“Gender Matters: WRC Weekly Digest” for the week of Monday, February 8, 2016 through Sunday, February 14, 2016.

**Income Tax Prep**
Wednesday, February 10, 2016 @ 12:00PM—1:00PM
MSU Federal Credit Union – Farm Lane Branch Community Room
4825 East. Mt. Hope Road, East Lansing, MI
This seminar serves as a how-to guide to getting your 2015 taxes prepared before the tax deadline of Friday, April 15, 2016. Presented by CPAs Charles Amboy and Aaron Pahl, Warmels & Comstock, PLLC. To RSVP, sign up at MSUFCU.org or by phone at 517-664-7725. Co-sponsored by MSU Federal Credit Union and MSU Women’s Resource Center.

**Income Tax Prep**
Thursday, February 11, 2016 @ 6:00PM—7:00PM
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**Upcoming Programs @ the MSU Women’s Resource Center:**

**Academic Women’s Forum: Responding to Microaggressions as Targets, Bystanders & Perpetrators**
Tuesday, February 16, 2016 @ 3:30PM—5:00PM
MSU Union Building, Lake Ontario Room (3rd Floor)
This session will equip participants with tools for responding to bias and microaggressions (i.e. brief exchanges, insults, comments or actions of discrimination based on a person’s identity characteristics). Develop skills for disrupting, confronting and/or coping with bias and microaggressions in the workplace. Presenter: Dr. NiCole Buchanan, Associate Professor, Psychology. To RSVP, email health4u@msu.edu. Co-sponsored by the Employee Assistance Program/Health4U, Office of Faculty & Organizational Development, Graduate Student Life & Wellness and MSU Women’s Resource Center.

**Budgeting: Fine Over 50**
Tuesday, February 16, 2016 @ 6:00PM—7:00PM
MSU Federal Credit Union – Farm Lane Branch Community Room, 4825 E. Mt. Hope Road, East Lansing, MI
Learn how to budget for things such as putting your kids through college, saving for retirement, new-found medical expenses, and more. Presented by Greenpath Debt Solutions. To RSVP, sign up at MSUFCU.org or by phone at 517-664-7725. Co-sponsored by the MSU Federal Credit Union and MSU Women’s Resource Center.

**Questions?** Contact the MSU Women’s Resource Center @ wrc@msu.edu or phone 517-353-1635. For additional information, events and programs, visit us online at: http://wrc.msu.edu.
Other Event(s) of Interest:

Relationship Violence & Sexual Misconduct:
Moving MSU’s Prevention & Response Efforts Forward
Monday, February 8, 2016 @ 4:00PM—6:00PM
MSU Union Building, Ballroom (2nd Floor)

Join the MSU Sexual Violence Advisory Committee (SVAC) in an in-depth conversation to inform the community of efforts on MSU’s campus to raising awareness and improving response to relationship violence and sexual misconduct. This conversation is being held with the goal of gathering input from students, faculty, and staff to aid the committee in providing recommendations to MSU’s new Title IX Coordinator. The conversation will include small group discussions about four critical questions, facilitated by small group moderators; the small group discussions will be followed by a moderated large group conversation. Additional opportunities to provide input through office hours and focus groups will be offered by the Title IX Coordinator throughout the Spring 2016 Semester.

The four critical questions to be discussed include:

- Are there are areas on campus experiencing a particularly hostile environment and/or climate related to relationship violence and sexual misconduct?
- How is relationship violence and sexual violence affecting diverse communities on campus?
- How do you understand your rights in reporting and receiving services for relationship violence and sexual misconduct?
- What are your most innovative ideas to further augment the university’s efforts to increase awareness and improve response to relationship violence and sexual misconduct?

For additional information, contact the Office of Institutional Equity at 517-884-0610

Bake Sale to Benefit MSU Safe Place
Friday, February 12, 2016 @ 10:00AM – 4:00PM
203 Olds Hall

The Communication and Brand Strategy (CABS) Engagement Team is hosting this event to raise funds for MSU Safe Place—the on-campus domestic violence shelter. All treats are $2.00 and additional donations will be accepted as well. Proceeds will go directly to MSU Safe Place. Stop by and grab a few treats in support of this great cause.

Neighborhood Success Stories: “How to Talk to Your Professors”
Thursday, February 11, 2016 @ 6:30PM – 7:45PM
Erickson, Room 103 (Erickson Kiva)

Presented by Kent Workman, Lyman Briggs College and MSU Neighborhoods. Join this session! Snacks will be provided, door prizes will be given away and all MSU students will be entered for a drawing to win a $200 Amazon gift card. For more information, contact Jodi Roberto Hancock (hancockj@msu.edu). Co-sponsored by the MSU Neighborhoods, College of Arts & Letters, College of Education, College of Natural Science, College of Social Science, James Madison College, and the Residential College in the Arts & Humanities.