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*93 Years at Michigan State University*  
**1927 - 2020**

Michigan State University Chapter 041

***Annual Initiation and Awards Ceremony***

**March 28, 2020**

Jackson Lounge, 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**

James Forger  
Dean, College of Music  
Professor of Saxophone  
Michigan State University

*and*

Deborah Moriarty  
Professor of Piano and Chair of the Piano Area  
College of Music  
Michigan State University

## **Initiation Ceremony and Induction**

All Honored Candidates

## **Awards Recognition**

Excellence Award in Interdisciplinary Scholarship  
Sustainable Community Development in Tanzania 2019

Graduate Fellowship Nominee  
Nathan Wicks

Study Abroad Grant  
Layla Brooks

### **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 2020 New Phi Kappa Phi Members

### **Undergraduate Initiates**

Aastha Bahl  
Michael Barger  
Jacob Beasecker  
Sarah Broida  
Sydney Brown  
Nicholas Clarizio  
Matthew Deering  
Thomas DeMastri  
Margaret Demko  
Olivia Erlewein  
Michael Flynn  
Sai Gadde  
Adam Grabowski  
Cami Hancock  
Rachel Hyland  
Taylor Itsell-Olson  
Jennifer Johnson  
Jessica Kelley  
Taylor Kovach  
Samantha Kowalczyk  
Kelsey Kribs  
Megan Lee  
Christy Leeck  
Anthony Luongo  
Erin Mahan  
Patrick Marchal  
Alexandra Martin  
Autumn McLane-Svoboda  
Gloria Noble  
Nathan Pence

Cristina Recchia  
Marissa Rivera  
Jillian Schupbach  
Berkley Sorrells  
Joseph Strother  
Abigale Tremp  
Andrew Waack  
Chase Warner  
Nathan Wicks

### **Graduate Initiates**

Krishnan Anantharaman  
Renee Augustyn  
Andrew Bailey  
Christopher Baish  
Cody Bansale  
Andre Bateman  
Joel Berends  
Timothy Bierema  
Sinead Brien  
Andrew Champine  
Michael Del Negro  
Kyle Dunbar  
Kristin Erickson  
Alyssa Fredericks  
Trevor Friedeberg  
Mimi Gong  
Angela Hards  
Meghan Kennedy  
Megan Lagestee  
Jenna Li  
Kaitlin Murtagh

Carla Nunez  
Brittany O'Toole  
Jiyun Park  
Kelly Pohl  
Tara Reyelts  
Ally Roberts  
Claire Schertzling  
Jennifer Thompson  
Annabelle Wilkinson  
Matthew Winkler  
Katelyn Young  
Melanie Zarembo

### **Faculty, Administration, Professional Staff, Alumni Initiates**

Rui Niu-Cooper  
James Forger  
Borys Hrinchenko

**Congratulations,  
2020 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.

### **James Forger**

*See Invited Presentations.*

### **Borys Hrinchenko**

Dr. Hrinchenko earned a Bachelor of Arts degree at New York University, graduating *magna cum laude*. He subsequently attended the University of Kansas at Lawrence and obtained a PhD in organic chemistry. He then pursued postdoctoral research at the University of Chicago. Afterwards, he was employed as a research chemist in industry. Following much soul searching, Dr. Hrinchenko decided to pursue a career in medicine and was accepted to the State University of New York at Downstate. He completed his internship and residency in internal medicine at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota. This was followed by a hematology and oncology fellowship at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Maryland. He continued for an additional two years as a research associate at the NIH in the Molecular Medicine Branch under the mentorship of Dr. Alan Schechter. Dr. Hrinchenko was appointed to faculty positions at the University of Alabama at Birmingham and subsequently at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland. He has been a faculty member in the College of Human Medicine at MSU for the past 10 years. Dr. Hrinchenko has collaborated closely with scientists interested in basic cancer research, which has led to grant funding and patent applications. He has successfully obtained over a million dollars in grant funding for cancer clinical trials at MSU. In addition, he was the co-director of the MSU and McLaren Great Lakes Cancer Institute. He also has a passion for mentoring students in clinical research. Currently, he is the director of the combined McLaren and MSU Hematology and Oncology Fellowship program. He was also elected as a fellow to the Royal Society of Medicine and to the Alpha Omega Alpha medical honor society. Dr. Hrinchenko serves on the steering committee of the Big Ten Cancer Research Consortium and also on the College of Human Medicine Faculty Advisory and Executive committees. Dr. Hrinchenko and Helena, his wife of 27 years, have one son, Nicholas, who is a graduate of MSU. In his spare time, Dr. Hrinchenko likes to travel, play chess, watch classic movies, and spend time with his family and friends.

