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Join us on Tuesday, September 20, 2022, from 11:30 AM-1:30 PM for our ESPP Fall Open House. Meet with faculty, staff and students. Check out the new ESPP student lounge. Lunch will be provided. Will we meet in Giltner Hall, Rm. 273. Stay tuned for more details and a link to RSVP.

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The Call for Proposals is attached including the link for submissions. Files should be labeled with student name, program/unit, and which award. Here is an example to follow: Spartan, Green - ANP - Corey Award. If a student is applying for both Corey and Thompson, there should be two files uploaded, one for Corey and one for Thompson. All dossiers need to be submitted by 11:59p.m. on Friday, November 4, 2022.

MSU IT AT&T Awards

Applications are now open for the AT&T Excellence in Teaching with Technology Awards, which recognize effective uses of instructional technology to support student success in credit-bearing courses at MSU. Faculty, instructors, and teaching assistants can submit applications starting Sept. 1 through Oct. 28. [Learn more here.](#)

Workshops, Events, & Other Opportunities

Triple G Colloquium | Insights from 10 Years of Energy Access Research in Africa | 09-16-22 | 4 PM

Join the Geography Graduate Group for our first Triple G Colloquium event for the Fall Semester as we welcome Professor Pam Jagger from the School for Environment and Sustainability at the University of Michigan. Dr. Jagger will present "Insights from 10 Years of Energy Access Research in Africa." This in-person event will take place in Snyder Hall, Rm. 301. [Click here for more details.](#)

National Postdoc Appreciation Lunch | 09-20-22 | 12-1 PM

Get to know the Graduate School with Associate Provost and Dean of the Graduate School, Pero Dagbovie. Join us for lunch and conversation to learn about what the Graduate School has to offer. [Learn more and register here.](#)

COGS Coffee & Connection | 09-22-22 | 9-10 AM | MSU Horticulture Gardens

We're kicking off our popular coffee hour series with a special gathering on Sept. 22 at the MSU Horticultural Gardens. Drop by for a hot beverage, treats and camaraderie, and maybe even discover a new part of campus! The MSU Horticultural Gardens have beautiful areas to wander and to sit and chat! Note that we'll be changing locations/days/times throughout the semester so hopefully folks will find time to come out and say hello and get to know the campus community along the way. Stay tuned to the COGS events page: <https://cogs.msu.edu/upcoming-events/> and social media. We hope to see you there!

- Details: Thurs. Sept. 22 @ 9-10AM
- Location: MSU Horticulture Gardens
- 1066 Bogue Street - look for us by the conservatory bldg./north gardens
- Parking: pay by plate lot# 54, 1066 Bogue St., or Permit Lot #46, 578 Wilson Rd.

New MSU Learning Community for Teaching and Learning Strategies for Large-Format Classes

As we begin another semester full of potential, I know many of you are eager for opportunities to connect, share, and learn from each other. In that spirit, Brandy Ellison and Eddie Boucher are inviting you to join the Large Courses Learning Community (LCLC), sponsored by MSU's Academic Advancement Network. The focus of the learning community is around teaching and learning strategies for large-format classes. We welcome anyone who engages in or hopes to engage in the facilitation of learning, including undergraduate and graduate students and teaching assistants, staff members, and faculty. Additionally, we will manage a dedicated google drive site for relevant resources that emerge as a result of this new learning community. Our initial meeting will focus on introductions, sharing experiences, and gathering questions and areas of interest to plan for future meetings. If you can only attend a meeting or two, or can only stay part of the time, please join whenever you are able.

The meeting schedule is below. Meetings will be held on campus this year. We will also provide a virtual option to join those meetings for those who are unable to attend in person. Light snacks will be provided for attendees. If you would like to be included on future communications about the learning community, reply to this email and I will add you to our contact list. And PLEASE share this information with your colleagues and networks if you feel it would be relevant for them--especially those who teach or oversee large-format classes here at MSU. We look forward to learning with you this semester! If you have any questions or suggestions, you can contact us at belliso1@msu.edu and bouche50@msu.edu.

