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Michigan State University Chapter 041

Annual Initiation Ceremony and Banquet

April 16, 2011

Kellogg Center, Big Ten B
12:00 - 2:00 p.m.

PROGRAM

Welcome

Burton A. Bargerstock
President, MSU Chapter 041

Lunch

Invited Speaker

Dana Brazil
Associate Director
MSU Federal Credit Union
Institute for Arts & Creativity at Wharton Center

Initiation Ceremony and Induction

All Honored Candidates

Awards Presentation

Phi Kappa Phi National Graduate Fellowship Nominee
Jillian Stewart

Excellence Award in Interdisciplinary Scholarship
The Conservation Ethics Group

Love of Learning Award
Erik Byker
Lori Hoisington

Special Recognition

Tracy Dobson, Professor, Fisheries and Wildlife
Barbara O'Kelly, Research Specialist, Electrical and Computer Engineering

Conclusion

Burton A. Bargerstock

Founded in 1897, the primary objective of the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi is the recognition and encouragement of superior scholarship in all academic disciplines. The society believes that by recognizing and honoring those persons of good character, who have excelled in scholarship, that others will be stimulated to similar goals of excellence.

Michigan State University 2011 New Phi Kappa Phi Members

Undergraduate Initiates

Diane Alent
Kelly Anderson
Mary Aretakis
Rasheeda Augustine
Dustin Baker
Giovanni Barbat
Chelsea Beck
Nicholas Bellono
Ankur Bhambri
Jarrett Boroniec
Anthony Brown
Lauren Brown
Patricia Cashen
Yin Yin Cheah
David Crouse
Fernanda Cury-Almy
Jacquelyn DelValle
Kaitlyn Field
Kathleen Fineout
Alisha Finkbeiner
Sharon Frank
Carrie Frazier
David Fried
Elizabeth Garavito
Thomas Gatza
Beth Gniewek
Alexander Goeman
Dana Gradl
Nicole Holladay
Kaylee Howland-Dart
Kelly Jaynes
Andrew Jessmore
Masanari Katsumi
Michael Kennedy
Sae Lom Kim
Lucas Knox
Theresa Koenigsnecht
Emily Langenberg

Camille LeFevre
Congshan Li
Jessica Liu
Lauren LoGrasso
Kristin Long
Thomas Maatman
Andrew Mach
Patrick Mahaffy
Katherine March
Angela Marchand
Ian Mills
Erin Milne
Michael Montpetit
Matthew Mount
Kar Mun Neoh
Jolie Ngo
Jessie Olien
Kristine Osentoski
Chul Min Park
Drew Parkhurst
Danny Phan
Katelyn Provo
Ashley Shaffer
Kelly Shaw
Christopher Steffes
Jillian Stewart
Hannah Taylor
Samantha Tazzia
Amanda Thelen
Julian Thwainey
Jeff Tremblay
Erika Vivyan
James Weathers
Brianna Willis
Nelson Winkler
Rachel Worthington
Kaitlin Young
Laura Young

Graduate Initiates

Grace Chee
Han-Ei Chew
John Clements
Robert Coffey
Matthew Cox
Mary Joy Gordoncillo
Pawin Ittisamai
Erin Moran
Jessica Rivait
Boleslo Romero
Wendy Stafford

Faculty Initiates

Stephen Esquith
Elizabeth Simmons

**Congratulations,
2011 Initiates!**
Phi Kappa Phi is proud to
have you as members.

— FACULTY INITIATES —

The outstanding achievements of these faculty members represent the high standard of scholarship, professionalism, and public service that Phi Kappa Phi symbolizes and supports. The Michigan State University Chapter of Phi Kappa Phi is proud to grant membership to them.

Stephen L. Esquith, Ph.D.

Stephen L. Esquith completed his Ph.D. in political theory and philosophy at Princeton University in 1979. His research and teaching focuses on democratic transitions in post-authoritarian countries. He has written on the rule of law, the problem of democratic political education, mass violence and reconciliation, and moral and political responsibility. He has also been involved in numerous civic engagement projects in the public schools.

He led four study abroad programs focusing on ethical issues in development in Mali between 2004 and 2010, and he spent the academic year 2005-2006 teaching and working with colleagues at the University of Bamako as a senior Fulbright scholar.

Dr. Esquith has just completed a new book on mass violence and democratic political education, *The Political Responsibilities of Everyday Bystanders*, and co-edited a volume of essays on the capabilities approach to development, both published by Penn State University Press.

After serving as chair of the MSU Department of Philosophy for five years, in the fall of 2006 he became Dean of the new Residential College in the Arts and Humanities (RCAH), and now serves as one of the leaders of the doctoral specialization in Ethics and Development which he helped to found. The RCAH is an interdisciplinary program that emphasizes civic engagement, world history, global development, and the visual and performing arts.

Elizabeth H. Simmons, Ph.D.

Elizabeth H. Simmons is Professor of Physics in the College of Natural Science and Dean of Lyman Briggs College, a residential undergraduate college that focuses on the study of science in its historical, philosophical, and sociological context.

Her research focuses on the elementary subatomic particles, especially the top quark. She enjoys teaching physics courses at all levels, from introductory to graduate. Part of her mission as an educator is to encourage students from groups under-represented in physics to consider studies and careers in the physical sciences.

