

**PLANT SOIL
& MICROBIAL
SCIENCE
DEPARTMENT**

Thank you Noah!

I am sad to say that **Noah Rosenzweig** is leaving MSU. In a brief period, I recognized a witty sense of humor, an accomplished scientist and a humble person. In doing a little digging (thanks Ray), I learned that Noah arrived at MSU as a postdoctoral research associate in 2014 in the area of soil borne diseases. In January 2015 he was appointed as a fixed term Assistant Professor where his responsibilities included soil borne diseases, soil health and fungicide resistance. He ran the potato and sugar beet pathology program after the retirement of **Willie Kirk**, and was co-PD on two USDA SCRI grants, several USDA-ARS grants and enjoyed very good industry support. Noah was an invited speaker at both national and international meetings on the topic of soil health. Working with MSUE Educators and support from USDA SCRI and Project GREEN, he produced four YouTube videos on bacterial soft rot of potato. He mentored two PhD and two MS students and served on the guidance committees for several more graduate students. Noah also chaired the potato Association of America Extension and Production Section and served as an associate editor for Phytopathology.

Thank you Noah for your service and on behalf of PSM, we wish you a healthy and happy future.
Brian Horgan

Congratulations to Erin Bosch-Hannah for being awarded the IAT Outstanding Faculty/Staff Award for 2020!

Erin was nominated by an outpouring of her students who provided many wonderful comments and stories about how she has helped them through their time at MSU.

Erin is an Academic Specialist in the Department of Plant, Soil and Microbial Sciences. Her main responsibilities include coordinating the Agricultural Industries Program; teaching, curriculum development, outreach, job placement, and advising. She has been in this role since 2012; prior to this she was an Agriscience Teacher and FFA Advisor at Jonesville High School. Erin currently teaches many courses at MSU including, Professional Seminar I, Crop Science Labs, Introduction to Crop Science (online), Leadership Development in ANR, and Agricultural Industries Professional Internship.

Erin has a B.S. from MSU in Agriscience with a minor in Biology, and a secondary teacher certification. An M.S. in Community Agriculture Recreation and Resource Studies with a focus in biotechnology curriculum and biosensor research for produce. A Graduate Certificate from MSU in Online Teaching and Learning and is currently in the Doctorate of Educational Technology program at CMU.

On top of Erin's main responsibilities, she is also the advisor of the MSU Agronomy Club, works closely with Michigan FFA, as a judge for leadership contests, proficiency awards, and National Chapter Degrees, and she is the chair of the Agronomy CDE.

Congratulations

Congratulations to **Linda Hanson** as one of the authors of the article “*Optimizing Cercospora Leaf Spot Control in Table Beet Using Action Thresholds and Disease Forecasting*”. The article was selected as the Editor’s Pick for the June issue of Plant Disease. Due to being selected as the Editor’s Pick, the article will also be featured in the APS News Capsule, APS Phytopathology News, and the APS Research Update and will be promoted through social media as well. One of the images in the article was also chosen as a cover image for the month. Congratulations Linda!

PSM Office Contact Information / Hours

Effective March 24, 2020 the PSM Administration Office are closed.

During this time of uncertainty, please be patient with any request you may have placed with a PSM support staff member. Know that PSM support staff will get to your request as quickly as possible.

Summer hours are in effect from May 10 - August 2. Updated hours noted below.

AnnMarie Guldner	guldner1@msu.edu	Monday-Friday	7 AM-3 PM
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Announcements

CANR ORS Pre-Award Support Changes on July 1, 2020

We would like to communicate some upcoming changes to CANR ORS pre-award support provided to faculty. Many of you have already heard or received communication regarding the change that the ORS office will only be assisting with proposals over \$100,000 beginning July 1st. This change was necessary due to reduced staff and upcoming budget challenges.

We understand these changes may require departments to work with more proposals in KC. There are KC job aids and videos available on OSP’s website and OSP has offered to partner with CANR to provide special virtual training sessions to ensure department administrators feel comfortable and prepared for proposal submissions, especially S2S proposals. The CANR ORS staff will also be available to answer questions related to KC. Please let the CANR ORS staff know if you are interested in the virtual training sessions.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/ors/>

Announcements

Faculty/Staff 2019-2020 Community-Engaged Learning Questionnaire Deadline: July 31, 2020

Each year, the Center for Community Engaged Learning (CCEL) reports on the number of students participating in community-engaged learning at Michigan State University. It is important that this information be collected campus-wide and represent all colleges, departments, programs, and projects. To collect this information, the CCEL requests that administrators, faculty members, and staff members complete the 2019-2020 Community-Engaged Learning Questionnaire (covering summer 2019, fall 2019, and spring 2020 semesters). The deadline for completing this questionnaire is July 31, 2020. This short questionnaire should take approximately 5-10 minutes to complete.

