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2016 INTERNATIONAL AWARDS CEREMONY

MARCH 23, 2016 | 3:00 P.M.

The International Awards Ceremony is hosted each spring by MSU International Studies and Programs (ISP). The ceremony brings together MSU faculty, staff, students, community volunteers, and the wider Michigan community to recognize and celebrate outstanding contributions toward international engagement and understanding.



AGENDA

WELCOME

STEVEN HANSON, Associate Provost and Dean,
International Studies and Programs

OPENING REMARKS

LOU ANNA K. SIMON, MSU President

AWARD PRESENTERS

JUNE YOUATT, Provost and Executive Vice President
for Academic Affairs

DEANDRA BECK, Associate Dean for Research,
International Studies and Programs

ASSEFA MEHRETU, Interim Assistant Dean for Educational
Programming, International Studies and Programs

SCOTT WESTERMAN, Associate Vice President for Alumni Relations
and Executive Director of the MSU Alumni Association

MASTERCARD FOUNDATION SCHOLARS PROGRAM
GUMBOOT DANCERS

MASTER OF CEREMONIES

JOSHUA GILLESPIE, Assistant Director
for Residence Education and Services

Reception to follow program.

Charles A. Gliozzo Award for Public Diplomacy

Recognizes a member of the greater MSU community who is making significant contributions to public diplomacy through educating, training or promoting knowledge and understanding between faculty, staff, community members and international students, scholars and visitors.



HENRY BRIMMER

Henry Brimmer has been a faculty member in the Department of Advertising + Public Relations at Michigan State University since 2006. With almost 30 years of industry and teaching experience, he curates, designs, and prints student work exhibits in the MSU college galleries and beyond.

Last year, Brimmer created and directed *Minds [Wide] Open*, an event that brought international faculty, students, and working professionals together. Groups of Chinese and American students developed communication campaigns to “seek out and celebrate the sides of us that make us different, make us more interesting.” The successful event has inspired universities across the globe to create similar programs.

Nominated by Jef Richards

“This dedication and hard work, for the greater good of both MSU and international understanding, fits the very purpose for which the Charles A. Gliozzo Award was created.”
—*Jef I. Richards*

John K. Hudzik Emerging Leader in Advancing International Studies and Programs

Recognizes a faculty member who is making a significant impact early in his/her career on the advancement of international scholarship, teaching, and/or public service and outreach at MSU.



SOMA CHAUDHURI

Soma Chaudhuri is an assistant professor at Michigan State University with a joint appointment in Sociology and Criminal Justice. She studies social movements, violence, and gender, specifically with an eye to South Asia. She also serves on the editorial board of the *International Journal of Sociology*.

Chaudhuri has developed a reputation for her dedication to teaching and mentorship by serving as a member for a number of completed dissertations and master's theses and by co-authoring publications with students. She is also a member of the Research Consortium on Gender-based Violence. Her most recent publication, *Tempest in a Teapot: Witches, Tea Plantations and Lives of Migrant Laborers in India*, brings together sociological, anthropological, and historical perspectives to examine witchcraft accusations among tea workers in West Bengal, India.

Nominated by Mary Finn

Supported by Lisa Fine, Merry Morash, Stephanie Nawyn

“Soma Chaudhuri is a dedicated, intelligent, productive scholar and is already demonstrating leadership in her commitment to global gender issues.” —*Lisa Fine*

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LENIS SAWEDA LIVERPOOL-TASIE

Lenis Saweda Liverpool-Tasie joined Michigan State University in 2012 as an assistant professor in Agricultural, Food and Resource Economics. She also serves as an associate editor of *Agricultural Economics*.

Her work has focused on two major themes: asset poverty, poverty traps, and anti-poverty programs in Africa; and the adoption of improved inputs by African farmers, a central theme in debates on food security. Liverpool-Tasie led the design of the \$12.5 million Nigerian Agricultural Policy Project, which provides a platform for strengthening linkages between Nigerian universities and MSU to serve as the basis for long-term academic and research relationships.

*Nominated by Thomas Reardon
Supported by Duncan Boughton, Alex Winter-Nelson,
Rashid Shahidur*

“Liverpool-Tasie is an extraordinarily talented, dedicated and energetic professional and a future leader of international activities at MSU.”
—*Duncan Boughton*

Special Recognition Award for Promoting International Understanding

Recognizes MSU faculty and staff who have contributed to internationalizing the campus, to MSU programs globally and / or to humanitarian causes internationally, but do not meet the criteria for other International Studies & Programs awards.



