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MSU hosts National Outreach Scholarship Conference

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EAST LANSING, Mich. – University and college leaders, researchers, practitioners, community partners, and students will gather at Michigan State University October 1-4, 2011 for the 12th annual meeting of the National Outreach Scholarship Conference. It is the first time MSU will host the event.

The National Outreach Scholarship Conference (NOSC) is composed of 15 universities that work collaboratively to build strong university-community partnerships anchored in the rigor of scholarship, and designed to help build community capacity. This year's event will bring together more than 500 attendees from 75 universities and colleges in 29 U.S. states and 5 additional countries, including Australia, Canada, Chile, Japan, and South Africa.

Hiram E. Fitzgerald, MSU Associate Provost for University Outreach and Engagement, is the president of the board of directors for the National Outreach Scholarship Conference. "MSU has a long history of engaging in research designed to demonstrate the interdisciplinary impact of engaged scholarship. We look forward to welcoming our colleagues from around the globe to our beautiful campus and discussing what matters most to us, and that is scholarship, faculty work and university-community partnerships," says Fitzgerald.

The 2011 conference theme is Engaged Scholarship and Evidence-Based Practice, and includes five tracks that address a wide range of topics, ranging from technology to innovation to globalization.

Additional event highlights include presentations from the Outreach Scholarship W.K. Kellogg Foundation Engagement Regional Awards, a journal editors' panel, an International Adult and Continuing Education Hall of Fame Workshop, and awards for Most Outstanding Posters of 2011.

Registration and program information is available on the National Outreach Scholarship Conference website, at <http://outreachscholarship.org>.

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