Inspirational Woman of the Year Award Recipients

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Inspirational Woman of the Year Awards
2014-2015

Ms. Audrey Bentley
Inspirational Woman of the Year Award: Community Engagement
Lauren Dietz

For Audrey Bentley, receiving this award is a tremendous honor. She was very humbled that her peers and colleagues thought enough of her to believe she should’ve been nominated. Audrey admits that she does not always view herself as being inspirational to others, but receiving this award goes to show how you can often underestimate the great impact you have on others. Not being a person who puts herself at center stage, Audrey has a passion for opening opportunities for others to pursue their happiness. It is a great feeling to know that over her many years at MSU with the countless number of people she has interacted with, she has been perceived in such an overwhelmingly positive light. She holds this award very dear to her heart.

It has been 43 years since Audrey began her very successful career at Michigan State University. She began her work in what is now regarded as Human Resources, which is where she began to discover her love and curiosity for people. She became interested in who people were, where people came from, how they were different, and when they knew what they wanted to pursue in their lifetimes. Audrey wanted to be in constant contact with people; she wanted to do different things everyday with different people. After a short time, she found her home at what is now known as MSU’s Office for Inclusion and Intercultural Initiatives. This is where she grew up; this is where her mind opened, her vision cleared, and her passion grew. Growing up in the South, Audrey had never had access to people from different cultures or different walks of life. When she arrived at MSU she wanted to know people’s life stories; she wanted to know their experiences and their goals. Her position within MSU legitimized her questions and curiosities, allowing her a framework to inquire about people’s lives. It gave her an opportunity to learn and it gave her the ability to realize her gift. It is very clear that this was where Audrey was meant to be. This is her talent; this is her calling.

Most of Audrey’s time and effort in the past year has been spent launching “Project 60/50”, a university initiative launched in January of 2014 to start a year-long conversation around civil and human rights. “Project 60/50” has given Audrey and the Office for Inclusion a rare and unique opportunity to do something different and innovative. The right time arrived and they were prepared to launch this distinctive, powerful initiative. It has allowed her to reach out to people she knows, as well as people she does not, and gives her the ability to provide opportunities for members of the university to showcase their work on a wider, campus-wide level.

Audrey believes that, particularly in today’s culture, people need to believe in themselves to discover their passions and need to pursue whatever that passion may be. Although there will be obstacles you will run into and challenges you may face, if you believe in yourself and believe in what you love, you will not let those barriers stop you. Audrey loves to see other people pursuing happiness and loves to see fearlessness in the pursuit of dreams. Her personal role model was her mother, who showed her what it means to be a community citizen, a caring and compassionate woman, and a woman who is dedicated to seeking justice and equality without fear of speaking up and being seen. Audrey knows it is her mother’s gene that she carries and demonstrates in her life today.

She does not believe that it is cliché to say that you can be anything you want to be and you can do anything you want to do. With this comes great responsibility and often struggle, but Audrey believes that without the women who have come before us, pushed through barriers, and kept moving forward, women would not be where they are today. There are many women who do not receive proper recognition for their work. We owe the women of the past more than just the debt of gratitude; we owe them our energy. We owe it to each other to embrace the beauty of who we are and acknowledge every contribution, regardless of size. Audrey has a strong belief that there is an obligation to being older and wiser as a woman in our culture. You cannot simply keep your vision ahead; you need to look around and keep the younger female generations with you, giving them motives for wanting to join in this rising movement.

Audrey simply asks that all people be genuine, all people acknowledge who they really are, and all people accept the life choices they make. You must promise yourself that you will do all you can. Every woman’s path will look different, but as long as you are advancing the progress of women in our very male-dominated society, you are succeeding. Keep your voices strong. Continue communicating messages to youth and continue supporting them. Together, push forward for all women.

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Inspirational Woman of the Year Award: Professional Achievement
Lauren Dietz

Dr. Jeanne Wald found her way to Michigan State University in 1981 when offered a great job in the Mathematics department immediately following the completion of her instructorship at the University of Chicago. She has remained in the Mathematics department her entire career at MSU, making her way from associate and full professor to several administrative positions including associate chair, undergraduate director, and leader of various programs. Dr. Wald has been nominated for and awarded the Inspirational Woman of the Year Award in the category of Professional Achievement.

