How Not to Cure Cancer
Sunday, September 8th 4:30-7:00pm
Hosted by Dr. David Arnosti

“How Not to Cure Cancer” - welcoming diversity in the STEM workforce. The excellence of the US biomedical enterprise is based on its ability to foster excellence from a talent pool drawn from across the world. A recent cover story in Bloomberg Businessweek highlighted a climate of fear that has affected Chinese and Chinese-American researchers, following recent national directives to investigate connections between these scientists and China. The conversation will also explore other areas in which we identify specific groups as “other”, and the challenge of facing conscious and unconscious bias in training and working with diverse individuals.

David Arnosti is a Professor of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology with research focus on gene regulation, and Director of the Graduate Program in BMB.
Finding your Path in College

Sunday, September 15th 3-5pm

Hosted by Dr. Ellie Louson and Dr. Isaac Record

High achieving students often come to college with a plan - a major, a chosen career, and the route to get there. But your experience in college isn’t a straight line with a set endpoint. It’s a branching path, and there can’t be a “right” destination until your choices get you there. You can choose to be a different person, and that’s a good thing. This discussion is hosted by two MSU academics who each started as honors students in their own colleges, and who ended up getting PhDs in entirely different fields from where they started. While exploring paths along the Red Cedar River, you will participate in a “Designing Your Life” quick-sketch activity, which prompts you to reflect on your priorities, values, and potential futures.

Dr. Isaac Record is the Director of Experiential Learning and a Teaching Professor in the History, Philosophy, and Sociology of Science at Lyman Briggs College. Dr. Ellie Louson is an Academic Specialist Learning Designer and Communicator in the Hub for Innovation in Learning and Technology and an Instructor in the History, Philosophy, and Sociology of Science at Lyman Briggs College.

Immigration and Cultural Diversity in Israel

Sunday, September 15th 6:00-8:00pm

Hosted by Dr. Kristin Janka and Dr. Yore Kedem

Are you interested in issues related to immigration and cultural diversity? Come to this Fireside Chat to learn about immigration and cultural diversity in Israel, the new Honors Research Seminar Abroad (there is still time to sign up!) and eat a delicious Israeli meal prepared by Dr. Kedem. This dinner is especially for first- or second-year Honors College students. For more information about the Honors Research Seminar in Israel visit: https://honorscollege.msu.edu/programs/israel-honors-research-seminar.html

Dr. Yore Kedem is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Linguistics where he teaches Hebrew and is affiliated with the Jewish Studies Center. He has led study abroad programs to Israel for over 10 years.

Dr. Kristin Janka is the Director of International Engagement for the Honors College
Exploring Africa at MSU: Opportunities to engage with Global Africa
Thursday, September 19th 5:00-7:00pm
Hosted by African Studies Center Faculty and Staff

Michigan State University is a uniquely diverse institution with a long history of engagement with the African continent. MSU’s faculty, staff, students and visitors from around the world represent a diverse array of cultures and identities. Essentially, MSU brings the world to your doorstep. This chat will take you through opportunities to engage with Africa inside and outside of the classroom. You will have a chance to learn about the African Studies Center at MSU and the center’s various programs and activities that will enrich your knowledge of Africa. Opportunities include studying abroad in Africa, taking African language courses and participating in Africa-oriented student organizations. Faculty, staff and students with expertise in Africa will share their experiences working, studying and teaching at MSU as well as leading study abroad programs in Africa and partnering with African institutions.

Where will you be in 2079? Navigating Your Career Path
Sunday, September 22nd 4:00-6:00pm
Hosted by Professor Bruce W. Bean, J.D.

To date I have aspired to be, or actually have been, the lowest level employee at a commercial laundry for (very dirty) cloth diapers, rocket scientist, Foreign Service Officer, Air Force intelligence officer, New York City Big Law lawyer, debriefer of a POW retuning after 6 years in Hanoi, lead lawyer on what was then the largest ever corporate takeover, Executive Vice President of a New York Stock Exchange-listed financial services company, investment banker, partner in Moscow for the world’s largest law firm, [Failure at retirement], Professor MSU Law teaching and writing about corporate law, Russian oligarchs, corruption, FIFA, FATCA, FCPA, UK Bribery Act, SWFs, etc. If you conclude from this list that I did not have a clue about what career I should actually follow, you are correct! We can chat about your choices, and what might happen over the next 60 years that could impact your career.

Professor Bruce W. Bean currently teaches Corporate Law and Mergers & Acquisitions at MSU Law. He has served as Director of the MSU LL.M. Program (2008-2016), and is the Former Chair, Extraterritorial Jurisdiction Committee of the International Law Association and Past Chairman of the ABA Russian-Eurasian Law Committee.
Creating Your Path to Successful Transitions
Sunday, September 22nd 4:00-6:00pm
Hosted by Dr. Nancy DeJoy

Big life transitions, like the transition to university life, present us with physical, emotional, intellectual, relationship, and other changes, challenges and opportunities. Anticipating the ways that transitions change important aspects of our daily lives can present us with opportunities to make those changes sources of success if we remember that we can literally MAKE that happen. Join me for an interactive conversation and a creative making session that will address your specific transition issues as you enter our MSU community. Materials for making a variety of forms of art will be provided. This chat will be capped at 12 students.

