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MARK YOUR CALENDAR . . .

Michigan State University - Department of Psychology **Psychology Multicultural Student Conference:** **Touching and Transforming Lives** Featured Guests:

DR. LAURA MORGAN ROBERTS, GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY
DR. ISIS SETTLES, MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY



Saturday, April 17, 2010
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
MSU Union, 2nd Floor

Registration begins March 1, 2010
MSU Undergrads: \$10
MSU Graduate Students: \$15
Non-MSU Affiliates: \$20
Breakfast & Lunch Provided

Space is limited to 150 participants. Registrations will be accepted on a first come basis. Forms can be brought or mailed to: Michigan State University, Psychology Undergraduate Office, Attention: Multicultural Conference, Room 100 Psychology Building, East Lansing, MI 48824-1116

Check out: <http://psychology.msu.edu/Undergrads> for a registration form, speaker information, and workshop selections.

IMPORTANT DATES:

March 1	Deadline for returning students to file 2010-2011 FAFSA
March 3	Middle of SS10 Semester Last day to drop SS10 courses or withdraw with no grade reported & without Dean's permission, 8 PM Final date for instructor to report "I" grades from FS09
March 8-12	Spring Break
March 14	Daylight Saving time begins at 2 AM Set clocks ahead one hour
March 15	Enrollment for Summer 2010 begins
March 18	Marathon of Majors Bessey Hall, 5-7 PM
March 19	Approximate date Commencement invitations sent to Undergrad Degree Candidates
March 20	Spring begins
April 2	Scheduled Enrollment begins for FS10 and SS11

TO SCHEDULE APPOINTMENT:

Students schedule their appointment with an advisor on-line. Please see instructions to schedule a 30 minute advising session with an advisor:

www.psychology.msu.edu

Undergrads

Advising Center

<https://ntweb11.ais.msu.edu/11101/student/applogin.asp>

WALK-IN ADVISING:

Walk-ins are available every afternoon from 1:00 – 4:00 PM; the last sign-in is at 3:30 PM.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Psychology Multicultural Student Conference

Don't miss this "Touching and Transforming Lives" conference coming in April. Please see front page for more information. Below is a list of speakers and focus areas.

Guest speakers include:

Dr. DeBrenna Abgenyiga, MSU

Dr. Joseph Gone, UM

Dr. Donna Nagata, UM

Ms. Antoinette Burris, Duke University

Mr. Rueben Brock, WVU

Health Center Staff, ID (Bloomington)

Tentative focus areas are:

Social and cultural identity's influence on world view

Multicultural issues in clinical psychology

Mental health and well being in different groups

Racial identity

Culture and mental health

Conception of mental illness in different groups

Saturday, April 17 8 AM-4 PM MSU Union, 2nd Fl

Enrollment Preparation US10, FS10, SS11

Registration for US10 begins March 15. Registration for FS10 and SS10 begins April 2. Please see your academic advisor if you have questions or concerns regarding your schedule prior to registering. You may make an appointment or come in during our walk-in hours. Please do not wait until the last week before registering as those appointments will be limited to only 15 minutes.

If you are a *freshman*, please attend the Psychology Freshman Fridays held in Room 120 PSY Bldg starting at 12:30. March dates are *Friday March 19 and Friday March 26*.

Relay for Life

MSU Psi Chi has created a Relay for Life team. Psi Chi members are encouraged to join the team and spend the day walking and spending time with fellow psych students on April 16, 2010. All proceeds go toward the American Cancer Society. For more information, please visit Link: http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR?pg=team&fr_id=21328&team_id=542831 OR you can go to spartanrelay.com and search for our team.

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

Psychology Freshman Fridays - Spring, 2010

Freshmen Friday Seminars will focus on enrollment and course selection for summer courses and registration for the 2010/2011 school year. Topics covered:

- summer course options
- plan schedule for summer courses and next school year
- be prepared for your enrollment date
- know your PSY degree requirements
- know how to choose courses and how they will fit into your degree

This group seminar is mandatory for ALL FRESHMEN!

Please register for one of the seminars by emailing psyadvis@msu.edu with your name, pid, MSU email, and the date of the seminar you plan to attend. *This is your advising for next year's schedule.*

The Psychology Freshman Fridays are held on *Fridays* in 120 PSY Bldg. starting at 12:30 pm. The March dates are *Friday, March 19 and Friday, March 26*.

