Michigan State University Outreach and Engagement

Awards Ceremony

February 24, 2021 | 4:30 – 6:00 p.m.
Virtual Ceremony

program
LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FOR MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

Michigan State University occupies the ancestral, traditional and contemporary lands of the Anishinaabeg – Three Fires Confederacy of Ojibwe, Odawa and Potawatomi peoples. In particular, the university resides on land ceded in the 1819 Treaty of Saginaw. We recognize Michigan’s 12 federally recognized Native Nations, historic Indigenous communities in Michigan, Indigenous individuals and communities who live here now, and those who were forcibly removed from their homelands. In offering this land acknowledgement, we affirm Indigenous sovereignty, history and experiences.

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.

Music performed during the opening of 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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Program

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

Teresa K. Woodruff
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs
MSU Foundation Professor

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Spartan Volunteer Service Awards
Mary Farmer, Anusha Mamidipaka, Christa Schafer, Erika Shiino,
Leigh Anne Tiffany, Michelle Zorine

2021 Graduate Student Award for Community Engagement Scholarship
Mary K. Kitzmiller

Commendations: Shavonna Green, Will Langford, Ellie Small, Justin Abadejos

2021 Distinguished Partnership Award for Community-Engaged Service
Racial Justice and the Administration of the Death Penalty

2021 Distinguished Partnership Award for Community-Engaged Teaching
Equine Welfare in Practice Clinical Clerkship for 3rd and 4th Year College of Veterinary Medicine Professional Students

2021 Distinguished Partnership Award for Community-Engaged Research

2021 Distinguished Partnership Award for Community-Engaged Creative Activity
Anti-Racist English Language Teaching and Scholarship

CLOSING REMARKS
Laurie A. Van Egeren
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.

Remarks by Allyn R. Shaw
Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs and Services
and
Introduced by Renee C. Brown, Director
Center for Community Engaged Learning
Recipients

Of the 82 students who received the Spartan Volunteer Service Award, six students volunteered over 350 hours in the 2019-2020 academic year and are being recognized today.

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

- **Mary Farmer**, Lyman Briggs College
- **Anusha Mamidipaka**, Lyman Briggs College and College of Social Science
- **Christa Schafer**, College of Human Medicine
- **Erika Shiino**, College of Natural Science and Honors College
- **Leigh Anne Tiffany**, College of Communication Arts and Sciences
- **Michelle Zorine**, College of Natural Science
2021 Graduate Student Award for Community Engagement Scholarship

Recognizing a graduate or graduate professional student for outstanding community-engaged scholarship

Introduced by Thomas D. Jeitschko, Associate Provost for Graduate Education and Dean of the Graduate School

This award is co-sponsored by The Graduate School.
Mary K. Kitzmiller, College of Social Science

**Juvenile Risk Assessment: Reducing Recidivism and Improving Service Delivery for Justice-Involved Youth in Michigan**

In May 2018, Mary (MK) Kitzmiller began partnering with the Ingham County 30th Circuit Court as project manager of the Juvenile Risk Assessment Team (JRAT). Her research project, *Juvenile Risk Assessment: Reducing Recidivism and Improving Service Delivery for Justice-Involved Youth in Michigan*, is situated in the context of growing grassroots support for the integration of evidence-based practices in the evaluation and treatment of justice-involved youth. As project manager, Kitzmiller works with a team of juvenile court managers, data analysts, clinicians, and MSU students and faculty to provide training, technical assistance, and quality assurance to the juvenile division of the Court. The work with JRAT has led to significant change in the evaluation and treatment of justice-involved youth, both within Ingham County and in court jurisdictions across Michigan. In an effort to advance statewide risk assessment adoption, JRAT is currently working to expand the breadth of its training, data management, and evaluation to include any Michigan county in need of assistance. Kitzmiller considers this experience as one of the most formative of her graduate career, motivating her plan to pursue a career in applied community-engaged research related to youth in the justice system upon graduation.
Commendations for Excellence in Community Engagement Scholarship

Shavonna Green, College of Social Science

Criminal Justice Reform: Joint Task Force on Jail and Pretrial Incarceration

As a volunteer for ACLU-MI, Shavonna Green’s work focused on criminal justice reform through the Smart Justice Campaign, whose mission is to terminate policies that are excessively harsh and lead to mass incarceration, racial injustice, and overcriminalization. Whether providing advocacy around constituents’ voting rights or providing support for the Michigan Joint Task Force on Jail and Pretrial Incarceration Bill Package, Shavonna Green’s efforts on the Campaign helped to foster change in Michigan’s criminal justice system.

