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Michigan State University Chapter 041

Annual Initiation and Awards Ceremony

April 15, 2023

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

William Hart-Davidson
Professor, Department of Writing, Rhetoric and American Cultures and Associate
Dean for Research and Graduate Education, College of Arts and Letters

Initiation Ceremony and Induction

All Honored Candidates

Awards Recognition

2022 Love of Learning
Joel Berends
Alyssa LaBerge

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 2023 New Phi Kappa Phi Members

Initiates

William Anderson
Harrison Barber
Barbara Bellinger
Joseph Bertolini
Sera Yazar Besev
Katrina Blair
Nicholas Bray
Erik Brodsky
Grant Bruninga
Emily Busch
Tzu-Hung Chou
Thomas Claringbold
Hayden Connor-Kuntz
Michael Conte
Aidan Davis
Aaron Elkin
Leah Eschrich
Raid Faddah
Katherine Fernandez-Olson
Heather George
Tabitha Guidebeck
Katrina Halgren
Sophie Handley
Annie Henseler
Caitlin Highland
Allison Hornung
Leah Jansen
Saketh Kamaraju
Jacob Keuning

Ahmer Khan
Eddy Kong
Joshua Kreiter
Harrison Kubicki
Jack Kukulis
Macy Lee
David Luc
Chris Mandoka
Tonya Mann
Hannah McKee
Bennett Meissner
Isaac Miller
Danielle Momany
Taryn Morikawa
Ella Morrow
Arunav Nanda
Nicole Nesbitt
Gabrielle Neuman
Ken Nichols
Janeekemoni Noble
Enrique Nunez-Mussa
Sean ODonnell
Molly Pandrea
Kiana Pearson
Molly Postma
Carrie Robbins
Margaret Schmitt
Kendra Shannon
Michaela Shope
AnnaLiese Singer

Rachel Smalley
Leigh Alexandra Southworth-
Molchan
Lauren Spiegel
AmyAnne Tantalo
Ariana Tyler
Janhavi Venkatesh
Guangjing Wang
April-Hope Wareham
Ethan Weitzman
Katherine Wierenga
Nikki Wilder
Kristina Wlasiuk
Jenelle Zadik

Faculty, Administration, Professional Staff, Alumni Initiates

Kwesi Brookins
Desiree Baolian Qin
William Hart-Davidson
Kristina Reitler
Morgan Shipley
Emilie Smith

**Congratulations,
2023 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.

William Hart-Davidson

See Invited Presentations.

Kwesi Brookins

Kwesi Brookins, Ph.D., is associate provost for University Outreach and Engagement and a professor of ecological-community psychology at Michigan State University. He is a former professor of psychology and Africana studies at NC State University. During his time at NC State, he founded the Africana Studies Program and several study abroad programs in Africa, directed the Center for Family and Community Engagement, and was vice provost for University Outreach and Engagement. Dr. Brookins has conducted research with communities across the state of North Carolina and, more recently, led a community-university partnership with Black communities in Southeast Raleigh. He has published several studies on community-based interventions, African American identity development, and the necessity of developing a social and political consciousness for community leadership and activism. In 2018-19, Dr. Brookins was an American Council of Education Fellow, during which he spent a year at Virginia Commonwealth University and visited institutions across the United States and Canada to learn best practices in urban community engagement.

Desiree Baolian Qin

Desiree Baolian Qin, Ed.D., is an associate professor of human development and family studies at MSU. Her research, funded by the William T. Grant Foundation and the Spencer Foundation, focuses on highlighting nuanced, complex family processes that have been overlooked in quantitative work on Asian immigrant families, especially struggle in parent-child relations, e.g., emotional alienation, parent-child conflicts, communication challenges, and the negative impact of “tiger parenting.” Her recent project examines academic and psychosocial adaptation challenges of Chinese international students. Dr. Qin is also interested in decolonizing research methodology, mindfulness, and the science of well-being. Outside her academic work, she enjoys Zen meditation and writing poems and essays that help with healing.

Kristina Reitler

Kristina Reitler serves as associate director of employer relations at the Eli Broad College of Business Russell Palmer Career Management Center. She develops and implements engagement strategies to connect students with top employers. In a previous role, Ms. Reitler was a hotel director of sales and provided top-notch event services while mentoring and motivating a diverse group of 12 team members. Her experience in sales has given her a deep understanding of effective communication, marketing strategies, and leadership.