Receiving this award is quite an honor for Dr. Wald. It was a compliment in itself simply to be nominated, knowing that her peers thought well enough of her to put her up for the award. She believes it is a great idea to recognize those that may be underrepresented – whether it be for religion, race, gender, etc., – because they can act as role models for their peers. These role models need not be in the same field or following the same career path, but may serve as proof of women or minorities who have succeeded so that this may change their future paths and goals. Too often the work that is done on campus to help others and better the campus as a whole goes unacknowledged, unnoticed, and underappreciated. Dr. Wald is grateful to be recognized for the many achievements she has had in her career.

The large majority of Dr. Wald’s current work is focused on several programs that she has initiated or had a collaborative role in initiating. One of these programs is the Math Learning Center, which Dr. Wald began 20 years ago as an associate chair in the Mathematics department. The intention of forming the Math Learning Center on campus was to provide a place where students who could not afford to hire a tutor could go to get help in a friendly environment and not be embarrassed about it. The centers have since expanded to the separate neighborhoods. Dr. Wald also began a new undergraduate degree program for students who are extremely talented in mathematics. The program is currently in its fifth, very successful year. She has also commenced an exchange program with a university in China to bring international students to MSU.

Dr. Wald’s advice to anyone pursuing a career is to be very conscious of all things surrounding you and to take constructive approaches to deal with all aspects of your career path. For all professions, Dr. Wald believes it is challenging for any underrepresented group. Although it has decreased tremendously in the past 30 years, there is blatant as well as subtle discrimination that still persists today. Dr. Wald became aware of this later in her career much more than she had in the beginning, and believes that most people acting in a biased manner are unaware and would be receptive to constructive criticism.

In her spare time, Dr. Wald spends much of her time centering on family, and enjoys cross-country skiing.

Additional quotes can be found on page 3.

April 2015
Every 67 seconds, someone develops Alzheimer’s. Today, a woman in her 60s is almost twice as likely to develop Alzheimer’s as she is to develop breast cancer. With over ten thousand baby boomers turning 65 everyday, it is estimated that there will be 13,500,000 Americans with Alzheimer’s by the year 2050. Alzheimer’s is a deadly disease that is too often falsely regarded as a natural part of aging. An epidemic is quickly approaching, and women have the opportunity to play a major role in stopping this utterly devastating and heartbreaking illness.

In 2010, it was reported that women were more than half of the individuals diagnosed with Alzheimer’s and nearly two-thirds of the (mostly unpaid) caregivers to those who suffered from the disease. Today, these numbers have transformed into a far worse scenario. Nearly two-thirds of those with Alzheimer’s, and more than 60% of caregivers are now women. With women at the center of this epidemic, women may also be the solution. Maria Shriver, Award-winning journalist, producer, and child of a late father diagnosed with Alzheimer’s, has launched the “Wipe Out Alzheimer’s Challenge” in partnership with the Alzheimer’s Association to inspire women to activate change. It is to be a multifaceted campaign powered specifically by women’s brains. The goal is to motivate women of all ages to become engaged, educated, and empowered to make changes. Shriver wants women to raise awareness, raise the sense of urgency, as well as raise millions of dollars to fund women’s brain research. Not only can this research begin to tell us why this disease is found most commonly in women, but can also inform us what can be done during the 25+ years prior to the detection of Alzheimer’s and its symptoms.

In addition to the “Wipe Out Alzheimer’s Challenge,” a recent Alzheimer’s research breakthrough has occurred very close to home, right here in East Lansing. Michigan State University researcher, Dr. Muraleedharan Nair, has discovered a promising Alzheimer’s treatment using a plant compound used for centuries in Eastern medicine. Nair has patented the botanical compound called “withanamides” that has so far proven to protect cells in mice against the damaging effects that contribute to the development of Alzheimer’s. The promising natural treatment will move toward clinical trials once funding is in place, creating much excitement since no treatment on the market today slows the progression of Alzheimer’s.

Just as HIV/AIDS and cancer were considered death sentences in the past, there is hope that the negative connotations associated with an Alzheimer’s diagnosis will no longer exist for future generations. In order to understand it, learn how to prevent it, and beat it, we need women and their “brain trusts” to fundraise and raise awareness in their communities. You can form your own brain trust to distribute information about Alzheimer’s and its warning signs, expel myths about the disease, and encourage other women whose loved ones suffer from Alzheimer’s to take political action against unfair healthcare coverage and a lack of research funding. As Maria Shriver said in an exclusive interview with CNN, “the race to wipe out Alzheimer’s is on.”

