



GenCen News and Events

Summit on Title IX, Relationship Violence, and Sexual Misconduct on MSU's Campus

April 13, 5:00-6:30pm, Erickson Hall Kiva

The purpose of the Summit on Title IX, Relationship Violence, and Sexual Misconduct on MSU's Campus is to give MSU students, staff, and faculty a chance to engage in dialogue about the enforcement of Title IX and ultimately receive suggestions for improving communication with the campus community about the work that MSU is doing in this area.

GenCen Colloquia Series: *Sustaining Community Capacity under Crisis: Flint's Civic Park Neighborhood*

April 14, 1:30-3:00pm, Rm 115 International Center

Louise Jezierski will be speaking about the Fall 2016 student-led, faculty-guided project in her senior seminar and how they helped to launch a new and ongoing project, the "20-minute" neighborhood concept applied to the historic Civic Park neighborhood in Flint, Michigan.

GJEC Fellowships for Dissertation Research & Completion: 2017-18 Academic Year

Application Deadline: April 15

The Gender, Justice, and Environmental Change (GJEC) Program, at the GenCen, is pleased to announce fellowships for MSU graduate students for the 2017-18 academic year.

Intersectional Discrimination of African Women Migrants in Istanbul

April 21, 1:30-3:00pm, Rm 303 International Center

This presentation will be over the findings of an empirical research based on focus group discussions conducted with female African migrants (FAMs) in Istanbul.

GenCen Drop-off Location: Michigan Feminine Health & Hygiene Donation Drive for the Homeless

April 24-May 5

GenCen will be a drop-off location for the Michigan Health and Hygiene Donation Drive for the Homeless. Items can be dropped off in our office, room 206 International Center.

MSU News and Events

2017 Sexual Assault Awareness Month Calendar of Events

Here is Ingham County's 2017 SAAM Calendar with all known events. If you need an event added, please contact Bianca Stepanyan at biancas@cc.msu.edu.

SPARTANS WILL.POWER Global Day of Service

April 8

The SPARTANS WILL. POWER Global Day of Service is our way of showing the world the extraordinary impact Spartans can make in a single day. This organized, collaborative effort will bring Spartans together to serve others in their communities while demonstrating the reach and power of the Spartan network.

Perfecting Your Persuasion: Negotiation Skills for Women

April 11, 3:30pm-5:00pm, MSU Library, Green Room (W-444)

We all negotiate every day, in our jobs, in our homes, and on behalf of others. This session offers tools and strategies for successful negotiations, with a focus on gender differences and gender stereotypes. Participants will acquire a deeper understanding of both distributive (win-lose) and integrative (win-win) negotiations, and strategies for effectively negotiating on behalf of themselves and others. This event will feature Dr. Rachel Croson, Dean, College of Social Science. **RSVP requested.**

Threads of Hope: Weaving Peace in Colombia

April 11-13

April 11 at 5:00pm – April 13 at 4:00pm, MSU International Center

This symposium explores the challenges of peace building as Colombia seeks to end its 50-year civil war. MSU faculty, Colombian peace organizations, and invited scholars offer multiple perspectives to explore many dimensions of transition to peace and reconciliations in the country.

Lansing/MSU Take Back the Night 2017

April 12, 10:00am-8:00pm, MSU Campus (with evening march to E Lansing City Hall)

Downloadable event flyer

Take Back the Night is an event focused on ending all forms of violence against women and transforming a culture that endorses the oppression of women. There are numerous activities planned throughout the day to increase awareness, celebrate survivors, and demand an end to rape, sexual assault, domestic violence, incest, and sexual harassment.

Race in 21st Century America Conference: *Race, Gender and Sexuality*

April 13, 8:00am-5:30pm, MSU Kellogg Center

This conference is FREE to attend and brings together leading scholars, community activists, public officials and residents, representing racial, ethnic, gender and ideological diversity, to participate in an important conversation about the problem of race in America. Though we will cover a number of areas, our theme is *Race, Gender and Sexuality*. The conference is designed to examine systems of power and privilege in the US, especially the ways in which they impact communities of color. We also identify specific goals and strategies that promote democratic, yet radically transformative, social, economic and political structures. Our project is not simply about identifying and examining problems, but especially proposing actionable recommendations for addressing twenty-first century challenges.

