

Michigan State University Outreach and Engagement
Awards Ceremony

February 24, 2021 | 4:30 – 6:00 p.m.

Virtual Ceremony

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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

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

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.

2021 Recipient

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.

Distinguished Partnership Award for Community-Engaged Creative Activity

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

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

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. 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)*

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

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