recipient*

#### **SENSE-ABILITY ENSEMBLE: CREATING INNOVATIVE, MULTI-SENSORY, INTERACTIVE THEATRICAL PERFORMANCE FOR NEURODIVERSE AUDIENCES**

**Dionne O'Dell, College of Arts and Letters**

**4th Wall Theatre Company**

*Introduced by Judith Stoddart, Associate Provost for University  
Collections and Arts Initiatives*

For the past seven years, Dionne O'Dell in the Department of Theatre has partnered with the 4th Wall Theatre Company, a group that works with neurodiverse students. O'Dell is the advisor of the Sense-Ability Ensemble, a student organization that conducts regular theatrical workshops for neurodiverse students, including those with autism spectrum disorders, through a ten-week residency program. Led by 4th Wall instructors and MSU students, the workshops culminate in a final performance for friends and family.

In 2015, the collaboration expanded to include the Resource Center in Genesee County and Flint Youth Theatre to offer a modified residency program to the Flint community free of charge as part of the Imagine Flint program through the MSU College of Arts and Letters.

This partnership has developed two world premiere productions that tour special education classrooms around Michigan: *Farm! A Musical Experience* and *Soda Pop Shop*. Funded by MSU grants from Theatre, Arts and Letters, the Office of Inclusion and Intercultural Initiatives, and the Center for Research in Autism, Intellectual, and other Neurodevelopmental Disorders, these productions contribute to a wider understanding of the arts, health, and social/emotional well-being. Additional partners include the Oily Cart Theatre in London, Lincoln Center Education, and the Trusty Sidekick Theater in NYC.

## **Distinguished Partnership Award for Community-Engaged Research**

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### *2020 Recipient*

#### **MENOMINEE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE PARTNERSHIP**

**Kyle Powys Whyte, College of Arts and Letters and College of  
Agriculture and Natural Resources**

**Sustainable Development Institute, College of Menominee Nation**

*Introduced by Theodore H. Curry II, Associate Provost and Associate  
Vice President for Academic Human Resources*

Kyle Whyte has partnered with Chris Caldwell of the Menominee Sustainable Development Institute (SDI) at the College of Menominee Nation for close to a decade. SDI, founded in 1994 as one of the first Tribally-founded and supported research institutions, serves the Menominee people's efforts to learn from their history and culture about sustainability, support planning for the future, and engage institutions and communities outside of the Tribe. The partnership also seeks to support Indigenous peoples' preparedness for climate change through a diverse portfolio of research, outreach, and education projects, particularly at the community level.

The partnership's specific projects include the development of Indigenous-based scenario planning for climate change, peer reviewed publications in major journals on the ethics of collaboration between Tribes and scientists, conferences hosted by SDI that build dialogue toward cooperative climate change planning, and educational events that inspire Indigenous students toward leadership in their own Tribal communities. The work of the partnership has been featured in publications, Tribal newsletters, U.S. government documents, and major media outlets. One of the websites developed by the project is a central hub for information on climate change preparedness for Tribes in the Northeast region. Over one hundred Indigenous students have participated in events and programs supported by the partnership.



# Michigan State University Community Engagement Scholarship Lifetime Achievement Award

**Recognizing individuals of outstanding sustained accomplishment in community-engaged scholarship through research, creative activity, teaching, and/or service and practice over the span of a career**

*Introduced by Laurie A. Van Egeren, Interim Associate Provost  
for University Outreach and Engagement*

# Recipient

## HIRAM E. FITZGERALD

University Distinguished Professor

College of Social Science

Former Associate Provost, University Outreach and Engagement

*Introduced by Holly Brophy-Herb, Professor, Department of Human Development and Family Studies, College of Social Science, and Ann Cameron, Head Start Director, Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, Inc.*

Hiram E. Fitzgerald is University Distinguished Professor in the Department of Psychology and former Associate Provost for University Outreach and Engagement.

Hi's tireless dedication to community-engaged scholarship has advanced the University's reputation as a national and international leader in the scholarship of engagement. His major areas of funded research include the study of infant and family development in community contexts, the impact of fathers on early child development, implementation of systemic community models of organizational process and change, the etiology of alcoholism, the digital divide and youth use of technologies, and the scholarship of engagement. He has published over 237 peer-reviewed journal articles, 96 chapters, 77 books, 147 peer-revised abstracts and 19 technical reports, and served as editor-in-chief of the *Infant Mental Health Journal* and associate editor of *Child Development*, the *Journal of Higher Education Outreach and Engagement*, and *Perspectives on Infant Mental Health*. Currently, he is associate editor of *Adversity and Resilience Science*.