After completing her undergraduate degree in physics at Harvard University magna cum laude and being inducted into Phi Beta Kappa, Simmons earned an M.Phil. in physics at Cambridge University as a Churchill scholar. She returned to Harvard for her doctoral degree and postdoctoral fellowship, and spent a decade as a professor at Boston University before joining the MSU faculty in 2003.

Simmons is a Fellow and Outstanding Referee of the American Physical Society, a General Member of the Aspen Center for Physics, and Chair of the Board of Trustees of Summer Science Program, Inc. She won the ACE Michigan Network's Distinguished Woman in Higher Education Leadership Award in 2005 and served as a U.S. delegate to the International Conference on Women in Physics in 2008 (Korea) and 2011 (South Africa).

— INVITED SPEAKER —

Dana Brazil

Dana Brazil is the Associate Director of Michigan State University Federal Credit Union Institute for Arts & Creativity as well as being an M.F.A. acting student here at MSU in the College of Arts and Letters. She is a graduate of MSU College of Arts and Sciences and the American Academy of Dramatic Arts, New York. Dana is an award winning professional actor and teaching artist and is a proud member of the Actors' Equity Association and the Screen Actors Guild. In her spare time Dana enjoys teaching at the Williamston Theatre and serving on the board of directors for the new Stormfield Theatre.

— AWARDS —

Phi Kappa Phi National Graduate Fellowship Nominee

Jillian Stewart

Jillian Stewart graduated with honors in December 2010, earning a B.S. in kinesiology. While attending Michigan State University she was a member of the Honors College, as well as the women's lacrosse team and polo club. She currently works in the MSU anatomy laboratory and is the head coach for a local varsity women's lacrosse team. She will be attending Northwestern University in the fall of 2011 to pursue her doctorate in physical therapy. After earning her DPT, she plans to become certified in hippotherapy and eventually start her own nonprofit therapeutic riding center. If she is awarded a fellowship the funds will be used to purchase books and pay a portion of her tuition for the upcoming school year.

— AWARDS —

Excellence Award in Interdisciplinary Scholarship

The Conservation Ethics Group

Natural resource policy and decision making inescapably involve the fusion of ecological and social sciences with philosophical ethics. Whereas a policy or decision itself assumes the form of an argument prescribing a certain course of action, the premises underlying that argument are a fusion of factual claims derived from the ecological or social sciences, or value claims derived from philosophical ethics. Any assertion that we ought to engage in a given policy will, therefore, involve both empirical and normative claims. It is only through the consideration of both empirical and normative claims—not by either alone—that we can fully and wisely prescribe a course of action. However, there are very few examples of where natural resource policy is systematically, deliberatively, and rigorously treated in this fashion. In 2007, Dr. Nelson and Dr. Vucetich created the Conservation Ethics Group (CEG) to address this shortcoming. Drs. Gore and Bump joined CEG in 2009.

The vision of CEG has been to create a community (statewide, national, international) of natural resource professionals with an ability to wisely handle the ethical dimensions of natural resource management. To advance this vision, CEG has conducted training workshops for natural resource students and professionals on how to handle applied and theoretical aspects of conservation ethics, as well as problem-solving workshops focused on specific issues in natural resource management. The team also hopes to create a graduate concentration and an undergraduate specialization at MSU. Numerous publications have resulted from this collaboration, most recently the book *Moral Ground: Ethical Action for a Planet in Peril*, by Moore and Nelson (Trinity University Press, San Antonio, 2010).

Michael P. Nelson, Ph.D.

Professor, Environmental Ethics and Philosophy
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Michigan State University

Joseph K. Bump, Ph.D.

Assistant Professor, Wildlife Ecology
School of Forest Resources and Environmental Science
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— AWARDS —

Love of Learning Award

Erik Byker

Erik Byker is a fourth year Ph.D. candidate in the Curriculum, Teaching, and Educational Policy Program at Michigan State University, where he specializes in educational technology. He earned a Master of Education degree from the University of Virginia and a dual degree in elementary education and political science from Dordt College. In addition to pursuing his research interests in educational technology, Mr. Byker teaches online courses for the Master of Education program at Michigan State. In 2010, he was inducted into Phi Kappa Phi and applied for the Love of Learning Award. As an honored recipient of the award, Byker plans on using the scholarship to assist in the cost of collecting data for his dissertation research in Bangalore, India. Upon completion of the doctoral program, he plans to seek out an academic position in the field of teacher education and educational technology.

Lori Hoisington

Lori Hoisington is an adjunct instructor for the Department of Human Development and Family Studies and a senior MRI technologist and instructor for MRI in the Department of Radiology/MRI at Michigan State University. She also earned a Master in Family Studies degree at MSU in 2006. In 2010, her research in MRI breast cancer detection was accepted for presentation by the International Society of Magnetic Resonance in Medicine in Stockholm, Sweden. Ms. Hoisington applied for the Love of Learning Award to offset the expenses incurred while attending the conference. As she remains actively involved in her current research, Ms. Hoisington intends to expand her research in human development and family studies with a focus on youth development.



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