ANNE SCHNELLER

Anne Schneller serves as the co-director of the Borlaug Higher Education for Agricultural Research and Development (BHEARD) program, her latest role in a career at MSU spanning almost 40 years. Supported by USAID, BHEARD aims to increase the number of agricultural scientists and strengthen scientific institutions in developing countries.

Schneller has worked in Africa for over 14 years, communicating, collaborating, and negotiating with partners, institutions, communities, and stakeholders to expand and deepen agricultural scholarship. She has overseen exponential growth in the BHEARD program, with 44 institutions in 11 countries, and 170 BHEARD students at 22 U.S. institutions and seven institutions in Africa. In addition to providing leadership and operational expertise, Schneller also serves as an engaged mentor for BHEARD students and fellows.

*Nominated by Eric Crawford
Supported by Fred Derksen*

“Anne’s work epitomizes the collaborative approach that MSU is known for.”
—Eric Crawford

Ralph H. Smuckler Award for Advancing International Studies and Programs at MSU

Recognizes a senior faculty member for their significant and lasting impact on the advancement of international scholarship, teaching, and public service at MSU.



DUNCAN BOUGHTON

Duncan Boughton has served Michigan State University for over 22 years. In 2005 he became a co-director of MSU's flagship international development program, the Food Security Group (FSG), a team of MSU faculty and graduate students working in 13 countries in Africa and Asia. FSG creates and strengthens relationships with host-country partners to bring evidence-based approaches to policy research, and outreach and capacity building.

In 2013, Boughton pulled together MSU, the International Food Policy Institute, and the University of Pretoria into a consortium to launch the Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Food Security Policy, a program centered on research, outreach, and capacity building in economically disadvantaged countries in Africa and Asia.

Nominated by Titus Awokuse

Supported by David Atwood, Daniel Clay, Julie Howard

“Professor Boughton is thoughtful in approach, generous with time, collaborative in manner, and derives as much satisfaction from the accomplishments of his students and colleagues as he does from his own.”
—*Daniel Clay*

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ERIC W. CRAWFORD

Eric Crawford is the director of Michigan State University's Global Center for Food Systems Innovation (GCFSI), which focuses on the improvement of food systems in a world facing shrinking natural resources, changing climate, and increasing demand for food. He also serves as a co-director of MSU's Food Security Group (FSG), and co-Principal Investigator of the Borlaug Higher Education for Agricultural Research and Development (BHEARD).

At MSU, Crawford has developed and implemented strong programs of research and capacity building in Africa, focusing on evidence-based approaches to address economic development and poverty alleviation around the world. The research generated in these programs shape not only country-level capacity and policy, but also global debates, scholarship, and practice.

Nominated by Titus Awokuse

Supported by David Atwood, Daniel Clay, Julie Howard

"The significant impact of Professor Crawford's leadership is seen across the globe through research, international scholarship, and policy extension."
—*David Atwood*

Gill-Chin Lim Award for Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation in Global Studies

Acknowledges a graduate student for an outstanding doctoral dissertation completed the preceding year, and focusing on global studies. This award is named after the late Dr. Gill-Chin Lim, MSU Professor of Geography and Urban Planning and Dean of International Studies and Programs.



AMANDA E. LEWIS

Amanda Lewis recently received her PhD in African history and the history of science, focusing on pastoralists and wildlife conservation in East Africa. She successfully defended her dissertation in the summer of 2015.

Lewis's dissertation explored the history of Amboseli National Park in Kenya. Drawing on approaches from a range of disciplines including history, anthropology, and sociology, Lewis tracked the park's development from a conservation project led by white Westerners to a model for community-based conservation. Her dissertation centers the voices of local Massai, scientists, conservationists and tour operators, embodying MSU's spirit of collaboration and connection.

Nominated by Georgina Montgomery

"I am confident
Amanda's work will
make a significant
contribution
to the fields of
African history,
environmental
history, and the
history of science."
—*Georgina
Montgomery*

MSU Award for Outstanding Service to Study Abroad

Recognizes faculty and staff who give their time, energy, and creativity to develop and implement study abroad programs that support MSU's commitment to providing students with high quality international education opportunities.