He is an active member of the Tribal Early Childhood Research Center and the Native Children's Research Exchange at the University of Colorado, Denver, and a member of several interdisciplinary research teams focusing on evaluation of community-based early preventive-intervention programs in Michigan and nationally. He also serves on the National Advisory Board of the Buffet Childhood Research Centre at the University of Nebraska, Omaha, chairs the External Advisory Board for Oklahoma State University's Centre for Integrative Research on Childhood Adversity, and is scientific advisor to the Rocky Mountain Prevention Research Center's CDC Prevention Research Center.

He is past president and executive director of both the Michigan Association for Infant Mental Health and the International Association for Infant Mental Health, and for 16 years served as executive director of the World Association for Infant Mental Health.

As associate provost, Hi's vision, energy, and creativity shaped what has become one of the most respected offices of academic support for university-community collaboration in the country. He has served as president of the Engagement Scholarship Consortium, and the Executive Committee of the Council on Engagement and Outreach of the Association for Public and Land Grant Universities. He is an elected member of the Academy of Community Engagement Scholarship and of the International Association of Adult and Continuing Education Hall of Fame.

He has received numerous awards, including the ZERO TO THREE Dolley Madison Award for Outstanding Lifetime Contributions to the Development and Well Being of Very Young Children, the Michigan Association for Infant Mental Health Selma Fraiberg Award, and the Michigan Campus Compact Lifetime Achievement Award, and is one of five recipients of the World Association for Infant Mental Health's Honorary President designation. He is a Fellow of the American Psychological Association and the Association of Psychological Science.

Two scholarly societies have named awards in Hi's honor. The Michigan Association for Infant Mental Health's Hiram Fitzgerald Award is given to an emerging scholar/researcher who is committed to strengthening relationships between infants, young children, and their families. The first MI-AIMH Fitzgerald Award was presented in 2011. The Engagement Scholarship Consortium's inaugural Hiram Fitzgerald Distinguished Engaged Scholar Award was presented in 2019.

# Past Award Recipients

## DISTINGUISHED PARTNERSHIP AWARDS

2019

### **Distinguished Partnership Award for Community-Engaged Research**

*MSU and INRB against Konzo Disease: A Global Partnership to Protect African Children from Toxic Food*

Michael J. Boivin, College of Osteopathic Medicine  
Institut National de Recherche Biomédicale

### **Distinguished Partnership Award for Community-Engaged Teaching**

*Community Engagement and Participatory Modeling of Urban Food Systems*

Laura Schmitt Olabisi, College of Agriculture and Natural Resources  
FoodPLUS | Detroit

### **Distinguished Partnership Award for Community-Engaged Service**

*The Resilient Monroe Green Map Initiative*

Kelly Salchow MacArthur, College of Arts and Letters  
River Raisin Institute, Monroe, Michigan

2018

### **Distinguished Partnership Award for Community-Engaged Research**

*Helping National Guard Families After Deployment: A University-Military Collaboration*

Adrian J. Blow, College of Social Science  
Michigan Army National Guard



### **Distinguished Partnership Award for Community-Engaged Creative Activity**

#### *Indigistory*

Gordon D. Henry, College of Arts and Letters

John W. Norder, College of Agriculture and Natural Resources and College of Social Science

Christie M. Poitra, College of Agriculture and Natural Resources

Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College

Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan

Michigan History Center

### **Distinguished Partnership Award for Community-Engaged Teaching**

#### *Crain Michigan State University Detroit High School Journalism Program*

Jeremy W. Steele and Joy Visconti, College of Communication Arts and Sciences

Crain Communications, Inc.

### **Distinguished Partnership Award for Community-Engaged Service**

#### *Improving Workforce Productivity at Peckham*

Sriram Narayanan, Eli Broad College of Business

Peckham, Inc.