Will Langford, College of Education

Metro Detroit Youth Arts Competition

As a Board Member for the Mint Youth Artists Guild, Will Langford co-created the Metro Detroit Youth Arts Competition, engaging Detroit-area artists ages 0-21 to create visual or literary art that was celebrated in gallery walks, poetry performances, and online venues. The Competition encouraged creativity, resilience, and unity, allowing families to unite around the arts in the safety and comfort of their homes.

Ellie Small and Justin Abadejos, College of Osteopathic Medicine

Detroit Street Care

Formed in 2014, Detroit Street Care (DSC) partners with many outreach organizations in the city of Detroit to meet the needs of individuals experiencing homelessness and provide them with the highest level of care possible. Understanding the increased challenges of being homeless during the pandemic, Ellie Small and Justin Abadejos supported and sustained hand washing stations created by DSC. Also, as past and current presidents (respectively) of the DSC, they continue to provide leadership in advocacy, working as part of the Detroit Street Medicine Advocacy Alliance to elevate the voices of the homeless.
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

2021 Recipient

RACIAL JUSTICE AND THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE DEATH PENALTY

Catherine M. Grosso and Barbara O’Brien, College of Law
Center for Death Penalty Litigation

Introduced by Francisco A. Villarruel, Faculty Grievance Official and Professor, College of Social Science

In response to the passage of the North Carolina Racial Justice Act in 2009 (RJA), the Center for Death Penalty Litigation (CDPL), a nonprofit law firm that serves indigent capital defendants in North Carolina, invited Catherine Grosso and Barbara O’Brien to design and conduct two studies—a jury selection study and a capital charging and sentencing study—in a single calendar year. Their completed research, presented as evidence in North Carolina RJA hearings and published in two law review articles, garnered significant national attention and eventually led to the removal of defendants from death row. Grosso and O’Brien provide ongoing research support to the trial bar in North Carolina. CDPL assists trial teams to marshal data from the RJA litigation for use in challenging the exclusion of African Americans from capital juries. O’Brien and Grosso originally prepared several dozen affidavits for individual defendants based on their initial research, and have completed many more since then. A recent decision of the North Carolina Supreme Court allowed death sentenced prisoners to challenge the influence of race on the prosecution of their cases. O’Brien and Grosso’s research will be at the center of every new case. This research has also been used to inform jury selection reforms in Washington State and California.
Distinguished Partnership Award for Community-Engaged Teaching

2021 Recipient

EQUINE WELFARE IN PRACTICE CLINICAL CLERKSHIP FOR 3RD AND 4TH YEAR COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE PROFESSIONAL STUDENTS

Harold C. Schott II, College of Veterinary Medicine

Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, Universidad Veracruzana

Introduced by Steven D. Hanson, Associate Provost and Dean for International Studies and Programs

Since 2017, Dr. Schott has led development of a three-week clinical clerkship for eight 3rd and 4th year College of Veterinary Medicine (CVM) professional students in partnership with the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM; Dr. Hernandez Gil) and Universidad Veracruzana (UV; Dr. Estrada Taylor). The initial two weeks of the clerkship are an intense veterinary and cultural experience that starts in Mexico City, where students tour the UNAM campus and veterinary school and the Zocalo. Over the next 10 days they travel to a different rural community each day and provide veterinary care to working equids, essential assets for impoverished Mexican families. On returning to MSU, students spend the final week of the clerkship completing medical records and preparing and delivering a seminar for the MSU CVM community. Over the past four years, 32 MSU students, 5 MSU faculty, and 5 MSU alumni veterinarians have participated in the clerkship and given care to over 3,000 working equids. MSU students have worked shoulder to shoulder with UNAM and UV students and veterinarians, developing friendships and an understanding of cultural and educational differences between the U.S. and Mexico. The project is financed by individual and corporate donations.
Distinguished Partnership Award for Community-Engaged Research