- Thursday, September 22, 3:30-4:30pm
 - Berkey Hall 309B | Zoom link: <https://msu.zoom.us/j/94311967253> | Passcode: lclc
- Thursday, October 20, 3:30-4:30pm
 - Berkey Hall 309B | Zoom link: <https://msu.zoom.us/j/93096678546> | Passcode: lclc
- Thursday, November 17, 3:30-4:30pm

- Berkey Hall 309B | Zoom link: <https://msu.zoom.us/j/97393094254> | Passcode: lclc
- Thursday, December 15, 3:30-4:30pm
 - Berkey Hall 309B | Zoom link: <https://msu.zoom.us/j/98674279340> | Passcode: lclc

Navigating the Master's | 09-23-22 | 9 AM-12 PM

This interactive, hybrid writing workshop is designed to help students develop an individualized plan for understanding graduate school more generally and graduate writing more specifically. [Learn more and register here.](#)

COGS Tailgates: Front Lawn at Chittenden Hall | 09-24 and 10-15

Thanks to all who came out to our first tailgate on Sept. 10th ! We hope you'll come out to join your fellow graduate & professional students on **Sept. 24th and Oct. 15th** as we enjoy some food, Live DJ, lawn games and fun with friends old and new! Tailgates start 3 hours prior to kick-off. Want to go to the game? Here's some information for Graduate/Professional students: <https://cogs.msu.edu/services/grad-section-tickets/> Go Green! Go White!

Telling Better Stories with the Same Facts | 09-27-22 | 9 AM-12 PM

This workshop will teach you how to tell stories that about your research accomplishments that grab the interviewer's interest, even when they don't understand the science at all; how to make your stories engaging and memorable; and five things you can tell stories about that help an industry hiring manager see that you will be a great addition to their team. [Learn more and register here.](#)

Biology on Tap (BoT) is back!

BoT is a community outreach event once a month where two scientists give 15–20-minute non-technical talks to the public at a local pub. The audience can then participate in trivia on the presentations for a chance to win prizes! BoT will be held at either the Michigan Wildlife Conservancy's Wildlife Pub or Ozone's Brewhouse (depending on weather/season and speaker preferences) on the first Thursday of each month at 7 PM, starting in October! That said, we are currently looking for speakers! Talks can be about any topic in biology that interests you and we will work to pair speakers together under a common theme. Scientists at any stage in their career are encouraged to speak. If you are interested in giving a talk in 2022 and/or 2023, please complete the following form: <https://forms.gle/t3NdcSFMb2WVQch98> Please contact Brooke Jeffery at jeffe138@msu.edu with questions.

Workshop: Staying Strong in Graduate School- Increasing Motivation | 10-11-22 | 4-5 PM

One of the most difficult things about graduate school is having to sustain high levels of motivation for a very long time. If you are feeling your motivation fading and aren't sure how to keep going, you are not alone! In this workshop, we will talk about specific strategies to build and/or recover sustainable motivational structures and practices in your life. [REGISTER HERE](#) For more great workshops, programming and professional development events, check out **The Graduate School Calendar** here: <https://grad.msu.edu/calendar>

The Sci-Files

Sci-Files is always looking for MSU graduate & professional students to speak about their research on the MSU student radio station, Impact 89FM - <https://impact89fm.org/>. The Sci-Files is an award-winning show with over 150 episodes highlighting the research of MSU students. Students from any discipline are welcome to email scifiles89fm@gmail.com if you are interested in being interviewed. Check out the Sci-Files Podcasts here: <https://impact89fm.org/the-sci-files/>

Want to Get Involved with COGS and check out available services and funding opportunities?

