“Gender Matters: WRC Weekly Digest” for the week of Monday, March 21, 2016 through Sunday, March 27, 2016.

Bike Commuting Challenges for Women
Monday, March 21, 2016 @ 5:30PM—6:30PM
MSU Bikes, located in Bessey Hall right next to the river

This FREE clinic will give you the opportunity for discussion and demonstrations will focus on some of the unique challenges facing women who’d like to bike to work. Riding a bike is a great way to treat your senses to the sights, sounds, fresh air, and warm sunshine - and the best part of bike commuting is that you’ll enjoy free and close parking – no more “parking rage.” Co-presenters: Laura Carter and Marian Reiter. Co-sponsored by MSU Bikes and MSU Women’s Resource Center. RSVP online using: doodle.com/poll/yai5kz7zbamzupng. Questions? Contact Tim Potter at MSU Bikes, pottert@msu.edu or 517-432-3414. Note: There’s a 10-person maximum for this clinic, so register today. For additional information, visit https://msubikes.wordpress.com/2016/02/17/msu-bikes-quick-tips-clinics/.

Buying a Home from A-Z
Tuesday, March 22, 2016 @ 6:00PM—8:00PM
MSU Federal Credit Union – Farm Lane Branch Community Room
4825 East Mt. Hope Road, East Lansing, MI

Whether you’re purchasing your first home, or haven’t purchased a home in a couple years, this workshop will cover everything from home inspections, home values, the importance of a real estate agent, how title insurance protects you and, of course, information regarding mortgage products, how to qualify, and what to expect throughout the process. Presented by MSU FCU Mortgage Department. Co-sponsored by MSU Federal Credit Union and MSU Women’s Resource Center. To RSVP, sign up at MSUFCU.org or by telephone at 517-664-7725.

“WorkLife Balance: Fantasy or Reality?”
Wednesday, March 23, 2016
Choose one of two sessions 8:30AM—10:00AM, Chittenden Hall, Room 110 OR 3:30PM—5:00PM, MSU Union, Mosaic: Multicultural Unity Center (2nd floor)

As professional women, life can blend into work and work can overlap with life, sometimes in ways that make us feel unbalanced. Join us for an honest discussion with the new Executive Director of the MSU WorkLife Office, Dr. Barbara Roberts. Leave with tips for success and a better understanding of how to strike a "balance" that will work for you. Hosted by the Women’s Networking Association. To RSVP, email wrc@msu.edu or call 517-353-1635.

Upcoming Programs @ the MSU Women’s Resource Center:

Academic Women’s Forum: Dialogue and Connection
Tuesday, March 29, 2016 @ 3:30PM—5:00PM
MSU Union Building, Lake Ontario Room (3rd Floor)

Expand upon concepts presented in “Should Women ‘Man-Up’ to Succeed in Academia?” seminar through peer dialogue and connection. Co-sponsored by the Employee Assistance Program/Health4U, Office of Faculty & Organizational Development, Graduate Student Life & Wellness and MSU Women’s Resource Center. To RSVP, email health4u@msu.edu.
Human Trafficking: A Call to Action Awareness Concert  
Tuesday, March 29, 2016 @ 6:30PM—8:30PM  
Fairchild Theatre, Michigan State University  

This **FREE** event will include guest speakers: Jane White, Laura Swanson, Mary Flores and Deena Policicchio; and, musical performances from the MSU Women’s Chamber Ensemble. While this concert is free, **tickets are required** and can be picked up at the School of Social Work, the College of Music or the MSU Women’s Resource Center. Questions can be directed to the MSU Women’s Resource Center ([wrc@msu.edu](mailto:wrc@msu.edu) or 517-353-1635). This event is co-sponsored by the MSU School of Social Work, MSU College of Music, MSU Women’s Resource Center and MSU Office for Inclusion and Intercultural Initiatives.

**Women’s Health Fair**  
Wednesday, March 30, 2016 @ 11:30AM—1:30PM  
MSU Union Building, Main Lounge (1st floor)  

Stop by during your lunch hour to gather great information, partake in demonstrations and an opportunity to win fabulous prizes. Over 30 exhibitors have been invited to participate. Questions can be directed to the MSU Women’s Resource Center ([wrc@msu.edu](mailto:wrc@msu.edu) or 517-353-1635). This event is hosted by the MSU Women’s Resource Center.

**Communication Skill Development**  
Friday, April 1, 2016 @ 3:00PM—4:00PM  
MSU Union Building, MOSAIC: Multicultural Unity Center Conference Room (2nd Floor)  

Communication is key in all leadership positions in the workplace and in your personal life. This seminar will provide the successful communication skills necessary for navigating even the toughest scenarios. Learn to speak up for what you believe in with confidence, gain "buy in" from the people you’re working with and discover tips on how to resolve communication mix-ups. Presenter: Jill Vondrasek, Marketing & Communications Director, College of Nursing. Hosted by the Women’s Initiative for Leadership Development (WILD). RSVP to the MSU Women’s Resource Center at [wrc@msu.edu](mailto:wrc@msu.edu) or 517-353-1635.

