



MSU C4I Weekly Newsletter

April 6, 2020

Upcoming Events

Announcing the MSU C4I Interdisciplinary Artist Virtual Lecture Series

Dan Nunez, Owner, Wheel House Studio

April 7, 2020

12PM-1PM EST

Via Zoom

Register at: bit.ly/idartist

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Please email Dr. Stephanie E. Vasko at vaskoste@msu.edu if you have any questions

Announcing an Office of International Studies in Education Virtual Brown Bag Talk and Discussion with Dr. Michael O'Rourke (Director, MSU C4I)

"Facilitating Interdisciplinary Research Collaboration in Africa"

4/9/2020, 12PM-1PM EST

Zoom link: <https://msu.zoom.us/j/883966068>, password: 629543

Office of International Studies in Education
 Welcome Knowledge Building Empowering Leaders

Virtual Brown Bag Talk and Discussion

Guest speaker: Dr. Michael O'Rourke
 Director, MSU Center for Interdisciplinarity

"Facilitating Interdisciplinary Research Collaboration in Africa"

Thursday, April 9th, 12:00 – 1:00pm

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Interdisciplinary research collaboration is a complex mode of research practice that involves integration of different disciplinary perspectives. One motivation for this type of research is that complex problems demand complex responses. While interdisciplinary research obliges, it does so by introducing a host of different perspectives that are not typically easy to integrate. Interdisciplinary research is even more challenging when you involve differences along other dimensions, e.g., institutions and countries. In this talk, I describe a facilitation effort that I direct — the Toolbox Dialogue Initiative — and work we've done in East Africa. Focusing on our collaboration with a multinational, multi-institutional, and multidisciplinary project that addresses woody invasive plants in Ethiopia, Kenya, and Tanzania, I'll discuss opportunities and challenges that have helped make this one of our most stimulating and successful collaborations.

 Michael O'Rourke is Professor of Philosophy and faculty in AgBioResearch and Environmental Science & Policy at Michigan State University. He is Director of the MSU Center for Interdisciplinarity (<http://c4i.msu.edu/>) and Director of the Toolbox Dialogue Initiative, an NSF-sponsored research initiative that investigates philosophical approaches to facilitating interdisciplinary research (<http://tdi.msu.edu/>). His research interests include epistemology, communication and epistemic integration in collaborative, cross-disciplinary research, and linguistic communication between intelligent agents.

Spring 2020 C4I Virtual Interdisciplinary Write-In

April 17, 2020

9:00AM – 12:00 PM

via Zoom

Register by emailing vaskoste@msu.edu

Are you working on an interdisciplinary journal article, grant proposal, book chapter, thesis, dissertation, curriculum, portfolio, online work, or piece of publicly-engaged scholarship? Join us for three hours of dedicated writing time to advance your interdisciplinary scholarship! Representatives from the MSU Center for Interdisciplinarity will be available to discuss interdisciplinary opportunities. Please email Dr. Stephanie Vasko at vaskoste@msu.edu to register.



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