

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

March 16, 2009

TO: Doctoral Candidates

FROM: Tony Nunez, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs

SUBJECT: **Meet Michigan Traveling Seminar (May 13-15, 2009)**
Birth to Five: Families, Health, and Education
Orientation (April 20, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.)

Meet Michigan Spring 2009

The Graduate School invites MSU doctoral students to apply for the Meet Michigan program scheduled for May 13-15, 2009. This traveling seminar is sponsored and funded by the Office of Faculty Development with support from the Office of Outreach and Engagement and The Graduate School. Spaces will be available for 10 doctoral students with interests that fit the disciplinary focus of this year's tour. The costs of this trip will be covered by the Graduate School for the selected students.

If you have questions regarding the itinerary, speakers or other activities, please contact Allyn Shaw, Director of Leadership Development Program, at 355-5761 or leaders@msu.edu.

Disciplinary Focus

The Spring 2009 Meet Michigan Traveling Seminar is designed for participants whose work focuses on and supports the themes of Birth to Five: families, health, education, diversity and legal issues. These are particularly timely themes with the reinvestment by MSU in the Human Development Initiative and the acute needs in Michigan to support young children and their families in this period of economic challenge. Spaces will be available for 30 MSU tenure system and HP faculty, academic specialists and librarians with continuing appointments and 10 doctoral candidates from the designated disciplines or those whose work relates to the disciplinary foci.

Goals of the Meet Michigan Program:

- To increase awareness of:
 - opportunities for outreach research, outreach teaching and outreach service to meet the needs of Michigan's diverse communities and citizens.
 - MSU collaborations throughout Michigan in outreach research, teaching and service.
 - resources at MSU to assist in developing collaborations and finding funding sources to support these collaborations.
- To promote collegiality and community among MSU faculty, administrators and graduate students across the disciplines.
- To clarify the faculty role in outreach to:
 - increase the involvement of MSU faculty, specialists and librarians in collaborations.
 - increase the interest and involvement of graduate students in pursuing community collaborations during their careers.
- To increase MSU collaborations through:
 - new relationships with community partners across the state of Michigan.
 - new relationships with academic and professional peers within their local communities and across the University.
 - increased grant activity.



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Eligibility and How to Apply:

Ten places have been designated for doctoral students in good standing. Applications for doctoral students will be available from the units' graduate secretaries/graduate program directors or from the office of the Graduate School Associate Dean for Academic Affairs in 118 Linton Hall. All applications must have the endorsement of the student's faculty advisor/major professor, and must be accompanied by a brief statement (approximately 250 words) explaining how participation in Meet Michigan will contribute to the student's professional development. Applications may be sent to 118 Linton Hall via campus mail or via fax (517-353-3355) c/o Dr. Tony Nunez. Applications must be received on or before April 6, 2009.

Faculty Mentor/Doctoral Student Teams

Eligible faculty mentors who wish to attend the May 13-15, 2009 Meet Michigan along with their doctoral student(s) should fill out the faculty application and include the name of the doctoral student(s) in the space provided. These doctoral students MUST also complete the Graduate School's application in which they will indicate the name of their mentor who is also applying.

Selection Process and Criteria

A Selection Committee, comprised of staff from the Graduate School will review the applications and select the 10 doctoral student participants.

The Selection Committee will give priority to doctoral candidates whose work focuses on the disciplinary themes of this year's program and who provide compelling evidence that participation in the tour will enhance their professional development.

Time Line

Selections will be announced the week of April 6, 2009.

Invitees must respond to the Graduate School with their RSVP by Monday, April 13, 2009..

The Meet Michigan program will run Wednesday May 13, 7:00 a.m. to Friday, May 15, 4:00 p.m.

Note: Those who accept invitations for the tour must commit to attending the entire one-day program, as well as an Orientation Session on Monday, April 20, 2009, from 3:00-5:00 p.m. in the Kellogg Center.