Dr. DeJoy is an Assistant Professor in the Writing, Rhetoric, and American Cultures Department. Her creative work focuses on the inclusion of poetry in public art movements. Her current research focuses more broadly on social justice art.

Dark Girls/Light Girls: A Discussion on Colorism
Sunday, September 29th, 3:00-5:30pm
Hosted by Dr. Ronald Hall

Come for a discussion on colorism and an in-depth look into the lives of light/dark-skinned women of color, the prejudices they face and the seemingly hierarchical nature of the society at-large.

Dr. Ronald Hall is a Professor in the School of Social Work. His research interests include mental health (individual/group psychotherapy), cutaneo-chroma, intraracial racism, Bleaching Syndrome, Black/White conflict, organizational issues and race relations/diversity.

From nuclei to stars: Visit the Cyclotron Lab and meet with faculty and graduate students
Tuesday, October 1st, 5:00-7:30pm
Hosted by Heiko Hergert, Sean Liddick, Artemis Spyrou, Remco Zegers

The National Superconducting Cyclotron Lab (NSCL) at the Facility for Rare Isotope Beams (FRIB) is a world-leading center for nuclear science research. Research at the lab encompasses a broad spectrum of themes, from studying the characteristics of nuclei themselves to using their properties for understanding the magnificent lives and deaths of stars. Every year, hundreds of scientists from all over the world come to Michigan State University to perform experiments and discuss with the local researchers at NSCL/FRIB. We are excited to have such a unique facility
on the campus of MSU and we invite you to spend an evening with us, chat about the kind of research we are doing, meet faculty and graduate students, take a tour of the lab and of course have dinner in our beautiful atrium.

Your hosts for the evening are four faculty members: Heiko Hergert, Sean Liddick, Artemis Spyrou, and Remco Zegers. Artemis and Remco are experimental physics faculty, Heiko is a theorist, and Sean is a Nuclear Chemist. We will also be joined by laboratory graduate students, who will lead a laboratory tour between 5 and 6pm and will be happy to discuss their experiences with you over dinner right after.

**Careers in Pediatric Medicine**

Saturday, October 5th 11:00am-3:00pm  
*Hosted by Dr. Renuka Gera and Dr. Keith English*

Are you considering a career in medicine? Are you a premedical student with an interest in pediatrics? Join Dr. Renuka Gera and Dr. Keith English for brunch before attending the annual “Teddy Bear Picnic” alongside MSU College of Human Medicine medical students, pediatric faculty, and pediatric residents from Lansing, Flint, and Grand Rapids. The annual “Teddy Bear Picnic” is a free, family-friendly community event where youth are encouraged to bring their favorite stuffed animal to the Teddy Bear Hospital and if they have injuries, trained teddy bear doctors are there to make repairs. The Teddy Bear Hospital Staff is made up of healthcare students and professionals with the goal of helping children learn about what to expect from a visit to the doctor’s office. After the picnic, students are invited to attend an informal reception with medical students and residents where they may continue learning about what a career in medicine might look like.

Dr. English currently serves as Chair of the Department of Pediatrics and Human Development in the College of Human Medicine here at MSU and specializes in the study of pediatric infectious diseases. Dr. Gera serves as the Community Assistant Dean for the Lansing Campus of MSU’s College of Human Medicine and is known for her expertise in pediatric hematology and oncology.

**Delivering Equity Through Public Health: Living & Working in Our Communities**

Sunday, October 6th 4:00-6:00pm  
*Hosted by Dr. Renée Canaday, Dr. Connie Currier, and Dr. Wayne McCullough*

Have you thought about health equity? What does it mean to have a healthy community? Who has access to basic resources? Join Drs. Renée Canady, Connie Currier and Wayne McCullough as they lead an engaging conversation on equity through public health when living and working in our communities. This discussion will focus on how health equity frameworks can have a
significant impact on the lived experiences of people in differing communities. They will reference the stories of Henrietta Lacks and the Tuskegee Experiment to start generating the discussion on health, public health and health equity in the United States. Students will come away with an understanding of how public health professionals are making significant positive changes in communities: locally, nationally and globally.

Spartans in public health are empowering communities and improving health through education, advocacy, policy making, and research. We are public health professionals working with the community, in the community to advance health.

Dr. Renée Canady is CEO of the Michigan Public Health Institute and Adjunct Professor with the Master of Public Health program at Michigan State University.

Dr. Connie Currier is an Assistant Professor with the Master of Public Health program at Michigan State University.