Psychology Undergraduate Seminars are held from 5:30—7:00 pm in Room 230 PSY Bldg. If you would like to attend, you MUST RSVP by emailing your name, PID, and your MSU email to psyadvis@msu.edu. The upcoming seminar is:

Wednesday, March 24

Internships/Practicum

PSY Internship/Practicum Coordinators

PSI CHI/PSA meetings are held on *Wednesdays* from 7:00-9:00 PM in Room 230 PSY Bldg. Please watch for e-mail announcements for more detail. The next meeting is *March 24*.

NEW PSYCHOLOGY COURSES For academic year 2010/1011

PSY 301 - Cognitive Neuroscience

Prerequisite - PSY 101

Description: Neural basis of human cognitive functions. Investigative methods for understanding the relationship of brain activity and behavior.

PSY 312 - Introduction to Clinical Psychology

Prerequisite: PSY 101

Description: History, theories, and clinical approaches to understanding and affecting human behavior.

PSY 339 - Psychology of Women

Prerequisite: PSY 101

Description: Development and implications of sex-typed behavior and sex differences. Women's decisions about and experiences of menstruation, sexuality, motherhood, relationships, achievement, employment, retirement.

PSY 342 - Stereotypes, Prejudice, and Discrimination

Prerequisite: PSY 101

Recommended Background: PSY 235

Description: Cognitive processes in stereotyping. Contribution of affect and motivation to the linkages among stereotypes, prejudice, and discrimination.

OPPORTUNITIES OF INTEREST

Brown Bag Luncheon

Every month the Eco-Community program invites faculty from different departments at MSU and former graduate students who now work in academic or non-academic settings to give a talk on their experiences in the communities they work with. The program applies humanitarian principles to community-based research that is designed to ameliorate social problems and promote community well-being. Our approach to community research and intervention training emphasizes the fundamental relationship between the social systems in which individuals are embedded. The Eco-Community program would like to invite undergraduate students who are interested in Community Psychology to come to their talks. Their next brown bag luncheon is:

Monday, March 15 3:30-4:30 PM 325 PSY Bldg

Dr. Jill Krol, Michigan Department of Education
Office of Career and Technical Education

Title: National Center for Education Statistics: Free data and resources for research

MSU Spring Break Job Shadow Day

If you have no plans for spring break and you have not already registered for the MSU Spring Break Job Shadow program held on Tuesday, March 9, 2010, please do so asap. You may access the link of the list of participating companies on MySpartanCareer site for more information. You will have the opportunity to job shadow professionals at one of many businesses in the Lansing area. All undergraduate students are eligible and it is a limited, first-come, first-served program that is presented by the Career Services Network. For more information, please contact Paul Jaques at jaques@msu.edu.

E-News from MSU Career Services

The MSU Career Services Network events are open to ALL STUDENTS. To view the complete list of campus events/programs, advising/workshops, on-campus interviews, on and off campus jobs and internships, and employer information sessions, go to their website <http://careernetwork.msu.edu>. Career Services Network is located in Room 113 Student Services Building, or you can call them at 517-355-9510.

College of Social Science Career Services

Below are the scheduled College of Social Science Career Services programs for March, 2010:

Job Search Strategies for Social Science Majors

Monday, March 1

4:00 to 5:00 PM

Location: WEBINAR

RSVP under the workshops tab in MySpartanCareer or e-mail Kristi Coleman at colem239@msu.edu

What Can I do with a Major in Social Science?

Tuesday, March 23

12:00 to 1:00 PM

Location: WEBINAR

RSVP under the workshops tab in MySpartanCareer or e-mail Kristi Coleman at colem239@msu.edu.

Choosing a Graduate Program

Friday, April 2

10:00 AM to 11:00 AM

Location: 318 Berkey Hall

Social Science & Education Research Workshop

The MSU library and the Honors College is hosting a workshop on how to use electronic databases, print materials, and the expertise of the Library's subject specialists as research resources. This workshop is aimed at interested students in Psychology who are doing or planning to do research in the Humanities, Social Sciences, and Education. If you are interested, please go to the link <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/WPWFMRD>, which will send you to a sign-up form in Survey Monkey. The workshop will be held *Tuesday, March 2 in the MSU Main Library's Beaumont Instruction Room (opposite main circulation*

desk in 1-W) from 4:00-5:00 p.m. For more information, please contact Gavin Craig, Academic/Specialist Adviser in the Honors College at craiggav@msu.edu

Internship Opportunities

U.S. Senator Carl Levin's Lansing regional office is now taking applications for the Spring of 2010 though we have internship opportunities throughout the year. Intern duties include assisting with casework, correspondence, events, and special projects as well as performing general office duties, answering phones, faxing, scanning and copying. All applications and questions should be directed to Elizabeth Kunkle at 124 W. Allegan, Suite 1810, Lansing, MI 48933, phone (517) 377-1508, fax (517) 377-1506 or via email at elizabeth_kunkle@levin.senate.gov

Applications should include the following:

- Cover Letter
- Resume
- Two letters of recommendation

Applications will be processed as they are received. Students should respond as soon as possible to express interest. Information regarding this internship opportunity is brought to you by Black Student Alliance Michigan State University.