- Consider joining a committee where your voice can make an impact! The University has several committees that come up throughout the year that need the Graduate/Professional student perspective. Just email office@cogs.msu.edu if you are interested in serving or if you have questions.
- If your department is not currently represented on the COGS Full Council, consider becoming a full council representative. Find out more here: [COGS Representation](#)
- Full Council Meetings take place monthly on Wednesdays. See website for updates/information: <https://cogs.msu.edu/governance/>
- COGS has several **funding opportunities** available, including professional development and conference attendance awards as well as funds for GSOs to hold events. <https://cogs.msu.edu/resources/funding/>
- Other **services** available to Graduate & Professional students:
Visit: <https://cogs.msu.edu/services/> -- Including discount tickets to Wharton Center Performances! <https://cogs.msu.edu/services/wharton-tickets/>
- COGS Social **Events** and workshops: Throughout the year, we'll host or support social events and workshops to bring graduate & professional students together. Keep an eye on our Events page for updates and information: <https://cogs.msu.edu/upcoming-events/>

Graduate Student All Recovery Meeting: A Peer Recovery Meeting

This program is a new resource developed by MSU's Collegiate Recovery Community (CRC) for graduate students navigating recovery from addiction. This group meets on the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the Month at 9 a.m. in Room 27, Student Services Building. Email Dawn Kepler at dkepler@msu.edu with any questions.

Job Opportunities

Info Tech Programmer Analyst 11

This position is responsible for providing architecture support, software administration, and configuration management for enterprise geospatial tools and applications in support of agency specific and enterprise applications. Activities include monitoring of key business continuity indicators, impact

analysis for infrastructure changes, configuration and support of geospatial software and tools, performance monitoring, and geospatial application and service deployment. This position is responsible for designing, creating, testing, and implementing map services in support of agency and enterprise-wide applications and services. This individual will work in coordination with Data Architects and the Database Administrator to create, test, and integrate agency specific and statewide data into the Enterprise Spatial Data Warehouse. [Click here for more details.](#)

Assistant Professor in Urban and Peri-Urban Climate Resilience

The Department of Forest Resources Management at the Vancouver campus of the University of British Columbia (UBC) invites applications for a tenure-stream position at the rank of Assistant Professor in the field of Urban and Peri-Urban Climate Resilience. The successful applicant is expected to play a key role in undergraduate and graduate teaching in the thematic area of social-ecological approaches for advancing climate resilience in urban and peri-urban contexts. [Click here to learn more.](#)

Renewable Energy Professional Positions | Ranger Power

Ranger Power has several positions available. Ranger Power is a utility-scale solar development company headquartered in Chicago, IL. Ranger develops utility-scale solar and battery storage projects around the United States. The company is comprised of experienced renewable energy professionals and is looking to grow its team. [Click here to learn more.](#)



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ESPP FALL OPEN HOUSE

Join the Environmental Science and Policy Program for a complimentary lunch, meet with faculty, staff and students and check out the new ESPP student lounge. Dr. Lifeng Luo, ESPP Director, will provide a brief overview of what the program has planned for the upcoming academic year.

TUESDAY

SEPTEMBER 20

11:30 AM – 1:30 PM

GILTNER HALL | RM 273

CLICK OR SCAN



TO RSVP BY 09.16.22





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The Charles P. and Linda A. Thompson Endowment

This endowment was established by Mr. and Mrs. Charles and Linda Thompson. Both Mr. and Mrs. Thompson are College of Social Science alumni with degrees in Psychology and Human Resources and Labor Relations. This endowment recognizes and encourages innovative and creative work of graduate students from the College of Social Science.

This endowment promotes graduate student research initiatives through small-grants of up to \$4,500 for data, equipment, software, or other research enhancing tools. This award is not to cover tuition, travel, or publication fees. Funds are to be used in the Summer, Fall or Spring of the coming academic year. Please note that according to University policy, equipment valued over \$200 will be owned by MSU.

The Kenneth E. and Marie J. Corey Research Enrichment Fund

Professor Kenneth E. Corey served as Dean of the MSU College of Social Science from 1989-1999. As a reflection of his deep affection for and continued close relationship with the MSU College of Social Science, and to further nurture the research culture within the College, he established this endowed fund to provide ongoing support for research within the College.

This endowment promotes graduate student research initiatives through small-grants of up to \$3,000. Proposals that have matching components or seek seed funds for student innovative research are encouraged. Funds are to be used in the Summer or Fall of the coming academic year. Please note that according to University policy, equipment valued over \$200 will be owned by MSU.

