Michigan State University
OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT

2ND ANNUAL

Awards Ceremony

February 21, 2018 | 4:30 – 6:00 p.m.
Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center, Lincoln Room

PROGRAM
WELCOME REMARKS
Hiram E. Fitzgerald
Associate Provost for University Outreach and Engagement

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS
2018 Distinguished Partnership Award for Community-Engaged Creative Activity
Indigistory

2018 Distinguished Partnership Award for Community-Engaged Teaching
Crain Michigan State University Detroit High School Journalism Program

2018 Distinguished Partnership Award for Community-Engaged Service
Improving Workforce Productivity at Peckham

2018 Distinguished Partnership Award for Community-Engaged Research
Helping National Guard Families After Deployment: A University-Military Collaboration

Michigan State University Community Engagement Scholarship
Lifetime Achievement Award
William S. Davidson II

CLOSING REMARKS
Hiram E. Fitzgerald
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, University-Community Partnerships, University Outreach and Engagement and College of Social Science
Distinguished Partnership Award for Community-Engaged Creative Activity

2018 Recipient

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

Introduced by Robert J. Roznowski, College of Arts and Letters

Indigistory was created in 2012 as a platform for Native American youth, community members from the Bay Mills Indian community, and the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College. The program provides a digital platform, support and resources for Native youth to share their digital stories about their families, tribal histories, cultures, languages, and lifestyles with Native and non-Native audiences. The Indigistory project offers an annual film camp held at Michigan State University for Native American middle and high school students, the Native American Youth Film Institute (NAYFI), where students have created over 40 films featured in eight festivals around Michigan.

The program is interdisciplinary, with a range of collaborative community partners who share in the decision-making and leadership of the project. Community partners included Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College, Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, and Michigan History Center. MSU partners included Native American Institute, College of Arts and Letters, and HUB for Innovation Learning and Technology. Funding received from the Michigan Humanities Council has allowed for the workshops and NAYFI to be offered at no cost, giving youth the opportunity to collaborate with their peers, experience filmmaking, and be exposed to a higher educational setting for an extended period of time. In addition, the films made by the students are shown in film festivals that are free and open to the public, exposing non-Native audiences to new perspectives.
Distinguished Partnership Award for Community-Engaged Teaching

2018 Recipient

**CRAIN MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY DETROIT HIGH SCHOOL JOURNALISM PROGRAM**

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

Crain Communications, Inc.

*Introduced by Sonya Gunnings-Moton, College of Education*

Each year, the Crain Michigan State University Detroit High School Journalism program mentors 200 to 300 students in some 14 Detroit high schools, using journalism as a tool to develop critical skills that prepare them for college. Students learn how to gather information, think critically, write, and create information visually. They are connected with professionals—MSU faculty members and journalism students, as well as professional journalist mentors—to produce newspapers and website content about the issues affecting the students’ schools, neighborhoods, and peers.

Students in the program work one-on-one with a mentor or MSU Journalism faculty member to develop and produce their story ideas. Four times a year, the program distributes more than 10,000 student-produced newspapers to students in Detroit schools.

The program began in 2015, when Crain Communications partnered with MSU’s School of Journalism to revitalize a decades-old *Detroit Free Press* program that taught journalistic skills to students in Detroit. The partnership provides sustainable funding, which allows the program to supply students with equipment and expertise to which they otherwise would not have access. In the first year of the partnership, Crain provided the participating class with 20 Chromebooks, two camera kits, and a production kit to allow students to create professional-quality work.
Distinguished Partnership Award for Community-Engaged Service

2018 Recipient

**IMPROVING WORKFORCE PRODUCTIVITY AT PECKHAM**

Srim Narayanan, Eli Broad College of Business
Peckham, Inc.

*Introduced by Theodore H. Curry II, Office of Academic Human Resources and College of Social Science*

When searching for a job, people with disabilities can face significant barriers to getting hired, sometimes due to myths regarding their ability to work efficiently. A number of programs exist to help increase employment outcomes for people with disabilities, but these programs have not examined the barriers within manufacturing processes that may impede persons with disabilities from full productivity.