Opportunities for International Engagement and Research Cooperation Webinar (USDA-FAS & USDA-NIFA)

April 13, 1:00-7:00pm (Online)

USDA/FAS will present funding opportunities to host and mentor foreign scientists, train foreign agricultural officials, faculty, and policy makers, or conduct cooperative research. USDA/NIFA will present opportunities to include international collaborations in your NIFA-funded activities; Partnerships with other countries or international organizations; other opportunities in specific NIFA grant programs.

The U.N. And Africa – with former U.S. Ambassador Roger Meece

April 14, 12:00pm-1:30pm, Erickson Kiva

International Studies and Programs welcomes Roger Meece, former U.S. Ambassador to Malawi and the Democratic Republic of Congo, who will talk about his experience with engagement with Africa and the potential role of the U.S. in future peacekeeping on the continent. Mr. Meece is an alumnus of Michigan State University and has decades of experience in peacekeeping and diplomacy around the globe.

Listen, We Need to Talk: How to Change Attitudes about LGBT Rights

April 20

11:00am, South Kedzie Hall Room 104

CREW presents Melissa Michelson and Brian Harrison for a talk on LGBT rights and public opinion, and their new book "Listen, We Need to Talk: How to Change Attitudes about LGBT Rights".

Spartan Spectrum 5k

April 23, 9:00am-12:30pm, Jenison Fieldhouse

Proceeds from this event will support local resources for people with autism like Spartan Spectrum's Mutual Mentorship Program and our neurodiversity panel. Mutual Mentorship is a student-run program that provides 1-on-1 mentoring and fun events for local community members with autism! Come out and enjoy a walk or run through the beautiful campus of MSU all while supporting a great cause. It will be a super fun time!

2017 Lavender Reception and Mosaic Awards

April 23, 1:30pm-4:30pm, MSU Kellogg Center

Please join us in celebrating our graduating students and recognizing the members and organizations of the LBGTQ+ campus community.

Facilitating Restorative Conferences Training

May 11-12

Participants will be trained to facilitate Restorative Justice (RJ) Conferences. In an RJ Conference, harmed parties have the opportunity to tell those who harmed them how they have been affected. Those who caused the harm gain empathy and understanding—not only for those directly affected, but for others who were impacted by their actions such as family, friends and coworkers. Then those who have harmed have a chance to make amends and shed the "offender" label, ultimately breaking the cycles of misbehavior and disruption.

Other News and Events

Refugee Health and Wellness Fair

April 8, 9:00am-12:00pm, Trinity Church, 3355 Dunckel Rd, Lansing, 48911

MSU's Social Work 822: *Immigration and Transnational Policy* course will be hosting a health and wellness fair focused on refugees living in the Lansing area. Local vendors will provide educational information as well as health screenings. Snacks will be provided, and there will be a raffle for health-related prizes. This event is free and open to the public. Any questions, email refugeehealthfair@gmail.com.

24th Annual *Dia de la Mujer (DDL M)* Conference

April 8, 8:00am-5:00pm, MSU Kellogg Center

DDL M's conference goals are to empower, motivate, inspire, connect and support Latinas and all women in their quest for advancement in society. DDL M is also a great opportunity for non-Latinos, who are interested in learning about the beliefs, views, and way of life in the Latino community. DDL M is open to all regardless of ethnic background. On-site registration will be open from 8-11am. COST: MSU Students – FREE with MSU ID; Student (Non-MSU) – \$15; General Admission – \$25. Contact OCAT at 517-353-7745 with questions.

Race for the Place 5K

April 9, 1:00-4:00pm, Jenison Fieldhouse

The Race for the Place is the largest annual fundraiser for **MSU Safe Place** and allows the program to continue to provide vital services to members of the MSU and greater Lansing communities who experience relationship violence and stalking. The race takes place on MSU's campus.

9th Annual *Muslim Mental Health Conference*

April 13-14, East Lansing Marriott

This conference brings together faith leaders, health care providers and researchers to examine topics related to mental health across the American Muslim community. It will include keynote speakers, scholarly research presentations and panel discussions. A free 8-hour Mental Health First Responder training will be offered on April 13 for faith/community leaders. For more information, please visit their [website](#). If you have further questions, email to msummhconference@gmail.com.