Adolescent Diversion Project

Looking for upper level credits?

Community Field Study = 8 credits!

If you are considering Graduate School or a career in social sciences, we have just what you need! This year you may participate in Psychology 371 & 372. This course involves a 2 semester commitment (4 credits each) and will provide you the opportunity to work one-on-one with an adolescent from the community. These youths have been referred by the juvenile court. The courses offer you initial training in working with adolescents and ongoing supervision of your case once assigned. The course content is a unique combination of the theoretical information, practical intervention techniques and actual community experience. It is an invaluable experience for anyone considering graduate work and/or a career in the human services fields. This class is in high demand; therefore we have to select students through an interview process for acceptance into this class. At the end of the orientation, you can sign up for an interview. This class only accepts 35-40 students per semester. We encourage you to RSVP your seat for the orientation by contacting the Recruitment Coordinator Aja Casey at msu.adp@gmail.com or the Director Sean Hankins at: hankinss@msu.edu. This orientation will be selecting students for Summer/Fall and Fall/Spring. If you would like to receive further information concerning how to get involved in this unique course sequence, or have any other question, please call 355-9519 or e-mail Aja Casey ASAP.

Orientation: March 24, 2010
Time: 6—8 PM
Location 118 Psychology Building

Internship/Independent Study/Volunteer Opportunity

Luke Plonsky, a 3rd year PhD Student in Second Language Studies, is looking for undergraduate research assistants that can dedicate approximately 20 hours by mid-April 2010 to assist primarily with coding of primary research reports. There is also a need for further assistance on a related project being carried out during the summer and fall of 2010. Research assistants must 1) be majors in psychology, linguistics, or a related field, 2) have taken either PSY 295 or PSY 395, and 3) have an interest in quantitative research. This position is not paid or for credit, but would provide an invaluable hands-on experience for any student who is interested in pursuing graduate degree in psychology.

To learn more about this research or about related projects, publications, and collaborations, please visit Luke's website at <https://www.msu.edu/~plonskyl/>. To apply for a research assistant position or to learn more about the position, please contact the principle investigator, Luke Plonsky, at PLONSKYL@MSU.EDU.

FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

2011-2012 Fulbright Fellowship

Fulbright fellowships are prestigious, career-enhancing awards that confer special status on winners during and following their foreign study. They become outstanding, officially recognized representatives of the United States. Grants are provided to students who undertake graduate study, advanced research, or teaching at the elementary, secondary, or university level in more than 140 countries. The grants pay for air travel, a monthly living stipend, health and accident insurance and, in some cases, for tuition waivers and/or a research allowance.

The MSU Office of International Studies and Programs cordially invites students graduating in 2010 to attend a Fulbright Scholarship Program Informational Workshop. In this workshop, participants will be informed about the objectives, requirements, and deadline as well as how to: 1) develop a more competitive application, 2) select a host country, 3) make necessary host country contacts, and 4) solicit winning letters of recommendation. Applicants must be U.S. Citizens. The workshop for MSU students graduating 2010 is *Thursday, April 1, 2010, in Room 303 International Center from 5:00-7:00 p.m.* To learn more, please contact Professor Frank M D'Itri, the MSU Fulbright Program Advisor, at ditri@msu.edu.

Berkeley's Psychology Research Conference

The University of California, Berkeley, would like to invite undergraduates who are involved in psychology and psychology-related fields to attend and submit their work to be considered for presentation at its First Annual Psychology Undergraduate Research Conference (BerkPURC). This inaugural event will be held on May 8, 2010, on the UC Berkeley campus. They are currently accepting abstracts of original undergraduate research and also presentations of collaborations with professors or graduate students, works in progress, theoretical papers, and highly-developed study proposals. Please visit their website at www.purc-berkeley.org and fill out the form on the "Registration" page. Abstracts are due by March 31, 2010. If you have any questions, please email berkeleypsychconference@gmail.com.