Community Events Calendar
April 2016 – Forward

Title: Project 60/50 Quilted Conversations: Materializing Civil and Human Rights
Date: January 18 to April 1, June 1, and October 1, 2016
Location: On Your Own Quilt Making
Description: Quilts carry culture. Traditionally made by many hands, from scraps whereby each hold a story, the quilt is an art form that reflects history – both personal and communal. The series will kick off at the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration on January 18, 2016 in the MSU Union. The series includes a community quilt making project where participants can contribute a quilt block to a large scale quilt that will be assembled and showcased at a pop-up exhibit. Participate in this community quilt-making project by visiting www.project6050communityquilt.squarespace.com for details on how to participate. The spring quilt deadline is April 1, 2016 and the children’s quilt deadline is June 1, 2016. The fall quilt deadline is October 1, 2016.
Participation: Anyone and everyone! Participants can work individually or together as families, clubs, guilds, or classrooms.
Collaborator: MSU Museum, Office for Inclusion, Residential College in the Arts and Humanities, Clerical-Technical Union of MSU
Contact: Chris Worland, chworland@yahoo.com
Link: Activity Website Activity Flyer

Title: “Student Voices: MSU Student Protest” Exhibition
Date: January 18 to May 1, 2016
Time: 9:00 a.m. (Saturday 10:00 a.m., Sunday 1:00 p.m.) to 5:00 p.m.
Location: MSU Museum, First Floor
409 West Circle Drive, East Lansing, MI 48824
Description: Students at Michigan State University have long used protests to speak out on a range of issues and make their voices heard. “Student Voices” draws from the MSU Museum’s student protest-related materials in the MSU Museum collections. The inclusion of recent protests provides a touchstone, linking the lives of today’s students to those who have given their voices to social and political issues in the past.
Collaborator: MSU Museum
Contact: Exhibit Curator Mary Worral, (517) 432-4118, worral@msu.edu
Link: Exhibition Website
**Global Diversity Play: “Xtigone”**

Date: March 31 to April 3, 2016  
Time: March 31st: 7:30 p.m., April 1st: 8:00 p.m., April 2nd: 8:00 p.m., and April 3rd: 2:00 p.m.  
Location: MSU Auditorium, Arena Theatre  
542 Auditorium Road, East Lansing, MI 48824  
Description: This show has been selected as part of a national search related to global diversity and inclusion. Chicago. Present day. Xtigone’s brothers have been killed in drive-by shootings by each other’s rival gang. Her uncle, Marcellus da Man, calls a press conference on CNN to announce that the bodies should be buried instead of uncovering the reality of violence in the streets of the city. Will Xtigone go against her powerful uncle and risk death by uncovering her brothers’ bodies? Using hip hop poetry, dance, and dialogue that speaks with an urban voice, this re-imagining of Sophocles’ Antigone tells the story of the ill-fated Xtigone and her quest for her community’s truth. By Nambi E. Kelley. Directed by guest artist Dr. Shondrika Moss Bouldin.

Tickets: Tickets are available for purchase from the Wharton Center Box Office or online.  
Collaborator: Wharton Center for the Performing Arts, Department of Theatre  
Contact: Wharton Center for the Performing Arts, 1 (800) WHARTON, (517) 353-1982, wharton@msu.edu  
Therese Randall Brimmer, (517) 775-7111, thereserandall@yahoo.com  
Link: [Event Website](#)

**First Tuesday: Racial Equity and the Promise of “Good Food” for Michigan**  
Rescheduled - New Date Listed  
Date: April 5, 2016  
Time: 4:45 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.  
Location: Brody Square Dining Hall, Large Private Dining Room  
241 West Brody Road, East Lansing, MI 48825  
Description: Rich Pirog is Director of the MSU Center for Regional Food Systems; Anel Guel recently completed an MS degree in the Community Sustainability Department at MSU. In 2015 they worked together to create an annotated bibliography on structural racism present in the U.S. food system and a companion article in the Journal of Agriculture, Food Systems and Community Development. Rich and Anel will provide context as what led them to develop these publications, and will moderate a discussion as to why it is important to base a foundation for food systems education at MSU with a study and discussion of structural racism in the food system.