Peckham, Inc. is a Lansing-based company that employs a significant number of people who have some sort of disability. Two years ago, Dr. Narayanan teamed up with Peckham to utilize supply chain management methods to research and design an effective workplace environment that is inclusive of people with disabilities while maximizing productivity.

Much of the research focused on team dynamics in the workplace. Narayanan worked with a team of MBA, supply chain doctoral, and computer engineering students, as well as with Peckham staff, to identify areas of Peckham’s operations where diversity could be increased to improve productivity. The findings of the team were applied to Peckham’s operations and have also been presented broadly within the field to increase workplace opportunities and the quality of such opportunities for employees with disabilities.
HELPING NATIONAL GUARD FAMILIES AFTER DEPLOYMENT: A UNIVERSITY-MILITARY COLLABORATION

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

Introduced by Paul M. Hunt, Office of the Vice President for Research and Graduate Studies

When National Guard soldiers return home from deployment and transition back into civilian life, they often feel isolated, surrounded by people who cannot relate to their experiences. The realities faced by soldiers post-deployment can lead to a variety of mental health issues, which can result in suicide or spousal abuse. Oftentimes they do not have access to the same services offered at military installations, leaving both the soldiers and their families to cope with mental health issues without support.

Since 2006, Dr. Blow has worked with a range of community partners, including clinicians, military personnel, the Michigan National Guard, the University of Michigan Medical School, the Veteran’s Affairs of Ann Arbor Healthcare System, and the Michigan Public Health Institute, to address the challenges of reintegration faced by returning National Guard soldiers and their families. The work of Blow and his team has had an immeasurable impact on military personnel and their families post-deployment through research-informed programming and policy change.

Blow and his partners have been successful in their mission to improve reintegration outcomes for members of the National Guard and their families. Their work has led to the creation of an effective peer-to-peer support program as well as the Star Behavioral Health Provider Program, which trains mental healthcare providers in military cultural competency, and treatments for PTSD, insomnia, depression, and family resilience.

This partnership is also the recipient of MSU’s 2018 Community Engagement Scholarship Award.
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 Hiram E. Fitzgerald, University Outreach and Engagement and College of Social Science
Recipient

WILLIAM S. DAVIDSON II  
University Distinguished Professor  
College of Social Science  

Introduced by Robert A. Caldwell, Office of the University Ombudsperson and Scott LeRoy, Ingham County Circuit Court

Dr. Davidson has four decades of experience in research and program design related to at-risk populations. He joined MSU’s Department of Psychology in 1975, and has focused much of his research on the juvenile justice system, violence against women, and child abuse.

Shortly after arriving at MSU, Davidson established the Adolescent Diversion Project (ADP), which is designed to decrease delinquency while helping juveniles to recognize their competencies. The ADP created a collaboration through which innovative educational experiences were offered, best practice interventions were developed and employed, and sound scientific methodology was used to address juvenile delinquency in mid-Michigan.

Since 1976, ADP has diverted 6,117 first offenders from the local juvenile court, with dramatic reductions in repeat offenses. In addition, an equal number—6,117 undergraduates—have participated in the diversion work. The project has saved the mid-Michigan community more than $20 million, and Davidson has built a solid foundation of support from officials at the Ingham County Circuit Court, along with parents, community leaders, and school officials. One book and more than 50 articles and presentations have resulted from this community-engaged partnership.

Ingham County Circuit Court Judge Janelle Lawless said in 2009, “I know it is working because I don’t see these kids in my court.”

Dr. Davidson is an internationally-acclaimed scholar on behavioral psychology, and an exemplary researcher in community engaged scholarship. He has been recognized for achievements in the field by the United Nations, the American Psychological Association, the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare, and the State of Michigan.
Past Award Recipients

DISTINGUISHED PARTNERSHIP AWARDS

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

*Miplace 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

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MSU COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SCHOLARSHIP LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

2017
Mildred A. Horodynski, 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)*

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

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.

* Prior to 2015, CESA was called the Outreach Scholarship Community Partnership Award.
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
Music performed during the Awards Ceremony by the Verdant Winds, a woodwind quintet composed of Michigan State University graduate students whose goal is to provide engaging community outreach. Learn more about the Verdant Winds on Facebook.com.