CSS Research Scholars Award

The College of Social Science established a research scholars award in 2015 to promote graduate student research initiatives through small-grants of up to \$4,000. Proposals that have matching components or seek funds for student innovative research are encouraged. Funds are to be used in the Summer or Fall of the coming academic year. This award cannot cover tuition or publication fees. Please note that according to University policy, equipment valued over \$200 will be owned by MSU.

Applications for the FY2023 awards are due in the Dean's Office no later than 11:59 p.m. on Friday, November 4, 2022. Proposals are limited to two, single-spaced pages (eleven-point Arial or Times Roman font, one-inch margins); endorsement from the major professor and the Department Chair or School Director (or designate), CV, and detailed budget should be added as appendixes), and must clearly articulate project methods, offer a concise statement of expected outcomes, and justify the use of the particular funding mechanism. Applications must be submitted electronically by the academic unit by 11:59 pm on Friday, November 4, 2022 via our D2L community, in the assignments labelled "Corey/Thompson Awards_2022" or "CSS Research Scholars_2022". Here is the D2L link for your convenience: https://d2l.msu.edu/d2l/lms/dropbox/admin/folders_manage.d2l?ou=1761203.

Awardees will be selected by members of the College Graduate Program Committee and the Associate Dean for Graduate Studies. Awardees will be notified in December, 2022. Instructions for accessing funds will be provided at the time of notification. Funds must be used for expenses related to the project as submitted, consistent with University Policy and Procedures. ***Interim progress reports are due at 3 and 6 months. A final report is required within 12 months of the award date explaining results and plans for follow-up.***

Review Questions

I. QUALITY AND TECHNICAL MERIT

- a. Does the proposal demonstrate an awareness of the state of current research?
- b. Does the proposal describe a sound methodology, analytic or technical approach?
- c. How feasible is the proposed project?
- d. Does the proposal suggest an innovation and creative approach to address a problem?

II. IMPACT OF THE PROJECT

- a. Does the proposed work hold potential for the advancement of science?
- b. Is the proposed work relevant to policy and/or practice?
- c. Is this project likely to attract additional research support?

III. CAPABILITIES, DEMONSTRATED PRODUCTIVITY, AND EXPERIENCE OF APPLICANTS

- a. Does the PI demonstrate the ability to complete the proposed effort?
- b. Does the applicant demonstrate a record of successful past performance?

IV. BUDGET CONSIDERATION

- a. Is this endowment an appropriate mechanism to advance this work?
- b. Are the budgeted project costs appropriate for the level of effort?

Scoring Table for Research Grants (adopted from NIH guidelines)

Impact	Impact/Priority Score	Descriptor	Additional Guidance on Strengths/Weaknesses
High	1	Exceptional	Exceptionally strong with essentially no weaknesses
	2	Outstanding	Extremely strong with negligible weaknesses
	3	Excellent	Very strong with only some minor weaknesses
Moderate	4	Very Good	Strong but with numerous minor weaknesses
	5	Good	Strong but with at least one moderate weakness
	6	Satisfactory	Some strengths but also some moderate weaknesses
Low	7	Fair	Some strengths but with at least one major weakness
	8	Marginal	A few strengths and a few major weaknesses
	9	Poor	Very few strengths and numerous major weaknesses
Definitions			

Minor: easily addressable weakness that does not substantially lessen the impact of the project
 Moderate: weakness that lessens the impact of the project
 Major: weakness that severely limits the impact of the project



9/22

9-10am

MSU Horticulture
Gardens

1066 Bogue Street

Parking: Permit Lot #46

& Pay-by-Plate Lot #54

Coffee & Connection!

BIWEEKLY FALL SEMESTER

FUTURE DATES & LOCATIONS WILL BE UPDATED @ COGS.MSU.EDU/UPCOMING-EVENTS/ - JOIN US!



COGS

COUNCIL of GRADUATE STUDENTS
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY



Tailgates!

FREE FOR ALL GRADUATE & PROFESSIONAL STUDENTS, FRIENDS AND FAMILY!

Starts three hours prior to kickoff:

- Sept. 10
- Sept. 24
- Oct. 15

We hope you'll join us!

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COGS Tailgates on football Saturdays are a great way to meet new friends and celebrate Spartan Spirit! Food, fun and friends! All tailgates take place in front of Chittenden Hall.