Registration: Space is limited and registration is required. The last date for online registration is April 4, 2016. First Tuesday Mixers are an opportunity for graduate students, faculty, visiting scholars, guest speakers, and peers to interact outside of the classroom - to network as well as give and receive support and advice.  
Collaborator: Office of Diversity and Pluralism, College of Agricultural and Natural Resources  
Contact: Catherine Katusha Galitzine, (517) 432-1349, galitzin@anr.msu.edu  
Link: [Event Flyer](#) [Registration Website](#)
Title: Five Different Paintings - Five Different Outcomes: The Detroit Institute of Arts and Holocaust Claims" Lecture with Graham W.J. Beal

Date: April 5, 2016
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Location: Psychology Building, Room 118
316 Physics Road, East Lansing, MI 48824

Description: The DIA was the first US museum to return a work of art to a Jewish family in 1950 and has subsequently dealt successfully with several other claims. One of them, however, set a precedent for other museums which has not been well-received by the holocaust community and, despite clarifications, continues to cause bad publicity for the DIA.

Lecture by Visiting Hannah Distinguished Professor Graham W.J. Beal.

Collaborator: Museum Studies Program, Department of Art, Art History, and Design, MSU Jewish Studies Program
Contact: John Beck, (517) 432-3982, beckj@msu.edu
Link: Event Website  Event Flyer

Title: Musician Zakir Hussain and Masters of Percussion

Date: April 5, 2016
Time: 7:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
Location: Wharton Center for the Performing Arts, Cobb Great Hall
750 East Shaw Lane, East Lansing, MI 48824

Description: International phenomenon, child prodigy, legendary artist, and acclaimed musician Zakir Hussain can move an audience to tears or get them on their feet and cheering, using just his hands and a tabla drum! His work with icons such as George Harrison, Yo-Yo Ma, and Van Morrison opened the beauty of Indian music to the world and inspired a cultural shift in pop music. Hussain has become internationally recognized as an architect of the contemporary world music movement, proving that he can find the commonality in music and translate it into something beautiful for the world to enjoy. Audiences will revel in the craft that Hussain has perfected and will feel the deepest joys and exciting thrills that Indian music can instill.

Performance With:
- Anantha Krishnan, mridangam
- Sabir Khan, sarangi
- Navin Sharma, dholak
- Mannargudi Vasadevan, tavil

There will be an Insight Preview before the performance. Insight Preview Speaker: Dr. Michael Largey, Professor of Musicology, MSU College of Music; Time: 6:45 p.m.; Location: Stoddard Grand Tier Lounge.

Tickets: Student tickets are $15 + $3 fee with an MSU ID, otherwise tickets are $23 (available for purchase at Wharton Center, phone: 1-800-WHARTON).

Collaborator: Wharton Center for the Performing Arts
Contact: Wharton Center for the Performing Arts, 1 (800) WHARTON, (517) 353-1982, wharton@msu.edu
Link: Event Website  Event Flyer
PeaceJam Jam at the MSU Residential College in the Arts and Humanities
Date: April 6, 2016
Time: 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Location: Residential College in the Arts and Humanities Theater, C20 Snyder Hall (Terrace Level)
362 Bogue Street, East Lansing, MI 48823
Description: The MSU Residential College in the Arts and Humanities (RCAH) will host the Wednesday Night Live: PeaceJam Jam in the RCAH Theater. The PeaceJam Jam will bring together RCAH and community members for an evening of poetry, stories, music, and reflection centered on the civil and human rights movements. Local leaders John Duley, David Hollister, Lynn Jondahl, and Beverly Wiener will share their experiences and lessons from working as long-time civil rights activists in and beyond mid-Michigan. Between stories, MSU students will share spoken word poetry and musical performances that connect to and reflect the civil rights conversation. Following the featured PeaceJam Jam presentations, the event will close with a participant and audience discussion.
All are invited to attend this Wednesday Night Live to learn from the wisdom of those that have walked the walk before us.
Collaborator: MSU Residential College in the Arts and Humanities
Contact: Katie Wittenauer, (517) 884-6290, wittenau@msu.edu
Link: Event Website

“Mujer a Mujer” Workshop Series
Date: April 7 and April 21, 2016
Time: 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Location: Holden Hall, Room C136
234 Wilson Road, East Lansing, MI 48825
Description: “Mujer a Mujer” is a female focused group in South Neighborhood based on a mission to empower undergraduate women at the University level to help them develop professionally through inspirational role models. The workshops are held bi-weekly, Thursday evenings in the fall and spring semesters. Free to participants. Topics in the past have focused on health/wellness, academic success, consent, self-image, relationships, and campus engagement to name a few.
Collaborator: Migrant Student Services, Neighborhood Student Success Collaborative, College of Natural Science
Contact: Erica Fiasky, (517) 884-4050, fiaskye@msu.edu
Link: Twitter Link

