Welcome to PSM!

On Friday, July 30th Jordan Davis joins the PSM Human Resources team as an HR coordinator. Jordan will be located in PSSB A284. Please join us in welcoming Jordan to PSM!

Congratulations!

Dave Douches’ Ph.D. Natalie Kaiser, who graduated in April, was the lead author on a paper that was given the outstanding paper of the American Journal of Potato Research. Other authors on the paper are Joe Coombs, Kim Felcher, Ray Hammerschmidt, Matt Zuehlke, Robin Buell, and Dave Douches.

“I am glad to inform you that after a rigorous selection process, your manuscript published in 2020, ‘Genome-wide association analysis of common scab resistance and expression profiling of tubers in response to thaxtomin A treatment underscore the complexity of common scab resistance in tetraploid potato’ was selected as the outstanding paper in the breeding and genetics section of the American Journal of Potato Research. You will be recognized at the business meeting on Wednesday, July 28, 2021.”

Also, Dave Douches will be inducted into the Potato Association of America as an Honorary Life Member at the annual meeting this week.

“One of the most significant ways to recognize outstanding contributions to the potato industry and to the Potato Association of America (PAA), is the awarding of Honorary Life Membership. This is the highest award bestowed upon an individual by the PAA.”

Ph.D. Dissertation Defense Seminar

Announcement of Ph.D. Dissertation Defense Seminar
Crop & Soil Sciences
Monday, August 2, 2021 at 2:00 PM
Candidate's Name: Rie Sadohara
Title of Dissertation: Germplasm Evaluation of Common Beans for End-Use Quality: Seed Coat Color and Cooking Time of Yellow Beans and Paste Qualities of Michigan Bean Varieties
Zoom: https://msu.zoom.us/j/93048491836
Passcode: drybeans
Final Oral Examination/Seminar M.S. Degree

Final Oral Examination/Seminar M.S. Degree
Plant Breeding, Genetics and Biotechnology - Crop and Soil Sciences
Friday, July 30, 2021, at 8:00 AM
Candidate’s Name: William Behling
Title of Thesis: The Role of Prezygotic Self-Compatibility in Facilitating Interspecific Compatibility in Solanum Section Petota
Zoom: https://msu.zoom.us/j/91589805395 Passcode: behling

Final Oral Examination/Seminar M.S. Degree - Crop and Soil Sciences
Monday, August 2, 2021 at 9:00 AM
Candidate’s Name: Sarah Chu
Location: A271 PSSB
Zoom: https://msu.zoom.us/j/94927584785
Meeting ID: 949 2758 4785 Passcode: Chu

Final Oral Examination/Seminar M.S. Degree
Plant Breeding, Genetics and Biotechnology – Crop and Soil Sciences
Wednesday, August 4, 2021 at 9:00 AM
Candidate’s Name: Blake Trygestad
Title of Thesis: Genetic And Genetic By Environment Effects On Tar Spot Resistance And Hybrid Yield In Maize
Zoom: https://msu.zoom.us/j/98609164982
Meeting ID: 986 0916 4982 Passcode: Maize

Final Oral Examination/Seminar M.S. Degree
Crop and Soil Sciences
Wednesday, August 4, 2021 at 1:00 PM
Candidate’s Name: Jackie Guevara
Title of Thesis: Effects Of Different Soil Testing Philosophies On Creeping Bentgrass (Agrostis palustris Huds.) And Annual Bluegrass (Poa annua) Putting Greens
Location: PSSB A271
Zoom: https://msu.zoom.us/j/91779638855
Meeting ID: 917 7963 8855 Passcode: Guevara

Seminars / Webinars

Refreshing Your Concur Skills Kick-Start Webinar
Tuesday, August 3, 2021 from 10:00-11:30 AM
Session III will provide insider tips and hints to help you efficiently work with Concur’s Groups and Guests tools. Get the tips and strategies to assist you with kick-starting your Concur skills. Register today.

Agenda:
10:00 Introductions
10:20 Groups tool
10:50 Guests tool

The goals of this webinar are to reintroduce the efficient use of Concur’s Groups and Guests tools, present best practices in order to refamiliarize you with these tools, and where to find helpful training and support resources.
Career Services Network Virtual Workshops
Summer Session Two

Search Strategies: On-Campus, Part-Time, Internships, Full-Time
August 4, 12:00-12:45 PM

Career Advising Help Rooms: Resume and Cover Letter, Search Strategies
August 11, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM
August 18, 3:00-5:00 PM

How to Navigate Hybrid Fall Recruiting
August 12, 11:30 AM-12:00 PM

Virtual Career Fair Prep
August 16, 4:00-5:00 PM

Interviewing: In-Person, Video, AI
August 17, 2:00-3:00 PM

Visit Handshake (msu.joinhandshake.com) and click events to register and receive a Zoom link for each workshop

Accommodations: If you anticipate needing an accommodation to participate in a Career Services program or activity, or have questions about accessibility, please contact Career Services ahead of time at 517-355-9510 or email CareerServices@csp.msu.edu.

Professional Development

Crucial Conversations (Live, Online Course)
August 9 from 1:30-4:30 PM, August 10 from 8:30 AM-4:30 PM, and August 12 from 8:30 AM-4:30 PM
By learning how to speak and be heard (and encouraging others to do the same), you’ll begin to surface the best ideas, make the highest quality decisions, and then act on your decisions with unity and commitment. Learn step by step tools for promoting open, honest dialogue around high-stakes, emotional, or risky topics - at all levels of your organization. View Course Details

Job Announcements

Research Associate - Fixed Term    Job # 717388
The Department of Plant, Soil and Microbial Sciences at Michigan State University, in collaboration with the USDA Forest Services Northern Research Station, is seeking a highly motivated Research Associate for a project investigating interactions between biotic and abiotic controls on assisted migration in northern forests.
Job Announcements

Assistant Professor – Tenure System  
Job # 706037  
The Department of Plant, Soil and Microbial Sciences invites applications for a 9-month academic year, tenure-track Assistant Professor, in Soil Science with experience and special emphasis in soil genesis and classification. 