Dr. Wayne McCullough is the Director of the Master of Public Health program and Associate Professor with the Department of Family Medicine at Michigan State University

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**On Randomness: I’d Rather be Lucky Than Smart Any Day**

**Tuesday, October 8th 6:00-8:00pm**

*Hosted by Dr. Philip Zecher*

People love stories. We often create stories to try to explain the random events surrounding us. In the world of finance and investing, this urge to create narratives has become a massive industry, and not just the financial media like CNBC and other talking heads are doing it. The investment community itself is filled with people unwittingly creating stories to explain the randomness of markets and trying to pass off luck as skill. As investors, underappreciating the role random events play can be costly in the long run. This is also true in many other life endeavors. Over pizza and soda, we’ll discuss the role randomness plays in our lives starting with how we in the investment office try to distinguish between lucky investors and skilled investors.

Dr. Zecher is the university’s chief investment officer and is responsible for investing the university’s $3 billion endowment portfolio.
Why Can’t/Don’t We All Get Along? Exploring the Tenets of Sustained Dialogue

Sunday, October 13th 4:00-6:00pm
*Hosted by Dr. Teresa Mastin*

We often voice that we want to engage with individuals who espouse a different worldview. However, in reality, many of us have a difficult time engaging with the ‘other’. How can we begin the journey of communicating with individuals that we consciously or subconsciously ‘other’? Sustained dialogue helps us understand why we “other” people whose experiences differ from our own while also providing tools that help us to 1) understand one another, 2) develop relationships with one another, and 3) collaborate with one another for a purpose of taking action to solve challenging issues. In this interactive session, you begin practicing sustained dialogue.

Teresa Mastin is the Chairperson of the Department of Advertising + Public Relations.

Foundation for your Success: Defining Your Purpose

Tuesday, October 22nd 5:30pm-7:30pm
*Hosted by Dr. Allyn Shaw, Dr. Denise Maybank, and Dr. Terrence Frazier*

Being able to understand who you are is an essential part of your growth and development in college. By knowing what is important to you, it will assist you in your discovery, how you define success. Join Drs. Maybank, Frazier and Shaw in a dynamic presentation and discussion on how to better understand and use your talents to explain your purpose. Discovering and refining what is imperative to you will help you strengthen friendships, work relationships and classroom success. Gaining knowledge about what is significant to you will assist your development and build a foundation from which you will make positive decisions in creating your definitions for success.

Come for dinner at the Student Services Building to find out how to be the best you.

Dr. Maybank is the Vice President for Student Affairs and Services and Drs. Frazier and Shaw are the Assistant Vice Presidents for Student Affairs. Both Drs. Maybank and Shaw are MSU alumni.
Big Data Finds Love: Computing and Connection on Campus

Friday, October 25th 3:00pm-5:00pm

Hosted by Dr. Katy Colbry and Dr. Dirk Colbry

Join us to check out a modern art installation in the Computational Mathematics, Science and Engineering department that represents the search for human connections amidst a vast array of data. Chat with two experts in computation and communication who help researchers across campus find meaning in “Big Data,” and enjoy a treat from the MSU Dairy Store!

Dr. Katy Colbry is the Assistant Dean for Graduate Student Services within the College of Engineering. Dr. Dirk Colbry is the Director of HPC Studies in the newly formed Department of Computational Mathematics, Science and Engineering.

Introduction to Sustainable Bioproducts

Friday, November 1st 6:00pm-8:00pm

Hosted by Dr. Mojgan Nejad

Description TBA.

Dr. Mojgan Nejad is an Assistant Professor of Green Bioproducts in the Chemical Engineering and Material Science Department at MSU. Her research interests include lignin-based bioproducts, wood coating, and wood protection.

Public Health Fireside Chat

Sunday, November 17th 1:00pm-3:00pm

Hosted by Dr. Debra Furr-Holden

Description TBA.

Dr. Furr-Holden is the Associate Dean for Public Health Integration and Director of the Flint Center for Health Equity Solutions. She also serves as the MSU Co-Director of the Healthy Flint Research Coordinating Center.
Imposter or Inclusion? How to recognize and create inclusive environments

Sunday, November 17\textsuperscript{th} 4:30pm-7:00pm

Hosted by Dr. Quentin Tyler

High achieving students and professionals demand a lot from themselves. College is often a time when people reach outside of their comfort zone to experience new things and surround ourselves with people who have different experiences to our own. While this is a fertile ground for personal growth, it can also leave us vulnerable to imposter syndrome, or a sense that someone’s going to figure out that we don’t belong in the places we’ve chosen, and the places that have chosen us. This feeling can be particularly acute for those of us in a racial, gender, or other minority in the space we’re in. But is it all in our heads, or do our environments bear some of the responsibility as well? We’ll talk about inclusion as a practice and have a frank conversation about some of the ways our environments fall short of helping everyone feel like they belong. How do we choose places that know how to welcome us? We’ll talk about the red and green flags for different working and learning environments, and how to build our own roads no matter where we land.

Join Dr. Quentin Tyler and the Office for Diversity Equity and Inclusion for dinner at Gregory’s soul food and a discussion about what belonging means and how to carry it with you into any environment.