



MSU C4I Weekly Newsletter August 23, 2021

C4I News & Events

We're continuing to program virtual events and opportunities here at MSU C4I through Fall 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.

THIS FRIDAY!: 2021 Transdisciplinary Graduate Fellows Program Symposium

August 27, 2021 from 10AM-12PM EDT via Zoom
<https://msu.zoom.us/j/97417939635>
Passcode: TGFP



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Tackling complex problems requires responses that involve collaborations between experts from different disciplines. The MSU Center for Interdisciplinarity (C4I)'s Transdisciplinary Graduate Fellows Program (TGFP) is a new fellowship program in which teams of graduate student fellows work with local community partners to address complex, real-world problems. The program is *transdisciplinary* in the sense of providing an interdisciplinary team of graduate students the opportunity to conduct research alongside a non-academic, community partner.

2021 Community Partners



- Agenda**
- **Opening Remarks:** Michael O'Rourke (C4I Director) and Stephanie E. Vasko (C4I Managing Director)
 - **Presentation from Arts Council of Greater Lansing Team:** Soohyun Cho (PhD Candidate, Department of English), Kwabena Edusei (PhD Candidate, Department of Philosophy), Jada Similton (PhD Student, Department of English)
 - **Presentation from Food Bank Council of Michigan Team:** Anicca Cox (PhD, Department of Writing, Rhetoric, and American Cultures), Michael Stokes (PhD Student, Department of English), Mahdi Zareei (PhD Student, Department of Community Sustainability)

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SAVE THE DATES: 2021 University Interdisciplinary Colloquium

Every other Friday starting 9-17-2021
12PM-1PM via Zoom

Zoom Link: <https://msu.zoom.us/j/96411904159>
Passcode: msuc4i

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.

More details about the Fall Semester speakers to come!

Announcing the C4I Affiliate Faculty Program!

The MSU Center for Interdisciplinarity (C4I) is committed to creating an inclusive community for interdisciplinarians at MSU. Traditionally, we have done this through a variety of programmatic offerings, but in 2021, C4I will be adding to our offerings by establishing an Affiliate Faculty program. It is our hope that this program provides a place for interdisciplinarians on campus to network, find peer mentors, share resources, and develop collaborations.

Who is Eligible?

C4I's new Affiliate Faculty program will include members of campus who engage in interdisciplinary research, teaching, outreach, and administration and who are interested in building a community of interdisciplinarians at MSU. Affiliate Faculty may fall under a range of employment categories, including tenure-track faculty, non-tenure track faculty, academic specialists, postdocs, and staff.

How to Apply

An application to the C4I Affiliate Faculty Program includes a letter of interest in joining the Affiliate Faculty (no more than 1 page) and a current CV. The deadline to apply is *September 15, 2021*. Please send all materials as one pdf to c4i@msu.edu. For the inaugural round of applications, C4I leadership will review applications and welcome new Affiliate Faculty into the community by *October 1, 2021*.

Expectations and Benefits

Affiliate Faculty are expected to attend C4I activities, such as the University Interdisciplinary Colloquium, Transdisciplinary Graduate Fellowship Program Symposium, Interdisciplinary Write-Ins, and other workshops and events. Affiliate Faculty are expected to attend a once-a-semester mixer (to be held virtually 2021-2022). This year, you must also be an Affiliate Faculty member to be eligible for the new C4I Seed Grant Program (coming in October 2021). Affiliate Faculty are also welcome to highlight their achievements or advertise events and classes through the C4I newsletter and social media channels.

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Arts Launch Final Call for Proposals

Please take a look at the upcoming College of Arts and Letters Arts Launch [website](#). We have been working to program an exciting array of events but are still seeking more presentations and activities. **It is not too late to get involved.** We are seeking interactive events to engage new students on campus.

If you would like to offer a presentation, please email roznews5@msu.edu with your event title, preferred date(s) and time, preferred location, and a short blurb about your event and we will add you to the list of presentations. Please send this information by Friday, August 27th by 5:00 PM. Student organizations are encouraged to submit as well!

If you are unable to present, please feel free to promote this free arts event with your students, colleagues, and friends.

We look forward to seeing you at Arts Launch September 12-18!



Light It Up!: An Interdisciplinary Lecture and Embroidery Workshop

Coming September 26 from 1-4PM, this interdisciplinary lecture and workshop will highlight the ways in which contemporary artists meld old and new technologies. We'll begin with a guided tour of the *AAHD Faculty Triennial* exhibition, stopping to discuss pieces that blur the line between science and art. Afterwards, participants will try their hand at creating their own tech-infused embroidery pieces using LED lights. Prerequisites include the ability to hand sew basic embroidery stitches. This electrifying experience is led by Dr. Stephanie E. Vasko, an artist, design historian, and managing director of the MSU Center for Interdisciplinarity. The *2021 MSU Department of Art, Art History, and Design Faculty Triennial* is on view Aug. 7 – Dec. 19 at the MSU Broad Art Museum.

Registration for this event is required. Cost of registration (\$35) covers all materials and instruction. The registration deadline is Sept. 20, 2021. Register [here](#).

Held at the Art Lab, located directly across the street from the museum at 565 E Grand River Ave., East Lansing, MI 48823.



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