Research Associate – Fixed Term  
Job # 700439  
The Department of Plant, Soil and Microbial Sciences invites applications from outstanding candidates for a fixed term Research Associate position in the area of plant responses to nutrient deficiency, with a main focus on phosphorus starvation. 

COVID-19 Updates

- The state of Michigan held a town hall for the state’s Gen-Z population to help answer questions on the COVID-19 vaccine. Recent Spartan graduate, Ally Telfor, joined the panel. MSU encourages departments to share the recording of the town hall in communications to students.

- President Stanley sent a letter to the MSU community announcing a survey on vaccination status to be completed by August 6th. Student participation is mandatory and MSU strongly encourages staff and faculty participation as well. Read more here.

- Beginning August 1st, all campus buildings will be open during regular business hours.

- Offices that have student and public facing operations are expected to be staffed beginning August 16th.

- As of June 28th, MSU has lifted most of the COVID-19 mandates to align with state and federal guidelines.

- Wearing masks and physical distancing is no longer required on MSU property (regardless of vaccination status), however these options may be utilized at any time as a personal choice.

- Consistent hand hygiene (cleaning and disinfection) is always a good practice.

- Vaccinations are not mandated for students, faculty or staff members; however, they do provide the best defense against contracting COVID-19. Members of the MSU community can receive a free COVID-19 vaccine through the MSU Health Care Pharmacy.

- MSU will not tolerate discrimination, including any harassment with respect to a person’s right to choose to, or to not, be vaccinated, wear a mask, etc.

- We must support and respect others as they make personal decisions about their health and safety.

- Information on building preparations, air circulation, cleaning protocols and other IPF building services can be found here.

- MSU Returning To On-Site Work website Coronavirus Updates (msu.edu)
Travel

MSU Concur Kick-Start Reintroduction Webinar: Request, Travel, Expense
Session 1
https://mediaspace.msu.edu/media/MSU+Concur+Kick-Start+Reintroduction+Webinar+-+Request+%7C+Travel+%7C+Expense/1_yj5018bi

MSU Concur Kick-Start Reintroduction Webinar: Booking Travel and TripIt Pro App
Session 2
https://mediaspace.msu.edu/media/MSU+Concur+Kick-Start+Reintroduction+Webinar+-+Booking+Travel+and+TripIt+Pro+App/1_zy9owobv

MSU Concur Kick-Start Reintroduction Webinar: Groups and Guests Tools
Session 3
You are invited to the third Refreshing Your Concur Skills Kick-Start webinar. Session III will provide insider tips and hints to help you efficiently work with Concur’s Groups and Guests tools. Get the tips and strategies to assist you with kick-starting your Concur skills.

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MSU’s domestic travel policy has returned to normal. For international travel, the level of review is dependent on vaccination status. Please visit the Office for Global Health, Safety and Security COVID webpage for further guidance.

Download and view all of the Concur User Training Guides from this page:
https://ctlr.msu.edu/COTravelNew/Guides.aspx

Want the latest news in regard to travel and Concur? Register for the Travel Listserv at: https://ctlr.msu.edu/Join_Listserv.aspx?id=UNIVTVL

MSU’s Travel Policy is published at: http://ctlr.msu.edu/COMBP/mbp70ebs-July2019.aspx

Assistance Resources
Travel policy and travel program support: travel@ctlr.msu.edu or 517-355-5000
Concur: concurhelp@msu.edu

Travel@State - Frequently Asked Questions
https://ctlr.msu.edu/COTravelNew/FrequentlyAskedQuestions.aspx
PSM Staff will be returning to the building effective Monday, August 2, 2021. New! PSM Staff will be holding office hours. Please see hours listed below.

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### MSU Academic Calendar

**Summer 2021**
- Full Session
- August 19: Classes End
- Last Class Day: Final Exams

**Summer 2021 Session Two**
- August 19: Classes End
- Last Class Day: Final Exams

**Fall 2021**
- September 1: Classes Begin
- September 6: Holiday - University Closed
- October 20: Middle of Semester
- October 25-26: Break Days
- November 25-26: Holiday - University Closed
- December 12: Classes End
- December 13-17: Final Exams
- December 24-27: Holiday - University Closed
- December 17-18: Commencements
- Dec 31 – Jan 3: Holiday – University Closed

### 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.

- For the August 13th pay date (for time worked from July 18-31) your time is due by 5 PM on Tuesday, August 3rd.

- For the August 27th pay date (for time worked from August 1-14) your time is due by 5 PM on Tuesday, August 17th.

- For the September 10th pay date (for time worked from August 15-28) your time is due by 5 PM on Tuesday, August 31st.

**NEW! Payroll Assistance with Christiina at 12:00 PM on the following Mondays:**

- August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
- September 13, 20, 27
- October 4, 11, 18, 25
- November 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
- December 6, 13, 20, 27

[https://msu.zoom.us/j/98549666083](https://msu.zoom.us/j/98549666083)

Meeting ID: 985 4966 6083

Passcode: 001550

### Newsletter Submissions

Send newsletter submissions to AnnMarie Guldner at guldner1@msu.edu

Deadline: Thursdays by 10:00 AM