Burton Bargerstock Inducted into Academy of Community Engagement Scholarship

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EAST LANSING, Mich. - Burton A. Bargerstock was named to the Academy of Community Engagement Scholarship (ACES) during an induction ceremony on September 27 at the Engagement Scholarship Consortium Conference in Birmingham, Alabama, and on September 29 was elected president of the Academy.

Founded in 2013, ACES is an international consortium of leading community engagement scholars and practitioners who are recognized for advancing scholarship that serves the public good. The Academy highlights scholarship that has direct societal impact on complex societal needs and issues.

ACES members represent the pinnacle of achievement in the field of engagement, and have been recognized by their peers as exceptional in their accomplishments. Their mission is to bring attention to the important role that community engagement plays in strengthening research for the betterment of society. Members draw on that expertise through high priority activities and projects that further community engagement theory, policy, and practice.

Bargerstock joined University Outreach at Michigan State University in 1994 as a graduate research assistant. During his tenure he served as the assistant director of Outreach Research and Technology, organized the Engagement Scholarship Consortium’s 2011 National Outreach Scholarship Conference, and guest edited a 2012 special issue of the Journal of Higher Education Outreach and Engagement.

At MSU, Bargerstock is currently the National Collaborative for the Study of University Engagement director, the Community and Information Technology director, the lead on the Outreach and Engagement Measurement Instrument project, and the special adviser to the associate provost for University Outreach and Engagement.

President Lou Anna K. Simon was inducted into the Academy in 2016. Hiram E. Fitzgerald, MSU Distinguished Professor and associate provost for University Outreach and Engagement, was an inaugural inductee in 2014.

“Our work at Michigan State University advances outreach, engagement, and economic development activities that are innovative, research-driven, and lead to a better quality of life for individuals and communities. Our approach is to implement MSU’s value triad—connectivity, inclusiveness, and quality—in all solution-focused community partnerships. Congratulations to Burt Bargerstock for recognition of his meritorious efforts. We are proud of MSU’s global leadership in community engagement scholarship,” said Fitzgerald.

Visit the Academy of Community Engagement Scholarship website for further information.