



MSU C4I Weekly Newsletter

September 13, 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.

2021 University Interdisciplinary Colloquium w/ Dr. April Baker-Bell

""We Need a Teacher-Researcher-Activist": An Interdisciplinary Approach to Antiracist Medical Education"

Dr. April Baker-Bell
English, African American and African Studies

9-17-2021
12PM-1PM EDT via Zoom

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

In this presentation, Dr. Baker-Bell will discuss her current interdisciplinary research project working with a team of medical doctors to: (1) examine how anti-Black racism is perpetuated in medical school curricula, and (2) develop, implement, and study the effectiveness of an antiracist medical curriculum intervention.



SAVE THE DATES: 2021 University Interdisciplinary Colloquium

Every other Friday starting 9-17-2021
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.



University Interdisciplinary Colloquium
Fall 2021



- 09/17/2021 - April Baker-Bell (English)
- 10/01/2021 - Sharlissa Moore (James Madison College)
- 10/15/2021 - Laura Dilley (Communicative Sciences & Disorders)
- 10/29/2021 - Tacuma Peters (James Madison College, Philosophy)
- 11/05/2021 - Laura Yares (Religious Studies) & Betsy Sneller (Linguistics, Languages, and Cultures)
- 11/19/2022 - Stephen Di Benedetto (Theatre)

C4I Scholar-in-Residence Dr. Megan Halpern named Lilly Fellow

C4I Scholar-in-Residence Dr. Megan Halpern has been named as a member of the 2021-2022 MSU Lilly Teaching Fellows Program. According to the [Academic Advancement Network](#), "the 2021-2022 version of the program will focus explicitly on leadership development for those educators who see teaching and learning as core to their path toward leadership."

"I'm so excited to further develop my own interdisciplinary teaching practice and to share my experiences in teaching creative expression and critical thinking as part of the same process," says Halpern.

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 *October 1, 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 15, 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. .

We Need YOUR Help!: MSU C4I Website Survey

We here at MSU C4I are working on updating our website. If you have a few minutes to spare, please take our survey which can be found [here](#).

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Arts Launch Starts 9/12!

[Arts Launch](#) is a week-long event celebrating the vibrant arts scene on Michigan State University's campus from September 12-18, 2021. This week coincides 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." Arts Launch is dedicated to show the importance of the arts at MSU.

As part of Arts Launch, join C4I Managing Director Stephanie Vasko for a virtual presentation/performance on "Synthesizing the Sound of Space" on Tuesday, 9/14, from 6-6:30 PM. Event info (including Zoom link) here: <https://events.cal.msu.edu/events/synthesizing-the-sound-of-space/>



9/17 Guest Lecture from Prof. Evelyn Brister: "Interdisciplinary Integration as Coordinated and Unified Action"

9/17/2021
3-5PM EDT in South Kedzie 530 OR via Zoom

<https://msu.zoom.us/j/94387720436>
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Abstract:

There is a fundamental paradox in interdisciplinary research: while aiming to tear down the epistemic and linguistic barriers between disciplines it also leads to increasingly specialized knowledge. Scientific research and training institutions are set up so that knowledge grows toward greater specialization. Often, what starts as interdisciplinary research becomes a discipline in its own right. And yet, the downsides to scientific specialization have long been recognized. Otto Neurath's anti-reductionist approach to unified science illuminates contemporary hurdles to interdisciplinarity—and, in particular, to research that draws on disparate fields, such as from natural and social sciences. I argue that we should conceptualize interdisciplinary integration as aiming, in Neurath's words, at "coordinated and unified action" and that the predominant metric of interdisciplinary integration fails to show whether this epistemic goal has been achieved.

Bio:

Evelyn Brister is a Professor at Rochester Institute of Technology in New York. This talk is part of a larger project to understand how to better coordinate knowledge production and, especially, the role of philosophers on interdisciplinary research teams. She recently co-edited *A Guide to Field Philosophy: Case Studies and Practical Strategies* (Routledge, 2020).

Survey Request from The Institute for Cyber-Enabled Research

The Institute for Cyber-Enabled Research is conducting a survey to inform our understanding of the MSU community's future research computing needs, which will inform strategic decisions regarding investments in this area. This survey can be found at this [link](#), and all community members who complete it will receive a complimentary gift as a token of our appreciation. The survey closes on September 24th.

We would appreciate feedback from both current users of research computing services as well as community members who are considering using more computation in their research in the future. We are particularly interested in feedback from community members coming from subject areas that have not traditionally been heavy users of research computing.



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