To learn more about Alzheimer’s or to get involved, visit: http://wipeoutalzheimers.org/.

Sources: Wipe Out Alzheimer’s
Thursday, April 2, 2015: MSU Counseling Center Sexual Assault Program 35th Anniversary & Teal Ribbon Award. 5:00PM—8:30PM, Eli & Edythe Broad Art Museum at MSU (547 E Circle Dr. East Lansing, MI 48824). Please join us in celebrating the MSU Counseling Center Sexual Assault Program 35th Anniversary & Teal Ribbon Award! 5:00PM: Backstage Pass Fundraiser - $35 ticket price, cash bar available. A ticket for the Backstage Pass Fundraiser includes free refreshments, a customized scarf, a teal ribbon label pin, 1 free drink ticket to the cash bar, a private concert put on by the Women’s Chamber Ensemble of Michigan State University, and a meet and greet with the cast and production team of Every Two Minutes. 6:00PM: General Reception - FREE; Refreshments will be served; 6:30PM: Award Ceremony, Remarks from President Simon, & Screening of Every Two Minutes: 8:00PM: Post-Film Discussion. To RSVP to the event or make a donation in honor of the MSU Sexual Assault Program’s 35th anniversary, please visit bit.ly/MSUSAP35. Space is limited - RSVP is required for attendance! For more information about the MSU Sexual Assault Program, please visit www.endrape.msu.edu. Co-sponsored by the MSU Women’s Resource Center.

Friday, April 3, 2015: Young Women Strong Leaders Conference. 8:15AM – 3:00PM, Central Michigan University, Mt. Pleasant, MI. The Young Women Strong Leaders conference provides skill development and professional mentoring opportunities to prepare you for success in your professional life. In this one-day workshop, you will meet women leaders - student, academic, corporate, and political - from your region and across the state, building a network that will enable you to successfully work to improve the status of Michigan women and your own leadership abilities. $25.00/pp (includes lunch). For additional information including online registration and payment, visit: http://wrc.msu.edu (under the “News & Announcements tab). Registration Deadline: Wednesday, April 1, 2015. Scholarships Available.

Monday, April 6, 2015: CeCe McDonald Speaking Engagement. 6:00PM—8:00PM, RCAH Auditorium (basement of Snyder-Phillips). Cece McDonald, a black trans woman, was the victim of a hate crime in July 2010. Severely beaten and fighting for her survival, McDonald defended herself, injuring her attacker in the process. In the following days, her attacker was pronounced dead. McDonald was wrongfully charged on the account of two murders. After her release, she has become an outspoken activist for black rights and the trans liberation movement. Her story and insight offer the world a unique perspective on the intersections between race, gender, and sexuality, and how those identities relate to the criminal justice system. This event is presented by: West Circle PRIDE, Black Student Alliance, MSU Students United, African American and African Studies Department, Center for Gender in Global Context, LBGT Resource Center, MSU Women’s Resource Center and the Residence Halls Association.

Wednesday, April 8, 2015: Take Back the Night. Take Back the Night is an international movement that focuses on eliminating sexual violence. All events will take place on the north side of Beaumont Tower: 10:00AM, Clothesline Project; 2:00—3:00PM, Ali Safran speaks about Surviving in Numbers; 3:00PM—5:00PM, Speak Out; 5:30PM—6:30PM, March on MSU campus; 6:30PM—7:00PM, List of demands to University; 8:00PM, Dean Transportation to downtown Lansing; 8:30PM—9:00PM, March to Capitol Building; 9:00—9:30, List of demands to Michigan; 9:30PM, speaker at Capitol; 10:00PM, Candlelight Vigil; 10:30PM, transportation back to campus. For additional details, contact the Take Back the Night Planning Committee at msutakebackthenight@gmail.com.

Sunday, April 12, 2015: Race for the Place 5K. For additional information, visit http://safeplace.msu.edu/race-for-the-place-5k.