She earned her master's from Michigan State University's Eli Broad College of Business and her bachelor's from the same college's School of Hospitality Business. Her core competencies include guest service leadership, strategic planning, partnership & collaboration, relationship building, and team development.

Morgan Shipley

Morgan Shipley, Ph.D., is the inaugural Foglio Endowed Chair of Spirituality and associate chair for undergraduate studies for the Department of Religious Studies at Michigan State University. Author of *Psychedelic Mysticism: Transforming Consciousness, Religious Experiences, and Voluntary Peasants in Postwar America* (Lexington Books, 2015) and coeditor of *The Silence of Fallout: Nuclear Criticism in a Post-Cold War World* (Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2013), Dr. Shipley's research explores spirituality and heterodox religious inflections in the United States through a distinctly interdisciplinary perspective, with a particular focus on 1) understanding mystical and esoteric new religions that highlight spirituality as opposed to institutional religiosity, 2) positioning individuals and groups who increasingly identify as spiritual but not religious, and 3) advancing secular spirituality as a distinct way of engaging the world by seeking out more inclusive, virtuous, and responsible ways of being and being together.

Emilie Smith

Emilie Smith, Ph.D., is a professor of human development and family studies, the inaugural College of Social Science Distinguished Senior Scholar, and lead of MSU's Youth Equity Project, Thematic Area on Marginalized Youth. Dr. Smith previously served as the Janette McGarity Barber Professor and head of the Department of Human Development and Family Science at the University of Georgia. She is a Fellow of Division 27, Society for Community Research and Action of the American Psychological Association. She has served as an associate editor of the *American Journal of Community Psychology*, on the editorial board of the *Journal of Adolescent Research*, and as a consulting editor for numerous other journals.

Dr. Smith has served on the elected Executive Board of the Society for Prevention Research and currently serves on the elected Governing Council of the Society for Research on Child Development. Her work at the local and national levels has demonstrated effective approaches to engaging lower-income ethnic minority families into prevention research using group-based family and community, culturally informed approaches. This is epitomized in her coedited book, *Preventing Youth Violence in a Multicultural Society* (2006, American Psychological Association), as well as in her coedited Special Section on Positive Youth Development in Diverse and Global Contexts in the journal *Child Development*. Her work on racial-ethnic identity and socialization among marginalized youth and social justice approaches to positive youth development is highly cited in the field. Dr. Smith has received over \$20 million in national and foundation funding for her research on promoting positive child and family development, along with numerous local and national awards.

— INVITED PRESENTATION —

William Hart-Davidson

Bill Hart-Davidson earned his Ph.D. in 1999 in rhetoric & composition from Purdue University. He is a professor in the Department of Writing, Rhetoric, and American Cultures, a senior researcher in the Writing, Information, and Digital Experience Research Center, and associate dean for research and graduate education in the College of Arts & Letters. He has published over 100 articles and book chapters and is co-inventor of Eli Review, a software service that supports writing instruction.

— AWARDS AND OTHER RECOGNITIONS —

Love of Learning

Joel Berends

Joel Berends is a doctoral student in the Curriculum, Instruction, and Teacher Education Program at Michigan State University. He works with secondary English interns and teaches courses on professional practice, social foundations of education, and critical literacies. Joel is also an editorial assistant for *English Teaching: Practice & Critique* and a Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) and American Institute for Indonesian Studies (AIFIS) Fellow. Joel previously taught high school language arts and social studies in both the U.S and Indonesia.

Joel will use the funds to support presentations of his work at the Bergamo Conference on Curriculum Theory and Classroom Practice and at the National Council of Teachers of English conference.

Alyssa LaBerge

Alyssa LaBerge is a third-year doctoral student in the School of Criminal Justice at Michigan State University. Alyssa is a graduate research assistant and project manager for the Juvenile Risk Assessment Team. Alyssa's primary research interests are the intersection of the juvenile justice and child welfare systems and the prevention of juvenile delinquency among maltreated youth.

Alyssa will be using funds from the Phi Kappa Phi Love of Learning Award to present her research, "Child Welfare Involved Youth: Predicting Adolescent Juvenile Justice System Involvement," at a national conference.

— Michigan State University Chapter of
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