Advocating for Students of Color - from the Workshop Series Towards Racial Equity: Creating a More Inclusive Science Community
Date: April 11, 2016
Time: 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Location: Natural Science Building, Room 105
288 Farm Lane, East Lansing, MI 48824
Description: Jasmine Lee, Director of Diversity Programs and Student Engagement in the James Madison College, leads this interactive presentation using Critical Race Theory to explore how Students of Color experience predominately White Institutions (PWIs) and how faculty, staff, graduate students, and advisors can better support and advocate for them. Opportunities for discussion and questions.
Registration: This free workshop is open to MSU faculty, staff, post-docs, and graduate students. Limited to 50 participants. Please register at http://ow.ly/100MZG.
Collaborator: College of Natural Science Council on Diversity and Community
Contact: Kendra Pyle, (517) 353-5556, kpyle@msu.edu
Link: Event Registration Link  Event Flyer

Title: Dr. Stacey Pearson Wharton
Date: April 11, 2016
Time: 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. (doors open at 6:30 p.m.)
Location: MSU Union, Ballroom (2nd floor)
49 Abbot Road, East Lansing, MI 48824
Description: Dr. Stacey Pearson Wharton is coming to speak about the topic of microaggressions. The event is free to participants, but seating is limited! Doors open at 6:30 p.m., and the talk starts at 7:00 p.m. The talk will be followed by a discussion.
Collaborator: Residence Halls Association
Contact: Theresa Guarino, (517) 355-8285, dose@rha.msu.edu
Link: Event Flyer  Residence Halls Association Website

Title: Everyday Feminism Founder, Sandra Kim Keynote Address
Date: April 12, 2016
Time: 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Location: Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center, Auditorium
219 South Harrison Road, East Lansing, MI 48824
Description: Sandra Kim is the Founder & Publisher of the world famous virtual magazine, Everyday Feminism (www.everydayfeminism.com), whose mission is “to help people heal from and stand up to everyday violence, discrimination, and marginalization through applied intersectional feminism.” She will be speaking at Michigan State University as part of the MSU Women’s Resource Center’s Gender & Its Intersections Series on “Building Inclusive Leadership to Develop Anti-Oppression Work Environments.” Kim’s talk will be a call to action to effectively and boldly do this work at an institution like MSU.
FREE and open to all.
Collaborator: MSU Women’s Resource Center
Contact: Lydia Weiss, (517) 353-1635, weisslyd@msu.edu
Link: Event Website  Event Flyer
Title: He Named Me Malala
Date: April 13, 2016
Time: 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
Location: MSU Main Library, Green Room W444 (West Wing, 4th floor)
366 West Circle Drive, East Lansing, MI 48824
Description: He Named Me Malala is an intimate portrait of Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Malala Yousafzai, who was targeted by the Taliban and severely wounded by a gunshot when returning home on her school bus in Pakistan’s Swat Valley. The then 15-year-old was singled out, along with her father, for advocating for girls’ education, and the attack on her sparked an outcry from supporters around the world. She miraculously survived and is now a leading campaigner for girls’ education globally as co-founder of the Malala Fund.

Acclaimed documentary filmmaker Davis Guggenheim (An Inconvenient Truth, Waiting for Superman) shows us how Malala, her father Zia, and her family are committed to fighting for education for all girls worldwide. The film gives us an inside glimpse into this extraordinary young girl’s life- from her close relationship with her father who inspired her love for education, to her impassioned speeches at the UN, to her everyday life with her parents and brothers.

This is a free event. Discussion following by Dr. Khalida Zaki, MSU Professor Emerita of Sociology, and core faculty of the MSU Muslim Studies Program. She has taught and researched on gender and Islam in South Asia, particularly on female empowerment and education in Pakistan.

Collaborator: MSU Libraries Diversity Advisory Committee, MSU Muslim Studies Program, MSU Office for Inclusion and Intercultural Initiatives Project 60/50
Contact: Deborah Margolis, (517) 884-0892, deborahm@msu.edu
Link: Event Flyer

Title: “Are We There Yet? The Promise, Perils, and Politics of Penal Reform” with Dr. Marie Gottschalk
Date: April 14, 2016
Time: 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Location: MSU Law College Building, Room 471
648, East Lansing, MI 48824
Description: Please join us for a talk by Dr. Marie Gottschalk. Dr. Gottschalk will be presenting, “Are We There Yet?: The Promise, Perils and Politics of Prison Reform.” A reception will follow. The talk and reception are free and open to the public.