Wednesday, April 15, 2015: “Managing Workplace Personalities.” Choose one of two sessions (8:30AM—10:00AM OR 3:30PM—5:00PM), Eppley Center, E412. Do you sometimes feel misunderstood at work? Is there a person in your office that you just don’t “get?” Maybe you’re an introvert in a sea of extraverts. Or, vice versa. Our natural personalities are the outward manifestation of our natural preferences, our energy. As women, they are often misinterpreted. Dr. Monica Marcelis Fochtman has been a certified administrator of the MBTI for 11 years. In this session she will help debunk the myths about workplace personalities and offer tips and strategies for how to manage different personalities in the workplace. Presented by Dr. Monica Marcelis Fochtman, Academic Advisor, MSU College of Nursing. Hosted by the MSU Women’s Resource Center’s Women’s Networking Association.

Thursday, April 16, 2015: How to Avoid Common Pitfalls of Estate Planning. 6:00PM—7:00PM, MSU Federal Credit Union – Farm Lane Branch, 4825 E. Mt. Hope Road, East Lansing, MI. Confusion about common estate planning documents and concepts, often lead to people paying for legal documents that may not fit their needs. In this presentation, you will have the opportunity to learn why some people may need living trusts, but others may not. You will learn about the “death tax” and whether it applies to you, and how other taxes, including income taxes and capital gains taxes impact the type of estate planning documents that may make sense for you. You will also understand the kinds of documents that can be put in place so that decisions can be made for you if you become incompetent. Presented by Chaligan & Tripp Law Offices. RSVP to MSUFUCU.org, e-mail pday@msufcu.org or phone 517-664-7725. Co-sponsored by MSU Federal Credit Union and the MSU Women’s Resource Center.


Wednesday, April 22, 2015: A Conversation with the Assistant Vice Presidents for Governmental Affairs – Ms. Monique Fields and Dr. Janet Lillie. MSU Union Building, Lake Huron Room (3rd Floor). Join the MSU Women’s Resource Center for a conversation! RSVP by Friday, April 17, 2015 to wrcc@msu.edu.

Thursday, April 23, 2015: Take Your Child to Work Day. 8:00AM—3:00PM, tours at various locations. Recognition ceremony held in the MSU Union Main Lounge at 11:30AM. No RSVP necessary. For details visit: wrcc.msu.edu under the “Events” tab beginning April 17th.

Thursday, April 23, 2015: Money Smart Week. 6:00PM—8:00PM, Human Ecology, Room 300. Geocache for campus cash and financial resource fair. Participants will have a chance to win $1000 scholarship, build financial skills, attend informal financial workshops, raffles for prizes and enjoy free food. Sponsored by the Department of Human Development & Family Studies, MSU Federal Credit Union, MSU Extension, MSU Career Services and MSU Libraries. Visit the MSU Women’s Resource Center booth at the resource fair! For additional details, visit: http://hdfs.msu.edu.

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Friday, April 3, 2015

8:00AM—3:00PM

Central Michigan University
(Bovee University Center—103 E. Preston Street,
Mount Pleasant, MI 48859)

$25.00/pp (includes lunch)

Scholarships Available!

REGISTER NOW!

For additional information, including online registration and payment, visit:

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(under the “News & Announcements” tab)
**EVENTS & RESOURCES**

**Save The Date!**

Join the MSU Women’s Resource Center for the annual

**“Women Matter” Celebration & Luncheon!**

Friday, May 1, 2015  
11:30AM—1:30PM  
Wharton Center for Performing Arts—Jackson Lounge (2nd Floor)

Keynote Speaker:  
Ms. Marcelina Treviño-Savala  
Reconsideration Attorney—Law & Policy  
State of Michigan, Department of Civil Rights

Early Bird Registration by April 17—$15.00  
Registration after April 17—$20.00

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: April 27, 2015

Registration and online payment beginning  
Tuesday, April 7, 2015 @  
http://wrc.msu.edu (under the events tab)

Questions? Contact the MSU WRC @ 517-353-1635

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**The Hunting Ground**  
A Q&A with Director Kirby Dick will follow the film.