### **Rui Nui-Cooper**

Dr. Rui Niu-Cooper is an associate professor and the director of the Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) and English as a Second Language (ESL) programs in the Grand Valley State University (GVSU) College of Education. She was a director of the ESL and bilingual programs at Aquinas College for more than six years before she moved to GVSU. Dr. Niu-Cooper earned her Ph.D. from Michigan State University in teacher education with a concentration of English as a second language, English as a foreign language, and foreign language teaching. Dr. Niu-Cooper has won multiple awards from MSU and Aquinas, including the Dean's Scholarship, College Research Fund, and graduate student award. In 2016, Dr. Cooper was awarded a \$2.53 million U.S. federal grant to work with ESL teachers

## — INVITED PRESENTATION —

### **James Forger**

James B. Forger is Professor and Dean of the College of Music at Michigan State University. Prior to his current appointment, he was a member of the faculty of East Carolina University.

Dean Forger has performed widely throughout South America, Europe, Asia, and the former Soviet Union, and has been active as a saxophone soloist, appearing with orchestras such as the Pittsburgh Symphony, Warsaw Philharmonic, Grand Teton Music Festival Orchestra, and Grand Rapids Symphony, as well as recent concerts in Cuba, China, India, and Uzbekistan. He has commissioned and recorded a number of new works. Recent interests and initiatives have included those related to music and social justice, musical entrepreneurship, and music for special populations.

Forger is the founder of two community music schools in East Lansing and Detroit that currently serve, on an annual basis, a diverse population of approximately 5,000, seeking to provide access to the power of music regardless of economic barriers. He joined the MSU faculty as assistant professor of saxophone in 1979. He became director of the School of Music in 1990, and then dean when Music became MSU's 17th college in 2007. During his tenure as dean, new programs, including ethnomusicology, early childhood music education, and jazz studies, were initiated.

He is active in the National Association of Schools of Music (NASM), where he has served as a member of the Commission on Accreditation, is currently chair of the Accrediting Commission for Community and Precollegiate Arts Schools (ACCPAS) Commission on Non-Degree Granting Accreditation, and has chaired numerous accreditation visits across the United States.

Dean Forger earned his undergraduate and graduate degrees at the University of Michigan.

### **Deborah Moriarty**

Deborah Moriarty is professor of piano and chair of the piano area at the Michigan State University College of Music, where she is a recipient of the Distinguished Faculty Award. A Massachusetts native, she made her debut with the Boston Symphony Orchestra at age 11. She has also served on the piano faculty at the New England Conservatory of Music and the University of Lowell. Moriarty attended the Curtis Institute of Music, the Juilliard School, and the New England Conservatory of Music, where she received her master of music degree with honors. She has studied with Russell Sherman, Theodore Lettvin, and Beveridge Webster. An active recitalist and soloist with orchestras throughout the eastern United States, she has also performed in Belgium, Japan, Colombia, Mexico, and the Soviet Union. Moriarty is a founding member of the Fontana Ensemble of Michigan, and as an advocate of new music, has participated in numerous premiere performances including Milton Babbitt's "Whirled Series" at Merkin Hall in New York City. She has recordings on the Crystal and CRI labels.

## — AWARDS —

### **Excellence Award in Interdisciplinary Scholarship**

#### **Sustainable Community Development in Tanzania 2019**

Sustainable Community Development in Tanzania (SCDT) 2019 was a six-week education abroad program offered in the College of Social Science at MSU. The Tanzania Partnership Program (TPP) of the Office of International Studies and Programs funded it. SCDT 2019 was a collaborative program between MSU and Tanzanian universities, namely University of Dar es Salaam, Sokoine University of Agriculture, and Dar es Salaam University College of Education. The faculty leader of the program was Jonathan Choti (linguistics and languages), assisted by two PhD students, Ja'La Wourman (rhetoric and writing) and Pauline Wambua (education policy). The faculty leader of the Tanzanian team was Victoria Moshly (resources assessment), assisted by Emiliana Mwita (education) and Iddi Kimera (veterinary medicine). Two graduate students in the Tanzanian team were Barakaeli Matulu and Francis Mkasiwa (resources assessment). Seven MSU and seven Tanzanian undergraduate students participated. They represented a wide range of disciplines, such as environmental economics and management, food industry management, environmental studies and sustainability, leadership and integrated learning, human development and family studies, education, global and international studies, zoology, horticulture, and veterinary medicine.