Dr. Gottschalk is a professor of political science at the University of Pennsylvania. She specializes in American politics, with a focus on criminal justice, health policy, race, the development of the welfare state, and business-labor relations. She has authored Caught: The Prison State and the Lockdown of American Politics, The Prison and the Gallows: The Politics of Mass Incarceration in America, and The Shadow Welfare State: Labor, Business, and the Politics of Health Care in the United States.

Collaborator: MSU Residential College in the Arts and Humanities, MSU School of Criminal Justice, MSU College of Law, MSU James Madison College, Citizens Alliance on Prisons and Public Spending
Contact: Katie Wittenauer, (517) 884-6290, wittenau@msu.edu
Link: Event Website

Date: April 18, 2016  
Time: 12:15 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.  
Location: MSU Museum Auditorium, 409 West Circle Drive, East Lansing, MI 48824  
Description: Presented by Sharon Kennedy.  
“Our Daily Work/Our Daily Lives” is a cooperative project of the Michigan Traditional Arts Program (MSU Museum) and the Labor Education Program (MSU School of Human Resources and Labor Relations). For more information on the MSU Museum and its exhibits and events, go to the website: http://museum.msu.edu. For more information concerning the Labor Education Program and the School for Human Resources and Labor and Industrial Relations, go to the website: http://www.hrlr.msu.edu.  
Contact: John Beck, (517) 432-3982, beckj@msu.edu  
Link: Our Daily Work/Our Daily Lives Website

Title: **The Legacy of Emmett Till: Understanding History from Four Perspectives**  
**Till’s Cousin to Speak at Okemos High School**

Date: April 19, 2016  
Time: 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
Location: Okemos High School, Auditorium  
2800 Jolly Road, Okemos, MI 48864  
Description: Emmett Till's cousin will visit and share his first-hand account of the day Till whistled at Carolyn Bryant setting in motion a series of events that would galvanize the growing civil rights movement. Dr. Chris Crowe, author and historian will speak and Dr. Tamara Butler, Assistant Professor, MSU will speak as well. Via recorded Skype session, we will hear from SSA Killinger, FBI agent who reopened the case in 2004.  
This event is FREE and open to the public.  
Collaborator: Okemos Education Foundation  
Contact: Jane Phillips, (812) 339-3747 or (517) 706-4974, jane.phillips@comcast.net  
Link: Event Flyer Okemos Education Foundation Website

Title: **2016 Ewigleben Lecture Symposium**

Date: April 21, 2016  
Time: 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.  
Location: University Club  
3435 Forest Road, Lansing, MI 48910  
Description: Among the many ongoing debates in U.S. higher education is the growing controversy of employing contingent faculty (part-time, non-tenure track faculty, and/or clinically trained researchers). These faculty are increasing in numbers, resulting in debates including the necessity of such faculty amid funding cutbacks, unionization of faculty labor, and improving work conditions (i.e., pay, benefits, job stability, isolation). This symposium of multiple panels will focus on contingent faculty in higher education from various perspectives including policy, advocacy, research, and practice. Presenters will shed light on the wide range of issues raised in this debate and
illuminates available policy levers of opportunity to address issues of equity that are central to the future of contingent faculty.

Registration: The Symposium is free, however registration is required in order to reserve a seat and for lunch. You can register online by April 15th.

Collaborator: The Center for Higher and Adult Education

Contact: Karla Bellinga, (517) 353-5187, bellinga@msu.edu

Link: Event Website, Event Registration Website, Event Flyer

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**Learn at Lunch Series: “A Conversation about Gender-Based Violence”**

**Date:** April 21, 2016  
**Time:** 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
**Location:** MSU Union Building, Mosaic: The Multicultural Unity Center (2nd floor)  
49 Abbot Road, East Lansing, MI 48824  
**Description:** Bring your lunch, join the conversation, ask questions, and learn. Everyone’s welcome. Presenters will be Holly Rosen, Director of MSU Safe Place and April M. Zeoli, Associate Professor, School of Criminal Justice.

