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## Laurie Thorp of Michigan State University to Receive Prestigious Campus Compact Award

*Honored for Service-Learning Contributions*

**February 5, 2010 – LANSING, MI** – Michigan Campus Compact (MCC) is pleased to announce Dr. Laurie Thorp, director of Residential Initiative on the Study of the Environment (RISE) at Michigan State University, will be honored with an MCC Faculty/Staff Community Service-Learning Award at the 14<sup>th</sup> annual *Institute: Service-Learning and Civic Engagement*, on Tuesday, February 9, 2010, at 5:30 p.m. This prestigious annual award is the highest MCC bestows on faculty and staff in the state of Michigan.

Peers designated Thorp as the faculty/staff person on campus who has made the most outstanding contributions in service-learning and community service. This award recognizes her influence on and the engagement of students to be involved in community service or service-learning through modeling, influencing or instruction. Karen McKnight Casey, director of Service-Learning and Civic Engagement, at Michigan State University, nominated her.

Through Thorp's work in RISE, she has involved MSU students in a range of environmental protection and education projects, crop cultivation at the university Student Organic Farm and the Riddle Elementary School hoop house, and advocacy with state legislators. All is designed to promote and implement quality community engagement focused on sustainability and to foster an ethic of active citizenship in students. The impact of her work is university-wide as evidenced, in part, by the securing of a three year, \$65,000 internal grant to examine university energy and materials consumption.

She will be formally honored during the 2010 Institute: Service-Learning and Community Service Awards Ceremony and Dinner, held in the Michigan Ballroom at the Grand Traverse Resort of Acme, Mich. Dinner will begin at approximately 5:30 p.m., with the ceremony to follow.

Michigan Campus Compact is a coalition of college and university presidents who are committed to fulfilling the public purpose of higher education. We promote the education and commitment of Michigan college students to be civically engaged citizens, through creating and expanding academic, co-curricular and campus-wide opportunities for community service, service-learning and civic engagement.

For more information about her outstanding contributions on campus and in the community, contact Dr. Laurie Thorp directly at [thorpl@msu.edu](mailto:thorpl@msu.edu) or 517.432.4944.

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