In an effort to recognize the work of our colleagues and highlight exemplary programs and projects, the CCEL publishes the MSU Community-Engaged Learning Index using the data collected annually from the Community-Engaged Learning Questionnaire. You may view the 2016-2018 Community Engaged Learning Index (link below). Through this effort we are able to nominate faculty, programs, and students for award programs, elevate individual and shared work, connect community and university partners, scholars, and practitioners, and coordinate for greater impact. The next edition of the MSU Community-Engaged Learning Index will be released in the fall of 2020. We look forward to including the all of the important work of our campus partners!

If you would like to preview the questionnaire you may view it first (link below). It is a short questionnaire and will only take a few moments to review.

Thank you for your contributions to Community-Engaged Learning at MSU!

Additional Information: <https://communityengagedlearning.msu.edu/faculty/what-is-community-engaged-learning>

Questionnaire Link: <https://login.msu.edu/?App=Shibb-ITS-Qualtrics>

2016-2018 Community Engaged Learning Index:

<https://communityengagedlearning.msu.edu/upload/documents/CSLCE-2016-2018-Learning-Index.pdf>

Questionnaire Preview: <https://communityengagedlearning.msu.edu/upload/2019-20%20Survey%20Questions.pdf>

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Michigan Wheat Proposal Timeline

- Please email your 'intent to submit' to **Debbie Williams** at williade@msu.edu before July 23, 2020.
- Please forward your draft budget to **Debbie Williams** before August 6, 2020.
- Please forward your final proposal to **Debbie Williams** before August 13, 2020 at 5 PM so your proposal document can be submitted for approval.
- Each PI will need to email **Jody Pollok-Newsom** at jody@miwheat.org their final proposal package before August 14, 2020 at 5 PM.

(Please see attachments emailed out with newsletter.)

Announcements

2020 Clerical-Technical Recognition Award Nominations (Due June 30th)

Nominations are now being accepted for the 2020 Clerical-Technical Recognition Award through Monday, June 30, 2020.

This award recognizes outstanding MSU clerical-technical employees who have been nominated by their peers. Individuals may be nominated by any member of the MSU community. Selection criteria includes respect and concern for all members of the campus community, diligence in daily work, significant contributions to the community or public service and innovative thinking.

To nominate an employee:

1) Complete a nomination form.

<https://hr.msu.edu/recognition/support-staff/documents/CTNominationForm.pdf>

2) Collect a minimum of 2 support letters (maximum of 5) by MSU colleagues

Please note: Nominees must be part of the CT Union

You may include additional information if it supports the applicant's nomination.

Nominations are **due by 5 PM, Monday, June 30th**. Email the PDF nomination with a minimum of 2 support letters to bracamontes@hr.msu.edu with the subject line: CT Recognition Award Selection Committee.

Outstanding Supervisor Award Nominations (Due July 31st)

This year has been exceptionally challenging for all of us. We know there are supervisors who demonstrated leadership despite the adversity and honored employees' work and personal lives even in the shifting landscape of a pandemic. Tell us how your supervisor pulled your team together, modified workloads or scheduled to fit the changing times, created transparent and honest communication or shouldered the responsibility of safety and care for your teams reporting to campus. How did your supervisor handle transparent and honest communication, empathy, motivation tools, gratitude, acknowledgment and general care and support for you and your colleagues? Outstanding supervisors are all across this campus managing teams both large and small, working in research, education, communication, development, housing, technology, infrastructure, administration, and senior leadership.

Nominate your supervisor and help us celebrate their leadership through the years and/or recent challenging times.

<https://worklife.msu.edu/supervisor-award>

Travel

Modification of CANR Travel Policy Regarding Number of Passengers per Vehicle Effective June 15, 2020

With the recent changes in State of Michigan and MSU health and safety requirements, it is now possible to allow certain specific exceptions to the one person per vehicle rule. A maximum of two people are allowed per vehicle under the following conditions:

- 1) All MSU employees are required to complete the CANR on-line daily health survey prior to coming to work.
- 2) Travel in University vehicles is restricted to MSU employees, including student employees.
- 3) Travel is limited to on-campus (including South Campus Research Farms) or on-station (Off-Campus Research and Extension Centers).
- 4) Maximum travel distance is 10 miles one-way. Longer distance travel remains restricted to one person per vehicle.
- 5) Wash hands or use hand sanitizer prior to entering and upon exiting the vehicle.
- 6) Each person must wear a face covering at all times while in the vehicle.
- 7) The two occupants of the vehicle are expected to be seated as far apart as practical.
- 8) Windows should be at least partially open on both sides of the vehicle to allow air movement.
- 9) A daily log of all users of University vehicles (included leased vehicles) is to be maintained by the Farm Manager or responsible PI.
- 10) Flexible plastic barriers between seats are no longer required.
- 11) The interior of the vehicle is to be disinfected after each use following MSU EHS guidance.
- 12) MSU employees are not required to travel in a vehicle with another person. Pressuring any employee to travel in a vehicle with another person will not be tolerated under any circumstance other than a medical emergency.