2017

### **Distinguished Partnership Award for Community-Engaged Research**

#### *Detroit Sexual Assault Kit Action Research Project*

Rebecca Campbell, College of Social Science

Wayne County Prosecutor's Office

Michigan Domestic and Sexual Violence Prevention and Treatment Board

Michigan State Police

Wayne County SAFE (Sexual Assault Forensic Examiners)

### **Distinguished Partnership Award for Community-Engaged Creative Activity**

#### *Young Playwrights Festival*

Robert J. Roznowski, College of Arts and Letters

Williamston High School

## **Distinguished Partnership Award for Community-Engaged Teaching**

### *M/Place Partnership Initiative*

Mark A. Wyckoff, College of Agriculture and Natural Resources  
Michigan State Housing Development Authority  
Michigan Municipal League

## **Distinguished Partnership Award for Community-Engaged Service**

### *Building a Statewide Research Network Based on Community Engagement*

Jeffrey W. Dwyer, College of Agriculture and Natural Resources and College of Human Medicine  
Mid-Michigan Health  
UP Health System-Marquette  
Munson Medical Center

## **MSU COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SCHOLARSHIP LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

2019

Carl S. Taylor, College of Social Science

2018

William S. Davidson II, College of Social Science

2017

Mildred A. Horodyski, College of Nursing

## **SYNERGY AWARD FOR EXEMPLARY COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP IN UNIVERSITY-COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS**

2017

Renee Leone, MSU Science Festival

## **COMMUNITY CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AWARD**

2013

Joan Nelson, Executive Director, Allen Neighborhood Center

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SCHOLARSHIP AWARD (CESA)\*

2019

Michael J. Boivin, Department of Neurology and Ophthalmology, College of Osteopathic Medicine  
Institut National de Recherche Biomédicale

2018

Adrian J. Blow, Department of Human Development and Family Studies, College of Social Science  
Michigan Army National Guard

2017

Rebecca Campbell, Department of Psychology, College of Social Science  
Wayne County Prosecutor's Office  
Michigan Domestic and Sexual Violence Prevention and Treatment Board  
Michigan State Police  
Wayne County SAFE (Sexual Assault Forensic Examiners)

2016

Adesuwa B. Olomu, Department of Medicine, College of Human Medicine  
Ingham County Health Department

2015

Gail Richmond, Department of Teacher Education, College of Education  
Detroit Public Schools

2014

Dorinda Carter Andrews, Department of Teacher Education, College of Education  
East Lansing Public Schools

2013

Daniel R. Gould, Institute for the Study of Youth Sports, Department of Kinesiology, College of Education  
Think Detroit Police Athletic League

2012

Angela Calabrese Barton, Department of Teacher Education, College of Education  
Boys and Girls Club of Lansing

2011

Gretchen L. Birbeck, Department of Neurology and Ophthalmology, College of Osteopathic Medicine, and Department of Epidemiology, College of Human Medicine  
Chikankata Epilepsy Care Team

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\* Prior to 2015, CESA was called the Outreach Scholarship Community Partnership Award.

2010

Rachel Fisher, Department of Pediatrics and Human Development, College of Human Medicine  
The Dream-M Project: Deafness Research Across Mid-Michigan

2009

Janet A. Swenson, Department of Writing, Rhetoric, and American Cultures, College of Arts and Letters  
Red Cedar Writing Project  
Department of English Language and Literature, Central Michigan University  
Detroit Middle School  
North Farmington High School  
Perry Elementary School  
Southfield-Lathrup High School

2008

Pamela Whitten, Department of Telecommunication, Information Studies, and Media, College of Communication Arts and Sciences  
Marquette General Health System

2007

Randi Nevins Stanulis, Department of Teacher Education, College of Education  
Lansing School District

2006

Cris M. Sullivan, Department of Psychology, College of Social Science  
Turning Point, Inc.

## **W. K. KELLOGG FOUNDATION COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS**

### **Michigan State University Regional Award Recipients**


2011

Improving the Lives of People with Epilepsy in Rural Zambia  
Gretchen L. Birbeck, Department of Neurology and Ophthalmology, College of Osteopathic Medicine  
Department of Epidemiology, College of Human Medicine  
Chikankata Epilepsy Care Team

2009

The Adolescent Diversion Project  
William S. Davidson, Jr., Department of Psychology, College of Social Science  
Ingham County Juvenile Court





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based in Lansing, Michigan, composed of Michigan  
State University graduate students, who focus on  
providing engaging, dynamic performances to a  
variety of audiences.

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