



## MSU C4I Weekly Newsletter March 08, 2021

### C4I News & Events

We're continuing to program virtual events and opportunities here at MSU C4I through Spring & Summer 2021. If you are interested in giving a virtual webinar or presentation, please email Dr. Stephanie E. Vasko (C4I Managing Director) at [vaskoste@msu.edu](mailto:vaskoste@msu.edu).

**2021 University Interdisciplinary Colloquium**  
"Spartan Skin: Impressions From the Symbol of Campus Pride"

**Young Joon Kwak** (2020-2021 College of Arts & Letters' Artist-in-Residence in Critical Race Studies)

**3/19/2021, 12PM-1PM**  
Zoom Link: <https://msu.zoom.us/j/98504663406>  
Passcode: msuc4i

Young Joon Kwak came to MSU to engage the campus community around issues of race, gender, and diversity with their artwork during the global Covid-19 pandemic. At a time when so few bodies were present on campus, Kwak turned their attention to the exemplary body of campus pride, recasting the university's famed bronze statue of "The Spartan" for their upcoming exhibition of new sculptures and prints at the MSU Union Gallery (April 9 – May 21). With this new body of artwork, Kwak invites the university community to partake in an alternative engagement with our symbols and to reflect anew on what lies beneath the symbolic skin of the Spartan. Kwak will discuss how their project intervenes in the current discourse around public monuments as well as its relationship to their larger interdisciplinary art practice.



### 2021 University Interdisciplinary Colloquium

Every other Friday starting 1-29-2021  
12PM-1PM via Zoom

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The University Interdisciplinary Colloquium celebrates excellence in interdisciplinary research that involves humanists or artists as partners. Presentations will be delivered by accomplished interdisciplinary scholars who are engaged in work that integrates a wide variety of perspectives, including the full range of perspectives within the university as well as those from outside the university.

Below you'll find our draft Spring 2021 schedule, stay tuned for more info!



**03/19/21** — **Young Joon Kwak** (Artist-in-Residence of Critical Race Studies)

**04/02/21** — **NiCole T. Buchanan** (Psychology)

**04/16/21** — **David Godden** (Philosophy)

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#### The College of Arts and Letters Arts Launch announced for September 12-18, 2021

The College of Arts and Letters will sponsor its inaugural week-long event celebrating the vibrant arts scene on campus September 12-18, 2021. This date was chosen to coincide with National Arts in Education Week, where educators join together "in communities across the country to tell the story of the impact of the transformative power of the arts in education." [1] We hope to use this event to advocate for the importance of the arts at MSU.

- The Arts Launch has three primary audiences and goals.
1. MSU Students-- especially first-year students-- to introduce them to a variety of arts on campus.
  2. Community-- especially high school students-- to showcase many of the artistic opportunities and create synergistic recruiting or artistic relationships.
  3. Alumni--especially arts-focused alumni-- who may return to campus to engage with current MSU students.

Originating from The Dean's Arts Advisory Council, the CAL Arts Launch Planning Committee is seeking proposals from CAL departments, programs, faculty, staff, students, and student organizations who may be willing to present in the week-long celebration. We are seeking:

- Performances
- Participatory classes
- Demonstrations
- Exhibitions
- Lectures
- Interactive events
- Sharings of student work
- Film screenings
- And more!

We accept proposals involving any discipline of the arts, including theater, film, dance, music, creative writing, visual arts, and others. These presentations may fall into one of the following categories but are not required to:

- Arts as a conversation starter
- Arts and Social Justice
- Arts and Culture
- Arts as a tool for change
- Arts as entertainment
- Arts as relaxation
- Arts and civic engagement
- Arts and innovation

If you are interested in participating, please fill out [a proposal form](#) to let us know how you might want to be part of the celebration. The deadline for the proposals is March 19th at 5:00 PM.

Thank you!  
Arts Launch Planning Committee

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[1] <https://www.americansforthearts.org/by-topic/arts-education/national-arts-in-education-week>



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