LUKE REESE

Luke Reese is a professor in Biosystems and Agriculture Engineering at MSU and has been a partner of MSU's Study Abroad Program for more than 17 years.

Reese facilitates three study abroad programs in Biosystems Engineering. Reese began leading the first, Food/Environmental/Social Systems in Australia, in 1998. In addition, he leads two programs he helped establish: Renewable Bioenergy Systems in Sweden and Germany, and Ecological Engineering in Costa Rica. Reese guides students through the full study abroad journey from pre-trip departure training to serving as a mentor and sounding board after the return home.

Nominated by Wei Liao

Supported by Rhonda Crackel, Dana Kirk, James Lucas

“Luke is not only a study abroad leader, but an advocate for the power of international education.”

—*James Lucas*

Joon S. Moon Distinguished International Alumni Award

Recognizes an international alumnus/alumna who has brought special credit to MSU through professional achievements.



NANGO DEMBÉLÉ

Nango Dembélé has over 30 years of experience in analyzing and implementing solutions for food security and agricultural underdevelopment in Africa. He now serves as the Commissioner for Food Security in Mali.

As an MSU research associate in Mali, Dembélé led the effort to design and implement Mali's first Agricultural Market Information System, providing farmers up-to-date information on market conditions. As an MSU faculty member, Dembélé created a West Africa network of market information systems, helped design and launch Mali's first undergraduate degree program in agribusiness. As the Food Security Commissioner of Mali, Dembélé continues to implement innovative reforms in food policy to ensure all Malians have reliable access to food and nutrition.

Nominated by Titus Awokuse

Supported by David Atwood, Stephen Esquith, Marco Ferroni

“Professor Dembélé brings a rare and effective combination of solid research skills, empathy for both rural people and policymakers, and practical approaches to problem solving.”
—*David Atwood*

Homer Higbee International Education Award

Presented to students and a CVIP volunteer who have made significant contributions to the advancement of international communication, understanding and cooperation through service activities. This award was established to honor Homer Higbee, a former member of the International Studies and Programs staff who dedicated his career to international educational exchange.



MARIAM ALAMIRI

Mariam Alamiri is a senior at Michigan State University majoring in human resources management; she will graduate this May. She serves as an Intercultural Aide and Multi-Racial Unity Living Experience (MRULE) student leader, and helped establish the Leadership Institute at MSU.

Alamiri is committed to bridging the gap between domestic and international students on campus, and utilizes her own personal experiences to foster an inclusive environment for the students with whom she works. In her volunteer and leadership roles, she brings together diverse groups to improve cross-cultural understanding and international awareness at MSU.

Alamiri was also selected to serve the 2015-2016 MSU Homecoming Court, representing her class as a Spartan Ambassador.

*Nominated by Amber Cordell
Supported by Maggie Chaz-Hernandez, Natisha Foster,
Carlos Fuentes*

“Mariam’s efforts motivate students to see themselves as part of an interconnected global community; she is a living example of a global citizen.”
—*Amber Cordell*

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MARK D. MCCARTHY

Mark McCarthy is a doctoral student at Michigan State University studying curriculum, instruction and teacher education. He is also a community volunteer for international programs.

McCarthy has a strong commitment to cross-cultural understanding. As a teaching assistant, he has observed that his teacher education students are not prepared to teach in a culturally diverse context. To address this, he had his students volunteer as conversation partners through the Volunteer English Tutoring Program, meeting with international students once a week to discuss literature, culture, and practice English skills. McCarthy also helped develop a special instructional session in his curriculum focusing on global education and international literature.

*Nominated by Mary Hennessey
Supported by Laura Apol*

“Mark’s work promotes international and cross-cultural understanding not only at MSU, but into the communities and classroom beyond the university.”
—*Laura Apol*

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PAMELA J. SIEVERS

Pamela Sievers joined the Community Volunteers for International Programs (CVIP) in 2010. She served as president from 2012 to 2014, and is currently the chair of the CVIP Leadership Committee. Sievers established CVIP's Buddy Program, recruiting local residents to welcome new international students. She led the volunteers in driving students to the grocery store, helping them buy cell phones, and introducing them to life on a U.S. university campus.

In addition to her direct service to students, Sievers contributes to the success of CVIP itself. As president, Sievers led CVIP in creating its first three-year strategic plan. She also contributed to the development of new organizational policies and revisions to the CVIP constitution and bylaws.