Tuesday, April 7th @ 7:00PM  
B-117 Wells Hall

Kirby Dick is a two-time Academy Award®-nominated and two-time Emmy Award®-winning documentary film director. His most recent film, THE HUNTING GROUND, a monumental expose about sexual assault on college campuses, premiered at the 2015 Sundance Film Festival. His prior film, THE INVISIBLE WAR, a groundbreaking investigation into the epidemic of rape within the U.S. military, won two 2014 Emmy® Awards for Best Documentary and Outstanding Investigative Journalism, Long Form; a 2013 Peabody Award; and the 2012 Sundance Film Festival Audience Award. It was also nominated for an Academy Award® for Best Documentary Feature.

Co-sponsored by the Office for Inclusion and Intercultural Initiatives, ASMSU, & Sexual Assault Crisis Intervention.

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**QuILL: Queer Inclusive Learning and Leading**

Formerly known as **SafeZone** training, **QuILL: Queer Inclusive Learning and Leadership** is a two-part training offered by the LBGT Resource Center at Michigan State University.

**QuILL Web Course: Foundations of Queer Inclusive Learning and Leadership:**

The QuILL web course is self-paced and available to anyone with internet access through Desire2Learn. The web course takes approximately 45 – 90 minutes to complete. The web course may be used as a stand-alone information tool to compliment coursework, support professional developing, or for personal learning.

If you would like to schedule a QuILL workshop for **MSU faculty or professional staff members**, please contact Dee Hurlbert, Director of the LBGTRC, at hurlber3@msu.edu.

If you would like to schedule a QuILL workshop for **MSU students or student staff members**, please contact Alex C. Lange at langeal3@msu.edu. This is an educational program of the LBGT Resource Center that is still being developed. If you have any concerns, questions, or technical difficulties, please contact Deanna Hurlbert at hurber3@msu.edu or call 517-353-9520.

For detailed information, visit:  
http://lbgtrc.msu.edu/programs-and-services/quill/

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**Enter to Win MSUFCU’s 13th Annual Graduate Makeover Contest**

$3,200.00 in cash and prizes!

**HURRY!** Applications are due by April 2, 2015

Tell us what you’ve accomplished while at Michigan State, your professional goals, and why you deserve to be one of our two makeover winners.

Enter online at www.msufcu.org/gradmakeover

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April 2015
21st Annual Race for the Place 5K: Sunday, April 12, 2015!

Race for the Place is the largest annual fundraiser for MSU Safe Place and allows their program to continue to provide vital services to the members of the MSU and greater Lansing communities who experience relationship violence and stalking.

The Race for the Place 5K course takes place on the beautiful campus of Michigan State University. Race for the Place is a fun-filled family event, with events for kids of all ages, MSU varsity athletes participation and a visit from Sparty!

**Entry Fee**
On or before March 31, 2015: $25.00
After March 31, and Race Day: $30.00
MSU students with valid ID or under age 18: $20.00
Group discount (up to 4 individuals) must register together in person or by mail: $60.00.

**Kids Run 100-Yard Dash**
The FREE Dash starts at approximately 1:45 p.m., after the 5K, and is open to kids 6 and younger. All participants receive a ribbon and special prizes.

**Kids One-Mile Fun Run**
The One-Mile Fun Run will start immediately following the 100-yard dash. Boy and girl top finishers will be awarded a first-place medal. This run is open to kids 12 and younger. All participants receive a medal and special prizes. $15 entry fee includes a short-sleeved t-shirt with pre-registration.

**Volunteer Opportunities**
Volunteers are needed between 9:00AM—3:00PM on Race Day. If you would like to volunteer for Race for the Place, contact Alyssa Baumann, Volunteer/Advocacy Coordinator, at baumann9@msu.edu or 432-9570.

For more information or to register, please visit: http://safeplace.msu.edu/race-for-the-place-5k or follow Race for the Place on Facebook.

Women’s Networking Association
*Spring Semester @ A Glance*

**FREE and open to all! RSVP required.**
Please call (517) 353-1635 or email wrc@msu.edu (with “Networking” in the subject line).

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**Student Employee Of the Year Recognition Program 2015**

**National Student Employee Week**
**April 12–18, 2015**

**MSU Student Employee of the Year Award Reception**
**April 15, 2015**

For additional information, contact: barnera@msu.edu or 884-0198.


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April 2015
The Women’s Law Caucus presents:

Not Your Everyday “F-Word”: Defining Feminism and its Role in the Fight for Equality

Please join the WLC for a panel discussion concerning the definition of Feminism, its connotations throughout history, and whether men and women advocating for equality should seek to reclaim the “F-Word.”

