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Michigan State University Chapter 041

Annual Initiation and Awards Ceremony

March 23, 2024

Wharton Center for Performing Arts
10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

PROGRAM

Reception

Welcome

Burton A. Bargerstock
President, MSU Chapter 041

Invited Presentation

Sheril Kirshenbaum
Academic Specialist
Department of Community Sustainability
College of Agriculture and Natural Resources

Initiation Ceremony and Induction

All Honored Candidates

Awards Recognition

Graduate Fellowship Nominee
Nikita Nel

2023 Love of Learning
Enrique Nunez-Mussa

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, others will be stimulated to similar goals of excellence.

Michigan State University 2024 New Phi Kappa Phi Members

Initiates

Lana Adams
Anara Akhmetova
Ceren Aydin
Sam Barans
Maryam Berijanian
Lauren Bodine
Mia Bricker
Seth Carlson
Magdalena Cavka
Elizabeth Chapman
Kristen Chenowith
Mikala Coley
Christina Coric
Arielle Creps
Karly Diltz
Hao Dong
Holly Ebner
Maria Theodora Fernandes Fonseca
Michele Gale
Nolan Gergar
Nicole Gibbons
Jennifer Gissel
Ella Huff
Sagar Inamdar
Sara Kirkman
Christine Kite
Francis Kotch
Ellen Lahn
Xin Lan
Qiyang Lin
Benjamin Martin
Hunter McBurnett
Annabelle McClanahan
Samuel McLane

Rashmi Morampudi
Courtney Nejman
Nikita Nel
Caroline Orcutt
Annamarie Pantuso
Beatrice Papica
Amanda Piglowski
Angela Pitman
Hariharan Ramakrishnan
Trina Reilly
Rafae Sajid
Raquel Santiago Barrio
Sarah Scadding
David Schwartz
Mark Shafer
Nikki Sobell
Emily Spahr
Ethan Tippet
Paige Walker
Vanessa Weller
Jamey Wofford
Bethany Wolf
Mazen Zoubi

Faculty, Administration, Professional Staff, Alumni Initiates

Renee Brown
Sheril Kirshenbaum
Cara Poland
Teresa Woodruff

**Congratulations,
2024 Initiates!**

Phi Kappa Phi is proud to
have you as members.

— FACULTY, ADMINISTRATION, PROFESSIONAL STAFF, ALUMNI INITIATES —

The outstanding achievements of these individuals 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.

Renee C. Brown

Renee C. Brown is executive director of the Center for Community Engaged Learning at Michigan State University and co-director of the MSUvote Campus and Community Initiative, positions she has held since 2013. In these roles, she leads, develops, and expands community-engaged learning and student democratic engagement initiatives at the university. Notably, she established the MSU Community Engaged Learning Index, which highlights and elevates the collaborative work of faculty, students, and community partners. Under her leadership, MSU attained the prestigious No. 1 ranking among public institutions in service-learning by *U.S. News and World Report*. Additionally, Brown is interim executive director of the Career Services Network at MSU.

Brown also serves as the book editor for the *Michigan Journal of Community Service Learning* and contributes to the leadership team of The Research Universities Civic Engagement Network (TRUCEN). She further extends her commitment to community service by serving on the Board of Directors for the United Way of South Central Michigan. With a rich professional background, Brown previously held the role of executive director of the Michigan Campus Compact and served as assistant vice president of outreach and engagement at the University of Michigan-Flint. She earned her bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan-Flint and a master's from the University of Michigan. Throughout her career, she has focused on developing inclusive and reciprocal partnerships. Currently, Brown is engaged in research on the impact of mindfulness strategies for students and community partners involved in community-engaged partnerships and projects.

Sheril Kirshenbaum

See invited presentation.

Cara Poland

Cara Poland, M.D., M.Ed., FACP, DFASAM, is a recognized expert in addiction medicine. She is a faculty member at Michigan State University. She earned her medical degree from Wayne State University and was trained in internal medicine at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor, Michigan, and in addiction medicine at Boston Medical Center in Boston, Massachusetts. She received her master's degree in education from Boston University. She has an interest in educating health-care providers and providers-in-training to improve care for patients with substance use disorders, particularly during pregnancy and early parenting.

In 2018, Poland identified the need to strengthen the nation's addiction medicine workforce. MI CARES was born by utilizing State Opioid Response funds and creating collaboration among Michigan's medical schools. Led by Poland, MI CARES trains physician-level addiction specialists in Michigan and across the country. Over 1,000 physicians in all 50 states, Washington, DC, and Puerto Rico are currently on the pathway to becoming board-

certified in addiction medicine. The program also teaches physicians-in-training, resident physicians, social work students, social work practitioners, advanced practice registered nurses, and physician assistants. Her didactic program involves purposeful education with the goal of training prescribers to treat persons with substance use disorders in a kind, compassionate, destigmatized way. Poland also has a special interest in treating pregnant people and their families living with a substance use disorder.

A passionate and highly sought-after public speaker and educator, Poland regularly appears in the media and at community events advocating for those she serves. She has directly influenced policies and procedures around the treatment of people with substance use disorders. Her persistent advocacy has helped to advance more evidence-based treatment opportunities, as evidenced by her role as public policy chair for the American Society of Addiction Medicine.