The curriculum of SCDT 2019 consisted of teaching, research, and service. Teaching included Swahili lessons, presentations, discussions, lectures, and field trips. Besides, the team helped complete a dining pavilion at Naitolia Primary School. Research activities involved four teams, i.e. Agriculture, Water Access and Safety, Education, and Energy/Environment. Each team addressed a pressing issue in Naitolia Village. The teams determined project scope, research objectives, methodology, data collection and analysis, interventions, and recommendations. Agriculture Team investigated food issues and livelihoods while Education Team examined the gap between education stakeholders (i.e. teachers, students, education officers, school committee, and parents) at Mswakini Primary School. Energy/Environment Team studied biogas production using cow dung. Water Access and Safety Team studied the impact of the rehabilitated pond and rainwater harvesting in the village.

#### **Team Leaders**

##### **Jonathan Choti, Ph.D.**

Assistant Professor, Department of Linguistics and German, Slavic, Asian, and African Languages, College of Arts and Letters

##### **Pauline Wambua**

Doctoral Candidate, Educational Policy, College of Education

##### **Ja'La Wourman**

Doctoral Candidate, Department of Writing, Rhetoric, and American Cultures, College of Arts and Letters

## — AWARDS —

### Graduate Fellowship Nominee

#### Nathan Wicks

Nathan Wicks is a senior at Michigan State University, majoring in criminal justice and psychology with a minor in law, justice, and public policy. Wicks' interest in the criminal justice field began in high school while he was taking a business law class and participating in mock trials along with the debate club. Wicks has continued to gain experience in the criminal justice field by working as an intern at Wixom Police Department. He is currently volunteering as a tutor at the Refugee Development Center, helping refugees understand and learn the English language. Wicks has accepted an offer to get his master's to study criminal justice with a focus on crime analysis at Boston University. He was also accepted to Michigan State University, Florida State University, and the University of Nebraska–Omaha. Wicks hopes to become a federal law enforcement officer and help keep communities across America safe.

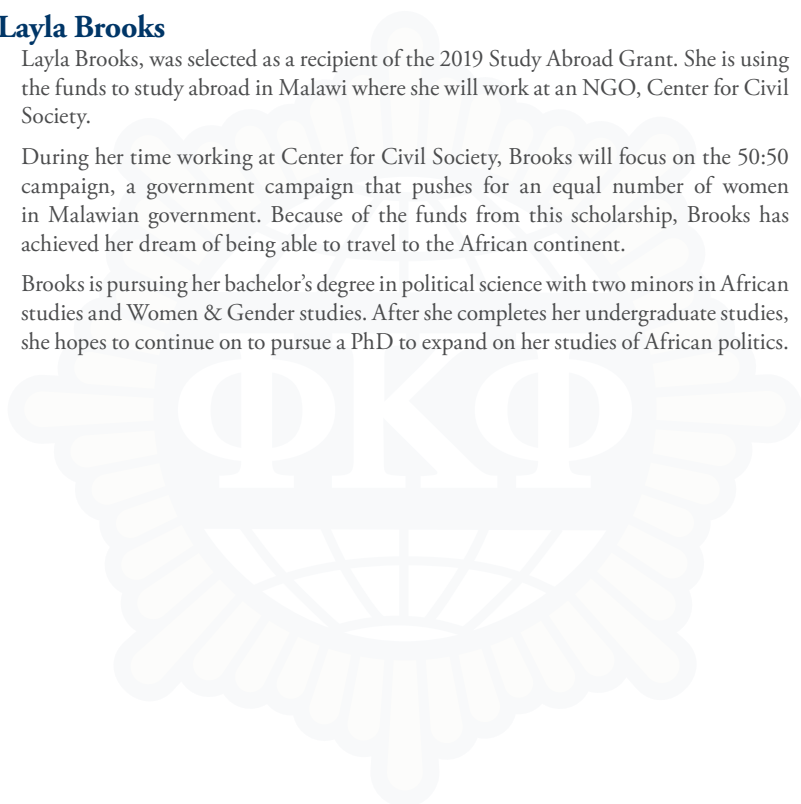
### Study Abroad Grant

#### Layla Brooks

Layla Brooks, was selected as a recipient of the 2019 Study Abroad Grant. She is using the funds to study abroad in Malawi where she will work at an NGO, Center for Civil Society.

During her time working at Center for Civil Society, Brooks will focus on the 50:50 campaign, a government campaign that pushes for an equal number of women in Malawian government. Because of the funds from this scholarship, Brooks has achieved her dream of being able to travel to the African continent.

Brooks is pursuing her bachelor's degree in political science with two minors in African studies and Women & Gender studies. After she completes her undergraduate studies, she hopes to continue on to pursue a PhD to expand on her studies of African politics.



# — Michigan State University Chapter of The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi —

## Chapter Executive Committee

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Lauren J. Harris, Member-at-Large

## 2019-2020 Committee Chairpersons

Burton A. Bargerstock   George Mansour   Francisco A. Villarruel

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*Philosophía Krateító Phôtôn*

*Let the love of learning rule humanity*