**Girls Get Going**  
Saturday, April 2, 2016 @ 8:30AM—1:00PM  
IM Sports West  

Girls Get Going is a **FREE** sports clinic for 3rd to 8th grade girls. This year’s sports will include: basketball, Zumba, rugby, Taekwondo and sports agility. Volunteers are needed. If you are interested, please visit: [www.recsportsmsu.edu](http://www.recsportsmsu.edu). This event is co-sponsored by Recreational Sports and Fitness Services, Family Resource Center and MSU Women’s Resource Center. Questions can be directed to: Recreation Sports and Fitness Services at 517-355-5257.

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

“Advancing Gender Equity Through Education & Resources.” Gender Matters!
Other Event(s) of Interest:

Sennholz Lecture: The Moral and Economic Costs of Inflation
Tuesday, March 22, 2016 @ 7:00PM
Broad Art Museum (547 East Circle Drive, East Lansing, MI)

Presenter: Professor Steve Horwitz, Economics, St. Lawrence University, NY. For more information about this lecture, contact Professor Ross Emmett, James Madison College at BIRCHAL3@msu.edu. This event is sponsored by the W. John and Mary Blyth Fund in honor of Hans and Mary Sennholz.

A Woman Needs the State Like a Fish Needs a Bicycle
Wednesday, March 23, 2016 @ 7:00PM
Case Hall Library

The interference of government regulations in the market is widely acknowledged to be harmful to businesses and to consumer. Working women have been particularly hurt by this kind of regulation. A close look at the history of working women in America will help point to the ways that minimum wage laws and restrictions on working hours, laws about occupational licensure, and the tax code have all contributed to keep women out of the workforce. Presenter: Dr. Sarah Skwire, Senior Fellow at Liberty Fund, Inc., poet and author of the writing textbook, Writing with a Thesis. This event is sponsored by James Madison College. For more information, contact Kim Birchall at BIRCHAL3@msu.edu.

Leveraging a Spartan Education to Found a Nonprofit in Guatemala
Thursday, March 24, 2016 @ 4:00PM—5:30PM
James Madison College Library

Presenter Kody M. Gerkin will discuss James Madison College’s and CLACS’ role in shaping and coloring Mujerave’s work in Guatemala, and offer a first-hand perspective on the challenges and rewards of founding a nonprofit organization in the developing world.

Kody M. Gerkin is a James Madison College alumnus who earned his bachelor’s degree in international relations in 2006 with a minor in Latin American and Caribbean Studies. He then served as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Guatemala from 2006 to 2008. He later attended the Josef Korbel School for International Studies at the University of Denver, earning a MA in international human rights in 2011. His passion for the plight of indigenous women inspired him to return to Guatemala and in 2015 he founded the nonprofit organization Mujerave.

Academic Work Life Compatibility: The New University WorkLife Office
Friday, April 1, 2016 @ 8:00AM—1:00PM
Kellogg Hotel & Conference Center, Lincoln Room

The intended audience for this event is deans, chairs, directors and executive managers.

Current research in the field of work life confirms that changing demographics of both faculty and staff and emerging workplace issues are pushing us to look differently at policies and practices affecting all employees. Key changes point to compelling questions about how to manage both work and personal lives while contributing productively in our fields. This half-day symposium will feature an introduction to the background, current context and impact of work life strategies, followed by a panel discussion of implementation with a variety of populations and workplace settings. Research on the costs and benefits of flexibility policies will be presented, followed by a networking lunch which will include a description of the new WorkLife Office at MSU.
César E. Chávez 6th Annual Commemorative Celebration
Friday, April 1, 2016
Kellogg Hotel & Conference Center, Big Ten Rooms B & C

Chávez Community Leadership Luncheon: 12:00PM—1:30PM
Chávez Student Leadership Conference:  1:30PM—4:00PM

This year’s commemorative celebration theme is *Strength in Unity, Together for Justice.* To register, go to [www.inclusion.msu.edu](http://www.inclusion.msu.edu) (click on the Chávez link). This conference is co-sponsored by MSU Project 60/50, LUCERO, Full Circle Financial Planning, City of Lansing, Greater Lansing Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, MSU Office for Inclusion & Intercultural Initiatives, Lansing School District, City of Lansing Human Relations & Community Services and TRIO Educational Talent Search.

**ZUMBA EVEnt**
Saturday, April 2, 2016 @ 11:00AM—12:30PM
IM Sports East Fitness Center (804 East Shaw Lane, East Lansing, MI)

Proceeds from this charity ZUMBA dance event will support the Lansing End Violent Encounters (EVE) Center which provides shelter and supportive services to survivors of domestic and sexual violence, while seeking to end domestic and sexual violence through public awareness and community education. Participants and volunteers are needed. Suggested donation: $5.00. For more information, check out the Facebook page (Zumba EVEnt!) or twitter (#ZumbaEVEnt). This event is hosted by MSU Recreational Sports & Fitness Services and sponsored by MSU ZUMBA instructors.