Teresa Woodruff

As Michigan State University's interim president from Nov. 4, 2022, to March 1, 2024, Teresa Woodruff, Ph.D., guided the implementation of the university's 2030 strategic plan and furthered its mission of education, research, and outreach. She is an MSU Research Foundation Professor in the Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Reproductive Biology and the Department of Biomedical Engineering.

As interim president, Woodruff focused on advancing the university's strategic initiatives, building trust, enabling excellence, and affirming transparency, clarity, and authenticity. She has built strong partnerships and relationships both internally and externally, including with faculty, staff, students, alumni, state and federal legislators, campus partners, donors, and the university community. This work is leading to newly invigorated physical spaces on campus, including a new dairy, greenhouses, the MSU Museum, a new plant science building, a multidimensional engineering and digital innovation center, and a multicultural center.

Woodruff previously served as provost and executive vice president for academic affairs at MSU. As chief academic officer, Woodruff provided leadership for matters related to academic programs, research, and outreach. She oversaw the quality of the instruction, scholarship, and leadership development at the university through collaborative work with deans, faculty, and student leaders.

Prior to joining MSU in August 2020, Woodruff served as the dean and associate provost for graduate education in The Graduate School at Northwestern University and held the Watkins Professorship in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology. In 2006, she coined the term "oncofertility" to describe the merging of two fields: oncology and fertility preservation. She championed a new National Institutes of Health policy mandating the inclusion of both male and female biological variables in fundamental research.

Woodruff was awarded the Presidential Award for Excellence in Science Mentoring by former President Barack Obama. She has published more than 400 papers and edited or authored seven books.

— INVITED PRESENTATION —

Sheril Kirshenbaum

Sheril Kirshenbaum is an Emmy Award-winning scientist and author at Michigan State University. She works to enhance public understanding of science and improve communication between scientists, policymakers, and the public. She also hosts and writes the PBS series *Serving Up Science*.

Kirshenbaum is the author of *Unscientific America: How Scientific Illiteracy Threatens Our Future* with Chris Mooney and *The Science of Kissing: What Our Lips Are Telling Us*. Her work has been published in scientific journals, including *Science* and *Nature*, and she is featured in the anthology *The Best American Science Writing 2010*.

Kirshenbaum has been a Presidential Leadership Scholar, a Marshall Memorial Fellow, a legislative NOAA Sea Grant Knauss Fellow in the U.S. Senate with Senator Bill Nelson (D-FL), and a Next Generation Fellow through the Robert Strauss Center for International Security and Law. She co-founded the nonprofit organization Science Debate and served as executive director from 2015-2022.

Kirshenbaum holds master's degrees in marine biology and policy and will graduate with a Ph.D. from MSU this spring. Her research focuses on how senior congressional staffers in the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives make decisions about science and policy.

Previously Kirshenbaum served as director of the University of Texas at Austin Energy Poll. She has also worked with the Webber Energy Group at the Center for International Energy and Environmental Policy and Duke University's Nicholas Institute for Environmental Policy Solutions. She has been a visiting scholar with The Pimm Group, a fellow with the Center for Biodiversity and Conservation at the American Museum of Natural History, and a Howard Hughes Research Fellow.

— AWARDS AND OTHER RECOGNITIONS —

Graduate Fellowship Nominee

Nikita Nel

Nikita Nel is a fourth-year student in Lyman Briggs College at Michigan State University, majoring in biochemistry and molecular biology/biotechnology with a minor in bioethics. Nel is a first-generation South African immigrant with plans to pursue a career in academic medicine, intending to improve national health outcomes for low-income, underserved communities. For the past four years, she has worked

as a researcher in the Department of Food Science and Human Nutrition and has mentored other students as an undergraduate research ambassador. She has presented her work at 11 research conferences, received multiple awards for her presentations, and is a co-author of several peer-reviewed scientific articles. Nel is a member of the MSU Homecoming Court and currently serves as president of MSU MEDLIFE. She also volunteers weekly with MSU Adaptive Sports Club, the Greater Lansing Food Bank, Sparrow Hospital, and many other organizations. She has received multiple medical school acceptances, including the University of Virginia, the University of Cincinnati, and the University of Toledo.

Love of Learning

Enrique Núñez-Mussa

Enrique Núñez-Mussa is a Fulbright scholar and a Ph.D. student in the Information and Media program in the School of Journalism of Michigan State University.

He is an external graduate student affiliated with the Center for Latinx Digital Media of Northwestern University and the Center for Information, Technology, and Public Life of UNC Chapel Hill.

His research interests are journalism's societal function, authority, discourse, and norms. At Michigan State, as a graduate assistant, Enrique is an instructor of record of journalism undergraduate courses; before, he was an adjunct assistant professor at the School of Journalism of Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile (PUC), where he was the faculty advisor of the Journalism School's fact-checking initiative and online magazine.

He has worked on projects about misinformation and fact-checking, digital news, and journalism and democracy, such as the Chilean chapters of the *Digital News Report* and *The Media for Democracy Monitor*. His work has been published in book chapters and journals like *Communication & Society*, *Estudios sobre el Mensaje Periodístico*, *Comunicación y Sociedad*, and *Obra Digital*.

He holds a Master Erasmus Mundus in journalism, media, and globalization from Aarhus University with a joint degree in journalism and media across cultures from Hamburg University. His bachelor's degree is in social communication, with a major in journalism and a minor in Literature from PUC. He also holds a certificate in photojournalism from Aarhus University and one in university teaching from PUC.

— Michigan State University Chapter of
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