Effective June 24th an additional log in will be required to access Concur Travel and Expense. Users will continue to log into EBS using 2-factor authentication. After selecting the Concur Travel and Expense tile, users will be asked to log in again.

- 1) Log into EBS with your NET ID, password, and two-factor authentication.
- 2) Select Travel and Expense, SAP Concur from menu items.
- 3) Complete the log in screen by adding your msu.edu email address and password. (Note: Password is the same as one uses to log into EBS.)

PCard

Shipping Pcard Orders to Home Addresses

In light of MSU's plan to offer hybrid teaching options this fall, academic and administrative executives have agreed to allow shipping Pcard purchases to home addresses, as authorized by your departmental leadership. It is expected that any supplies purchased are brought back to campus when employees return to their offices, as they remain property of Michigan State University.

Bank of America is sending renewal Pcards to your home address, as previously communicated. Existing Pcards are valid through July 31, 2020.

(Please see attachment emailed out with newsletter.)

Human Resources

Hiring Student Employees Virtual Presentation

Please see the Hiring Students Training Guide attachment that was emailed out with this newsletter.

Highlighted Resources for Professional Development

Topic: Working Together Successfully

Course:

- Becoming a Successful Collaborator
- Building Rapport with Your Boss

Video:

- Speak Up and Listen Up: How-to
- Four Levels of Listening

Challenge Series:

- Building Peer Relationships

Book summary:

- Engagement: Transforming Difficult Relationships at Work

How to Access elevateU

- 1) Log in to the EBS Portal with your MSU NetID and password.
- 2) Click on My Career and Training in the top navigation.
- 3) Click on the elevateU tile to open the application in a new window.

Certificates of completion are available for those who complete a course and pass the exam at 75% or better. To print a certificate, go to the left sidebar of the home page and click on Learning Transcript. From there you can set filters to see only completed classes. Then click on Actions, and View Certificate.

Access to MSU Systems

If you have questions regarding access to the MSU systems to effectively perform your job, please see the information at the links provided below. The document “Access to MSU Systems” can be found on the following pages:

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/facultystaff/hr/new-faculty-academic-staff-materials>

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/facultystaff/hr/new-staff-orientation>

PSM Payroll Time Reporting

Due Date Reminders for **biweekly payroll** (includes labor and student)

Reminder: If your employee’s time is not submitted, they will not be paid.

Any PSMS time sheets received after 8 AM on Wednesday, June 24th will be processed on the next payroll and in the next fiscal year.

- For the July 17th pay date (for time worked between June 21-July 4) your time is due by 5 PM on Tuesday, July 7th
- For the July 31st pay date (for time worked between July 5-18) your time is due by 5 PM on Tuesday, July 21st
- For the August 14th pay date (for time worked between July 19-August 1) your time is due by 5 PM on Tuesday, August 14th

MSU Academic Calendar

Summer 2020 - Full Session

June 26	Middle of Semester
July 3	Holiday - University Closed
August 13	Classes End Final Exams are scheduled for the last class day

Summer 2020 - Session Two

June 29	Classes Begin
July 3	Holiday - University Closed
July 22	Middle of Semester
August 13	Classes End Final Exams are scheduled for the last class day

Fall 2020

September 2	Classes Begin
September 7	Holiday - University Closed
October 21	Middle of Semester
November 25	All in-person instruction ends (see note below)
November 26-27	Holiday - University Closed
December 11	Classes End
December 14-18	Final Exams
December 18 & 19	Commencements
December 24-25	Holiday - University Closed
December 31- January 1	Holiday - University Closed

We will begin classes on Wednesday, September 2nd, as previously scheduled. There will be both in-person and online components to instruction in the Fall semester. We plan to end all in-person instruction on Wednesday, November 25th, with remaining instruction, study sessions and final examinations moving remotely for the remaining 3 weeks of the semester. Students will have the option of returning to their permanent residences for the Thanksgiving holiday and not returning to campus or remaining on campus until the semester ends.

Additional Information: https://president.msu.edu/communications/messages-statements/2020_community_letters/2020_05_27_message_campus.html

Send newsletter submissions to AnnMarie Guldner at guldner1@msu.edu
Deadline: Thursdays by 10:00 AM