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Welcome Reception

A College of Agriculture & Natural Resources
Student, Faculty, and Staff Mixer

Guest Speaker: Dr. Dave Weatherspoon

Tuesday
September 8, 2015
4:45-6:00 PM

Justin S. Morrill
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new year with
refreshments
and
conversation
with
colleagues in
the Atrium.

MSU MANRRS: Leading Change

Michigan State University has a rich history of promoting minorities in Agriculture and Natural Resources. Dr. Weatherspoon was a part of a small team of undergraduate students that started a national organization to address the issues and concerns of non-traditional students and professionals in those fields. That organization became Minorities in Agriculture Natural Resources and Related Sciences (MANRRS). This presentation will provide the basis for an understanding of the role that the University can play in leading change and addressing the developing needs of this workforce in the future. MANRRS is open to everyone and seeks to continue to promote excellence and inclusion in CANR fields.

Dr. Dave D. Weatherspoon is a professor of Food Industry and Agribusiness Management within the Department of Agricultural, Food, and Resource Economics at Michigan State University. Dr. Weatherspoon conducts research and teaches with a focus on marketing and industrial organization of the food supply chain. Currently his research is focused on the economics and health impacts of "Food Deserts" in the U.S. The USDA-Economic Research Service recently sponsored his sabbatical to assist them in understanding the food purchasing and consumption and preferences of low income consumers that also have low access to supermarkets.



Dr. Weatherspoon also has a long history of working in developing countries on consumer food purchasing preferences, supermarket and food market development, and international trade. His research projects and outreach activities have taken him to more than 30 countries. He has raised over \$20 million dollars in competitive grant money to support his Global research agenda. All research based publications and related statistics can be found at http://www.afre.msu.edu/people/weatherspoon/research_impact

Dr. Weatherspoon holds a Ph.D. from the University of Florida, a M.S. from The Pennsylvania State University, and a B.S. from Michigan State University. He is proud to have been raised on a small farm in Vandalia, Michigan.



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