Onward: A Student Power Summit

April 15, 9:30am-4:30pm, U of M, Ann Arbor

Students, organizers, artists and activists will come together to engage in peer-led workshops and exchange knowledge, skills, and tactics for how to make change on campus and in our broader communities, recognizing that the issues we struggle to change are all interconnected.

Social Justice Reading Group

April 15

10:30am-12:00pm, East Lansing Public Library

MSU is partnering with ELPL for a monthly Social Justice Reading Group aimed at youth ages 4 to 11 (preschool to fifth grade) held at the library. The aim of the reading group is to engage youth in critical exploration of social justice topics through children's literature. MSU faculty with expertise in a specific social justice area will read a couple of children's books on that month's social justice topic (e.g., race/ethnicity, gender, social class, Indigenous rights, LGBTQ, protest). After the book readings, MSU teacher candidates will facilitate small group discussions on the month's social justice topic. This month's topic is Gender Diversity and Gender Stereotypes.

The Culture of Victim Blaming: Responding to Sexual Violence

April 21, 11:30am-1:30pm, LCC Campus, Gannon Room 252.02, 422 N Washington Sq, Lansing 48933

[Register here](#) [Free to attend]

Facilitator: Rebecca Hayes, Professor, Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Social Work, CMU
Dr. Rebecca Hayes will talk about Victim Blaming and go over strategies to adequately respond to survivors of sexual violence. [Dr. Hayes' Areas of Expertise: Victimology; Gender, Race and Crime; Media's Influence on the Criminal Justice system] This presentation will discuss this assertion of college as a rape culture, and why observations and research finds partial support for this claim. Then we will go over strategies on how to adequately respond to survivors of sexual violence.

Women Organize Michigan Summit – Detroit

April 23, 9:00am-5:00pm, Cobo Center, 1 Washington Blvd. Detroit, MI 48226

This summit will have a specific economic focus, featuring: Senator Debbie Stabenow; Congresswoman Brenda Lawrence; Congresswoman Debbie Dingell; Gretchen Whitmer, Gubernatorial Candidate, Michigan Progressive Women's Caucus; Lisa Cook, MSU Economics Professor; Danielle Atkinson, Mothering Justice; Lisa Stern Peltz, Fair Michigan.

Social Security, Medicare & Obamacare Myths Debunked

April 25, 12:00-1:30pm, LCC Campus, Gannon Room 252.02, 422 N Washington Sq, Lansing 48933

[Register here](#) [Free to attend]

Facilitator: James Luke, Assistant Professor, Economics Department, LCC

We are regularly bombarded by politicians and pundits with claims that "Social security and Medicare are going broke" and that we Obamacare has failed. The reality and truth is very different. Learn the facts, the truth, and learn the logic of how these programs really work and how they affect your present and future.

Soulfire Informational Meeting & Survivor Panel

April 27, 6:00pm-8:00pm, The Firecracker Foundation, 1146 S Washington Ave, Ste. D, Lansing, MI 48910

In the past, Soulfire was The Firecracker Foundation's annual gallery event where adult survivors of child sexual trauma were invited to display images that represented a piece of their healing journey. This year, survivors, artists and allies are invited to participate in a multimedia art show! If you're interested in participating as a survivor, artist or both, please join us to meet Executive Director Tashmica Torok, Jena McShane of McShane Photography and other key volunteers working to make this project a reality. Also in attendance will be participants from past Soulfire projects. They will be hosting an informal panel to answer any questions you might have about the process from beginning to end.

March for Consent

April 29, 11:30am-1:00pm, Ferndale, Michigan

Every 98 seconds, someone in our country is sexually assaulted. Right here, in our neighborhoods, 1 in 5 will be a victim of sexual assault. Join HAVEN of Oakland County and make your voice heard. Help us bring this issue into the light and demand real change. We will march for consent. We will march in solidarity with survivors. Join us.

Iron Jawed Angels Fundraiser

May 8, 6:15pm-9:15pm, Farmington Civic Theater, 33332 Grand River Ave, Farmington, MI

Women Organize Michigan, in celebration of the 100th Anniversary of Women's Suffrage in Michigan, will be holding a private screening of Iron Jawed Angels. Please join us for this private fundraiser. (Donations accepted at the door.) Seating is limited, first come, first serve. There will be a panel of women leading today's fight of ending partisan gerrymandering, and equipping more women to step up, and run for office.