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CLOSING REMARKS
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2019 Spartan Volunteer Service Awards

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

*Introduced by Kristopher C. Keyton, Center for Service-Learning and Civic Engagement*

Recipients

Of the eighty-seven students who received the 2019 Spartan Volunteer Service Award, five students volunteered between 400 and 500 hours, and are being recognized today.

- Sujit Bajaj, College of Natural Science
- Lauren Marie Caramagno, College of Natural Science
- Malik Amir Lee Mix, Eli Broad College of Business
- Samantha Paige Perovski, College of Natural Science
- Brooklyn Taylor Rue, College of Arts and Letters
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 Outreach and Engagement and College of Social Science
Distinguished Partnership Award for Community-Engaged Teaching

2019 Recipient

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND PARTICIPATORY MODELING OF URBAN FOOD SYSTEMS
Laura Schmitt Olabisi, College of Agriculture and Natural Resources
FoodPLUS | Detroit

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

The partnership between MSU associate professor of community sustainability Laura Schmitt Olabisi and Ms. Renée Wallace of FoodPLUS | Detroit began in 2014 with an established community process for soliciting information on a proposed urban livestock ordinance in Detroit. Their objective was to develop a collaborative—jointly-shared—vision for and improved understanding of food systems in Detroit. The community partners were key participants in all stages of the project. The collaboration yielded new insight into the potential to directly affect the design and implementation of the ordinance, and the results demonstrated that rapid growth in livestock keeping could generate negative externalities for the City.

This project has led to additional benefits for both partners. A field school is planned in Detroit for 2019, with the dual goals of training community partners in systems modeling and training modelers in community engagement techniques. The partnership also was a catalyst for a $2 million grant for a four-year project that aims to use community-based participatory modeling to analyze the food system in Flint and catalyze collaborative relationships between the two cities for better understanding of urban food systems.
Distinguished Partnership Award for
Community-Engaged Service

2019 Recipient

THE RESILIENT MONROE GREEN MAP INITIATIVE
Kelly Salchow MacArthur, College of Arts and Letters
River Raisin Institute, Monroe, Michigan

 Introduced by Jeffrey W. Dwyer, MSU Extension

In 2016 MSU associate professor of graphic design Kelly Salchow
MacArthur and the River Raisin Institute (RRI) of Monroe, Michigan,
began a partnership that presented new opportunities for the RRI—
the small nonprofit previously had no funds to work with a graphic
designer—and led to an open exploration of the community’s specific
needs and how to address them in an inclusive and engaging way.

Informed by local food accessibility data collected by the Monroe
County Health Department, the Resilient Monroe Green Map Initiative
developed an extensive map system to introduce green mapping—
the practice of locating and plotting green living, natural, and cultural
resources in an area—to the community by focusing on fresh, local
food resources.

The mapping system was launched on Earth Day 2018, and has
since been distributed through schools and organizations, teaching
residents about green mapping and inspiring the next generation of
environmental stewards. Large interactive community maps were
displayed at three libraries over the summer of 2018—in Monroe
Township, Frenchtown Township, and the City of Monroe—which
extend the range of the area that is being mapped and invite the public
to plot their findings. To date, more than 2,000 community members
have been reached.
Distinguished Partnership Award for Community-Engaged Research

2019 Recipient

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

Introduced by Adrian J. Blow, College of Social Science

Konzo disease, a sudden-onset permanent paralysis of the legs, results from eating cyanide in improperly prepared bitter cassava root, a staple food source for 600 million people worldwide. The cyanide damages nerves that control voluntary leg movement. Tragically, young women and children are most vulnerable.

More than a decade ago, MSU psychiatry professor Michael Boivin and his colleagues at the Institut National de Recherche Biomédicale (INRB) formed a partnership to eradicate konzo in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. They discovered that children with konzo also have deficits in areas such as information processing and memory, and adapted a two-pronged approach to understand and prevent factors that increase konzo risk. Dr. Boivin contributes his scholarship and expertise in neurocognitive testing for African children and financial support through grants. INRB provides facilities, study staff, scientific oversight, and culturally sensitive implementation of public health research programs.

With support from NIH and MSU's Alliance for African Partnership, the MSU/INRB konzo partnership has produced landmark scientific papers and presentations worldwide and trains students and researchers from Africa and North America. It continues to expand neuroscience research capacity in DR Congo by building upon this multidisciplinary, cross-cultural, international framework.

This partnership is also the recipient of MSU’s 2019 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 Laurie A. Van Egeren, University Outreach and Engagement and College of Social Science
Recipient

CARL S. TAYLOR
Professor
College of Social Science

Introduced by Thomas M. Dietz, College of Social Science and Jeanne Wardford, W. K. Kellogg Foundation

Carl S. Taylor’s extensive field research in Detroit and other hard-hit Michigan cities has gained him a national reputation as an expert in American youth culture, gangs, and violence. His multidisciplinary approach as an ethnographer, ecologist, and criminologist led him to become an advocate for investing in human capital, especially with regard to strengthening a community’s relationship with its youth.

He spent thousands of his own dollars and six years living in an inner-Detroit neighborhood, following two violent street gangs. The result was a ground-breaking book, Dangerous Society (MSU Press, 1989). One unexpected finding was the extent to which the young gangsters had become sophisticated entrepreneurs with corporate-style organizations in the drug business. A later book, Girls, Gangs, Women and Drugs (MSU Press, 1993), documented the rising numbers of young women who were getting involved with these activities. In 2013, “The Attraction of Gangs: How Can We Reduce It?” (co-authored with Pamela R. Smith) appeared in the joint NIJ/CDC publication, Changing Course: Preventing Gang Membership.

Despite the grim statistics, a central theme in Taylor’s research, teaching, and advocacy is hope. He grew up in Detroit, witnessed the city’s fall from prominence, and hopes to see it rise again, this time in a way that benefits all Detroiter.

Taylor is a University Outreach and Engagement University-Community Senior Fellow. He received the MSU College of Social Science Alumni Association Outstanding Teaching Award in 2015. Additionally, he received the MSU Department of Sociology Excellence-in-Undergraduate Teaching Award in 2013, 2014, and 2017. Organizations that he has worked with include the Guggenheim Foundation, the C. S. Mott Foundation, the FBI Academy, and the Children’s Defense Fund. Dr. Taylor served on the Michigan Juvenile Justice Committee for more than ten years and advises various projects concerning youth throughout America.
Past Award Recipients

DISTINGUISHED PARTNERSHIP AWARDS

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

2018
William S. Davidson II, College of Social Science

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)*

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

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

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 Pure Winds Quintet, a woodwind quintet 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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