

MSU Curricular Service-Learning and Civic Engagement Awards Recognize Innovative, Sustained Efforts by Faculty and Staff

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EAST LANSING, Mich. - The MSU Curricular Service-Learning and Civic Engagement Awards have been bestowed on 24 recipients in 14 of the university's 17 degree-granting colleges at a ceremony on Friday, November 5, 2010 at the University Club in East Lansing.

The annual award recognizes innovative and/or sustained effort in the area of academic, curricular or co-curricular service-learning/civic engagement that is specifically linked with the mission and efforts of the college.

The MSU Center for Service-Learning and Civic Engagement, in partnership with the Office of the Associate Provost for University Outreach and Engagement, the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs and Services, and with endorsement from the Office of the Provost, initiated the awards in 2008. Each college dean is asked to name a faculty member, academic staffer, or other individual for the award.

“The award recipients represent the best of MSU’s efforts to engage with community,” said Karen McKnight Casey, CSLCE director. “We are fortunate to have support from every level of the university, from administration to deans, directors, and chairs to students. It is an impressive list of award recipients, and an outstanding list of programs and projects.”

This year’s ceremony also recognized Michigan Campus Compact Faculty/Staff Community Service-Learning Awards. Warren Rauhe, associate professor of landscape architecture in the School of Planning, Design and Construction, was the 2009 recipient representing Michigan State University, and Laurie G. Thorp, specialist and coordinator of the Residential Initiative on Study of the Environment (RISE), was the 2010 recipient. Those awards are given to one person from each campus every year who engages or influences students to be involved in community service or service-learning through modeling, influence or instruction.



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Bashar Dimitry, a Southfield senior majoring in social relations and policy in James Madison College, was selected to deliver the student address at the awards ceremony.

The awards ceremony also recognized Michigan State University Federal Credit Union and their community partner contributions that provide, among other things, a monetary gift that funds van transportation for MSU students to community partner sites not readily accessible by public transportation.

The MSU Community Club was honored as an institutional partner for their reflection mentoring project, which provides important assets in strengthening the CSLCE and Integrative Studies in Social Science students' service-learning experience.

Lee N. June, Vice President for Student Affairs and Services, was honored with The Outstanding Service-Learning "Champion" Award. The honor was bestowed upon Dr. June for his long-standing support of MSU Service-Learning and Civic Engagement and his quiet leadership in academic, course-connected service-learning, expansion of the Alternative Spring Break Program, and CSLCE partnerships with various community projects.

2009 and 2010 Annual MSU Curricular Service-Learning and Civic Engagement Award Recipients:

Patricia Crawford

Associate Professor, School of Planning, Design and Construction
College of Agriculture and Natural Resources

Angelika Kraemer

Director, Community Language School
College of Arts and Letters

Shannon Mulally

Director, Department of Accounting and Information Systems
Eli Broad College of Business

Eric Freedman

Associate Professor, School of Journalism
College of Communication Arts and Sciences
Associate Dean, International Studies and Programs

Erik Goodman

Professor, Electrical and Computer Engineering
College of Engineering

Craig Somerton
Associate Professor
College of Engineering

Catherine Macomber
Curriculum Specialist
College of Human Medicine

Ross Emmett, Louise Jezierski, and Bryan Ritchie
Professors
James Madison College

Kendra Cheruvilil and Cori Fata-Hartley
Assistant Professors
Lyman Briggs College

Aaron McCright
Associate Professor
Lyman Briggs College

Derek Polischuk
Assistant Professor of Piano and Director of Piano Pedagogy
College of Music

Cynthia Taggart
Professor and Area Chair of Music Education
College of Music

Jerry Caldwell
Director, Drew Scholars Program
College of Natural Science

Mei Wei Chang
Assistant Professor
College of Nursing

Kathleen Kessler
Director of Professional Partnerships
College of Nursing

Mary Hughes
Professor and Chairperson, Internal Medicine
College of Osteopathic Medicine

Donald Sefcik
Senior Associate Dean
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The MSU CSLCE is the oldest, continuously operating service-learning center in the country. From its inception in 1968, CSLCE has worked closely with MSU colleges, academic departments, student affairs and services units, pre-college programs and others to offer mutually beneficial, quality service, service-learning and civic engagement opportunities linking faculty and students with community.

Michigan State University has been advancing knowledge and transforming lives through innovative teaching, research and outreach for more than 150 years. MSU is known internationally as a major public university with global reach and extraordinary impact. Its 17 degree-granting colleges attract scholars worldwide who are interested in combining education with practical problem solving.