2021 Recipient

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE AND POTTER PARK ZOO ANIMAL HEALTH PROGRAM: A HALF-CENTURY OF COLLABORATION IN ANIMAL HEALTH EDUCATION, RESEARCH, AND OUTREACH

Dalen W. Agnew, College of Veterinary Medicine

Potter Park Zoo

Introduced by Douglas A. Gage, Interim Vice President for Research and Innovation

Since 1974, Michigan State University College of Veterinary Medicine (CVM) and Potter Park Zoo have had a special relationship founded on shared goals of animal health, veterinary and public education, and environmental conservation. This collaboration was spearheaded by professors James Sikarskie and Dalen Agnew among others in the CVM, and Drs. Harrison, Nofs, and Eustace from Potter Park Zoo. Both institutions are deeply integrated in the decision-making, teaching, research, and community outreach surrounding animal health at the Zoo. Collaborations have included clinical training of veterinary students, outreach to K-12 students, advanced residency training, research, career advising, sharing of medical expertise, joint seminars, membership on complementary advisory boards, shared volunteer opportunities, and a coordinated approach to media communications. This relationship has resulted in a generation of MSU-trained zoo veterinarians and professionals distributed around the world, a zoo of which the greater Lansing area can be proud, thousands of children who have awakened to career opportunities in science and medicine through close interactions with animals and nature, many published professional papers and conference abstracts, and national media attention for the Zoo, the CVM, and MSU. The Potter Park Zoo and MSU-CVM plan to continue working together to address local and world-wide challenges.
2021 Recipient

ANTI-RACIST ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING AND SCHOLARSHIP

April Baker-Bell, College of Arts and Letters

Denby High School

Introduced by Deborah J. Johnson, Director of the Diversity Research Network and Professor, College of Social Science

Dr. April Baker-Bell has initiated and sustained a community-university partnership between the MSU English teacher education program and a network of high school English teachers and students in Detroit. Participating schools include Finney High School, Detroit Leadership Academy, and Denby High School. The partnership originated in 2008 while Dr. Baker-Bell was a high school English teacher in Detroit Public Schools, and evolved as she continued her scholarship on Black language, English education, and literacy studies at MSU. For the past three years, Dr. Baker-Bell, Ms. Mimi Henderson-Hudson, and the students in Ms. Henderson-Hudson’s senior English class at Denby have focused on an initiative called the THUG Collaborative, an acronym for the novel and film The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas. The scholarship involves developing and refining anti-racist approaches to the teaching of Black language in partnership with classroom teachers and Black students. This focus responds to an urgent need in the field of English education: how to build on the linguistic assets that Black students bring with them into English classrooms. The results of this collaboration have been made public in a variety of formats for both scholars and educators/practitioners.
Past Award Recipients

DISTINGUISHED PARTNERSHIP AWARDS

2020

Distinguished Partnership Award for Community-Engaged Research
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

Distinguished Partnership Award for Community-Engaged Creative Activity
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

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
Shari L. Dann, College of Agriculture and Natural Resources
Annie’s BIG Nature Lesson

Distinguished Partnership Award for Community-Engaged Service
Spartan Project SEARCH
Connie Sung and Marisa Fisher, College of Education
Michigan Rehabilitation Services
Ingham Intermediate School District
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

*M1place 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

2020
Hiram E. Fitzgerald, College of Social Science

2019
Carl S. Taylor, College of Social Science

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)*

2020
Kyle Powys Whyte, Department of Philosophy, College of Arts and Letters and Department of Community Sustainability, College of Agriculture and Natural Resources
Sustainable Development Institute, College of Menominee Nation

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

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

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