Nominated by Sue McDonald

“With years of experience from the non-profit world, Pam has introduced us to many new ideas that strengthened our organization.”
—*CVIP Executive Committee*

Glen L. Taggart Award for Community Contributions

Recognizes a citizen of
the State of Michigan
who has made a distinct,
sustained contribution
to international
understanding in his or her
respective communities or
in the state at large.



BARBARA J. SAWYER-KOCH

Barbara Sawyer-Koch has offered emotional and financial support, housing, and a welcoming atmosphere to MSU international students for many years. When she moved to East Lansing in 1983, Sawyer-Koch offered complimentary housing to over 15 international students completing their graduate work at MSU.

Through her dedication to international students, she has formed many lifelong friendships both on and off campus. To continue giving back to the MSU international community, she has created an endowment for international students to help with emergency and family needs.

*Nominated by Charles Gliozzo
Supported by JaeMin Cha, Deanna Gast*

“Barbara has changed my family’s lives in so many important ways, and influenced many international students’ lives for the better.”
—*JaeMin Cha*

International Studies and Programs Recognition

In recognition for dedicated leadership and guidance to the Center for Gender in Global Context and International Studies and Programs.



ANNE FERGUSON

Anne Ferguson is the Senior Associate Dean for Strategic Engagement for ISP. In addition to being a professor of anthropology, she also serves as a Co-Director of the Center for Gender in Global Context (GenCen).

Since Ferguson helped implement the vision for GenCen, it has grown into a center with over 275 affiliated faculty from 18 colleges. In collaboration with her Co-Director at GenCen, Ferguson's leadership has enabled GenCen to contribute to grants totaling over \$52 million. She also spearheaded the creation of the Gender, Environment, and NGO internship study abroad program in Malawi and oversaw the development of 15 faculty-led international strategic partnerships.

Ferguson's current research, in collaboration with the University of Malawi, centers on the gender dimensions of Malawi's new water and land reform policies.

"Anne recognizes the skills and strengths her students and employees come with, and creates opportunities for them to grow."

—*Rebecca Farnum*

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LISA FINE

Lisa Fine is a professor of history and a Co-Director of the Center for Gender in Global Context (GenCen).

Along with her GenCen Co-Director, Fine oversaw the creation of a Women's and Gender Studies major, minor, and graduate specialization, and an LGBTQ and Sexuality Studies minor. GenCen also collaborated with James Madison College to create the LGBTQ study abroad program in Amsterdam. Fine led the creation of a community board which formally affiliates women's and gender-focused NGOs in the region to GenCen.

Fine is the author of several articles and two books: *The Souls of the Skyscraper: Female Clerical Workers in Chicago, 1870-1930*, and *The Story of Reo Joe: Work, Kin, and Community in Autotown, USA*. She is also co-editor of the *Norton Critical Edition of Betty Freidan's The Feminine Mystique*.

“Lisa handcrafted GenCen into a highly efficient and positive work space, and it's under her leadership I have developed confidence as an individual and an academic.”
—Dori Hopkins



MSU Alumni Association Endorsement in Volunteer Leadership

This endorsement recognizes individual volunteers for going above and beyond the call of duty to advance the mission of the MSU Alumni Association, and for generating a culture of support for Michigan State as advocates for philanthropy, community service, and professional enrichment.



MILIND AGARWAL

Milind Agarwal received his MBA in Material Logistics Management from the Broad College of Business at Michigan State University. He is the CEO and founder of Marketune, and the co-founder and advisor of Webaroo, India's largest mobile messaging company.

Agarwal's advocacy of alumni engagement in India began after his graduation from MSU. His exceptional commitment to linking alumni across India resulted in the successful launch of India's countrywide alumni network, MSU Alumni Club of India (MACI), in February of 2015.

Dr. Agarwal's Spartan spirit and passion for MSU is evident in his understanding of the importance of MSU mission and branding, and his commitment to translating key initiatives of the university into action at the local level.

“Having the right person in the right seat is critical, and our international alumni engagement strategy has moved forward rapidly with Dr. Agarwal at the helm.”

—*Claire Brender*

THANK YOU

Special thanks to the faculty, staff, administrators, students and community participants who have helped recognize and celebrate the extraordinary contributions of our 2016 award recipients.

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