**Collaborator:** Office for Inclusion and Intercultural Initiatives  
**Contact:** Lynn Lammers, (517) 353-4563, lammersl@msu.edu

**Link:** Event Flyer, Office for Inclusion Website

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**“Mujer a Mujer” Workshop Series**

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**Time:** 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
**Location:** Holden Hall, Room C136  
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**Description:** “Mujer a Mujer” is a female focused group in South Neighborhood based on a mission to empower undergraduate women at the University level to help them develop professionally through inspirational role models. The workshops are held bi-weekly, Thursday evenings in the fall and spring semesters. Free to participants. Topics in the past have focused on health/wellness, academic success, consent, self-image, relationships, and campus engagement to name a few.

**Collaborator:** Migrant Student Services, Neighborhood Student Success Collaborative, College of Natural Science  
**Contact:** Erica Fiasky, (517) 884-4050, fiaskye@msu.edu

**Link:** Twitter Link

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**“OUT IN THE NIGHT” Film Screening & Conversation**

**Date:** April 21, 2016  
**Time:** 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.  
**Location:** Wells Hall, Room B122  
619 Red Cedar Road, East Lansing, MI 48824  
**Description:** You are warmly invited to the final installment of the Spring 2016 event The Matter is Life: Black Women and Violence Film Series. In collaboration with the MSU Film Collective, join us for a screening of the documentary film “Out in the Night,” the story of four queer black women who were incarcerated for varying amounts of time following a violent altercation with a man on the street in 2006 in Greenwich Village. Join us for a conversation with Renata Hill and Patreese Johnson, two of the four now known as The New
Title: **“Controversies in Today’s America” Exhibit and Staged Reading**

**Date:**
April 27, 2016

**Time:**
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**Location:**
Wonders Hall, Kiva
891 Birch Road, East Lansing, MI 48825

**Description:**
Free event! Staged reading of “Buddha in the Attic” about Japanese-Americans before/during WWII from 7:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Exhibits about Black Lives Matter!, Latinos in the Media, Transgender Health, Birth Control, Gender Pay Gap, Refugees in Michigan, and much more.

$100 of prizes will be raffled off for attendees!

**Collaborator:**
Sociology Department

**Contact:**
Cynthia Gabriel, gabrie63@msu.edu

**Link:**
Event Flyer

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Title: **WKAR Indie Lens Pop-Up: “Peace Officer”**

**Date:**
April 28, 2016

**Time:**
7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

**Location:**
MSU Communication Arts & Sciences Media Auditorium, Room 145
404 Wilson Road, East Lansing, MI 48824

**Description:**
Preview the film and join the conversation on the rising questions about the dangers of increased militarization of American police.

The film tells the story of how former sheriff William ‘Dub’ Lawrence established Utah’s first SWAT team, only to witness the same unit kill his son-in-law 30 years later.

The evening begins with a screening of the film and continues with a conversation as panelists comment on the film from personal experiences and expertise.

The panelists are Dr. Juli Liebler, Assistant Professor and Director of Outreach in the School of Criminal Justice at MSU; Robert Nelson, Lansing ACLU Board of Directors; and Gene Wriggelsworth, Ingham County sheriff.

Parking is free after 6:00 p.m. in the Trowbridge Road parking ramp, near the South, Main Lobby.

“Peace Officer” airs on May 9, 2016 at 9:00 p.m. (check local listings) on WKAR and PBS.

**Registration:**
This event is free, but registration is required. Register at the link below.

**Collaborator:**
WKAR Public Media from MSU

**Contact:**
Bill Richards, (517) 432-0013, billr@wkar.org

**Link:**
Event Website, Registration Website, Event Flyer
Title: Project 60/50 Common Table Meeting - Discussion of Quilts
Date: May 20, 2016
Time: 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
Location: MSU Union Building, Mosaic: The Multicultural Unity Center (2nd floor)
49 Abbot Road, East Lansing, MI 48824
Description: Project 60/50 monthly Common Table Meeting open to the public. Discussion of quilts. Please note the new location for the May meeting.
Collaborator: Office for Inclusion and Intercultural Initiatives
Contact: Audrey Bentley, (517) 353-4563, bentley@pres.msu.edu
Link: Meeting Flyer  Project 60/50 Website  Schedule of Meetings

Participate in The Race Card Project:
http://www.inclusion.msu.edu/Outreach/The%20Race%20Card%20Project.html

We invite everyone that has participated in Project 60/50 to share feedback with us about your experiences. Tell us what you think!
https://msuinclusion.wufoo.com/forms/what-do-you-think/

~Check the website frequently for updates to the Project 60/50 Events Calendar~
http://project6050.msu.edu/

If you have questions about adding events:
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