MEET MICHIGAN, SPRING 2009

THEMES AND TOPICS

Families

- Foster Care Services
- Needs of Military Families
- Early Childhood Inclusion Issues
- Policies Impacting Michigan Families
- Impact of Budget Cuts on Michigan Families

Health and Nutrition

- Health Needs and Opportunities in Michigan
- Early Childhood Rural Health Care
- Health Communication and Telemedicine
- National Children's Study
- Infant Mental Health
- Infant Obesity
- Nutrition Initiatives
- Breast Feeding/Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Programs

Education

- MSU Human Development Initiative
- Literacy
- Tribal Head Start and Early Childhood Initiatives

Diversity

- Refugees Services, Immunization and Migrant Services
- Inter-tribal Council of Michigan
- Socio-Economic Demographics in Michigan

Public Policy/Government

- Public Policy Challenges in Michigan and in the Nation
- State Government Perspectives on Early Childhood Issues

Research/ Collaborations/Networks/Funding

- Opportunities for MSU Researchers in Michigan
- Institutional Collaborations
- Community-University Collaborations
- MSU and Corporate/ Foundation Support for Birth – Five Initiatives

INVITED EXTERNAL SPEAKERS

- Alethia Carr, Director, Maternal & Child Health, Michigan
- James Anderson, General, U.S. Army
- Ronald Latuszek, Lt. Colonel, U.S. Army
- Supreme Court Justice Maura Corrigan
- Michigan House of Representatives Member
- Michigan Senator
- Michigan Department of Education Officer
- W.K. Kellogg Foundation, Birth to Eight Initiative Program Officer
- Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Leaders

MSU INVITED SPEAKERS

- Marietta Baba, Dean, College of Social Science, MSU
- Adrian Blow, Assistant Professor, Family and Childhood Ecology, MSU
- Nell Duke, Associate Professor, Teacher Education, MSU
- Lisa Gorman, Doctoral Candidate, Family and Child Ecology, MSU
- Hope Gerde, Assistant Professor, Family and Child Ecology, MSU
- Sue Grady, Assistant Professor, Geography, MSU
- Hiram Fitzgerald, Associate Provost , University Outreach and Engagement, MSU
- Mildred Horodynski, Professor, Nursing, MSU
- Ester Onaga, Associate Professor, Family and Child Ecology, MSU
- Nigel Paneth, Professor, Epidemiology and Pediatrics, MSU
- Kellye Wood, Director, Early Childhood Laboratory MSU

SITES

- Michigan Capitol Building, Lansing
- Michigan State University Early Childhood Laboratory, East Lansing
- Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Center, Traverse City
- Camp Lehman, Gaylord
- Denno's Museum, Traverse City
- MSU Extension Office, Cadillac
- MSU Office, Grayling
- Camp Grayling, Grayling
- Infant Court, Midland
- Dow Gardens, Midland

HOTELS

- Bayshore Hotel and Resort, Traverse City
- Treetops Resort, Gaylord

TRIP FACILITATORS

- Jan Bokemeier, Chair, Sociology, MSU
- Gary Anderson, Director, Social Work, MSU
- Karen Wampler, Chair, Family and Child Ecology, MSU
- Deborah DeZure, Assistant Provost for Faculty and Organizational Development , MSU
- Allyn Shaw, Associate Director F&OD, MSU

NOTE: Sites and speakers are subject to change

**Meet Michigan, Spring 2009
Doctoral Student Application**

Instructions: Please complete items 1-8 and have your faculty advisor sign the endorsement statement (see box below). Submit the complete application and short essay via campus mail to Tony Nunez, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, the Graduate School, 118 Linton Hall or via fax at 517-353-3355.

All applications must be submitted on or before **Monday, April 6, 2009**.

- 1) First and Last Name: _____
- 2) First Name for Name Tag: _____
- 3) Department/School: _____
- 4) College: _____
- 5) If applicable, please include the name of the faculty member who will be applying to accompany you on this trip: _____
- 6) Campus Address: _____
- 7) Email: _____
- 8) Campus phone: _____ Home phone: _____

Note: This trip will take place from **Wednesday, May 13 7:00 a.m. to Friday, May 15, 4:00 p.m.** If selected, you will be expected to participate for the full duration of the trip and to attend the orientation session on **April 20**, from 3-5:00 p.m.

<p>Endorsement by faculty advisor/major professor</p> <p>The above is a doctoral student in good standing who has my endorsement for his/her participation in the Spring 2009 Meet Michigan Program.</p> <p>_____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Signature of Major Professor</p> <p>_____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Name (print) of Major Professor</p>

Please write a brief essay (1 page, or approximately 250 words) that address this question:
How do you anticipate that participation in the Spring 2009 Meet Michigan Program will enhance your professional development?