Professors Hannah Brenner, Lisa Fine, Catherine Grosso, Wenona Singel, and Cynthia Starnes will be presenting, along with Ingham County Commissioner Sarah Anthony.

Dinner will be provided on a first come, first served basis.

Wednesday, April 1st
6:00—7:30PM
Room 471
#IAmNotForSale

A night of Human Trafficking Prevention & Awareness

A FREE Campus Event

*Light refreshments will be provided*

For More Information, please contact Rachel Lewis at: lewisra7@msu.edu

Help us keep the conversation going by using #IAmNotForSale and also liking our Facebook page!

https://facebook.com/pages/I-am-not-for-sale/1611808939040537

This event is sponsored by Michigan State University Social Work Masters Students

Ayotzinapa Event #Caravana43

Thursday, April 9, 2015
5:30PM—7:30PM
Room 226 Erickson Hall
Michigan State University
East Lansing, MI 48824

Family members of the 43 disappeared Mexican students, and a student from Ayotzinapa’s Escuela Normal Rural “Raul Isidro Burgos,” will speak at Michigan State University. Join us to learn more about this tragedy and its relationship to Indigenous and Latin@ education, as we place the current struggle to find the missing students in the context educational practice and policy, foreign relations and international human rights.

www.caravana43.com
www.msu.edu/~cls

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Congratulations!

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HOT OFF THE PRESS!

Cece McDonald

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Date: Monday, April 6th, 2015

Time: 6 PM to 8 PM

Location: RCAH Auditorium (Located basement of Snyder/Phillips)

Proudly Presented By:
West Circle PRIDE, Black Student Alliance, MSU Students United, African American and African Studies Department, Center for Gender in Global Contexts, LGBT Resource Center, MSU Women’s Resource Center, Residence Halls Association
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TAKE BACK THE NIGHT 2015

7 - 9 & 17 - 18 APRIL
#AskListenRespect

7 - 9 April: All day Events @ MSU Union and Beaumont Tower
17 - 19 April @ MSU Campus

Guest speakers:
Wagatwe Wanjuki, All Safran & Heather Marlows

Speak out. March. Rally.
msutakebackthenight@gmail.com

APRIL 6 @ THE ROCK
12:00-2:00pm Resource Table
3:00-4:00pm Make your surviving in Numbers turnback
4:00-7:00pm Resource Circles (please arrive)

APRIL 7
3:00-4:00pm Consent Workshop
7:00-8:00pm Stop and Search at the Union (first floor)
9:00-9:30pm Panel Holding for March (MSU union)

APRIL 8
9:00-10:00am Reconstitution, let's go (create your own stats to put up) @ Beaumont Tower
2:30-3:15pm All Survivors speak about Surviving in Numbers (create your own statistics)
3:00-3:30pm Speak Out
3:30-4:30pm March on Campus @ Beaumont Tower
4:30-7:00pm List of Beams to University
7:30-7:45pm Dinner provided (MSU Union)
9:00pm Transportation to downtown Lansing provided by Beams (catch provided)
0:00-9:30am March in the capital (walking past houses, homes, and the Capitol)
9:30-10:00pm List of demands to DPC

9:30pm Special Speaker at the steps of the capital
10:00pm Candle Light Rally
11:30pm Transportation back to campus

APRIL 9
12:00-1:00pm Self Care Workshop held by Firecracker Foundation @ the Union
2:00-3:00pm LGBT Panel on Sexual Violence
3:00-4:00pm Men's Forum
3:00-4:00pm Know Your OK Educational Workshop
Special Speaker Wagatwe Wanjuki - intersection of Rasa and Sexual Violence

APRIL 10
9:00-10:00am Set up Clothing and Surviving in Numbers on the Capitol Lawn
TBD Speaker Ebony Undercover Speech and Recognition
1:00-4:00pm The HAZI Play

APRIL 18
Panel On Institutional Barriers to Reporting on Rape: The HAZI Play
Hunting Ground Premieres & Discussion - TBD

Reclaim our bodies and voices

April 2015
Global food systems are embedded in a social context. Gender relations often determine who owns what critical assets, thereby influencing where along the food system we participate, how we participate, and the benefits we derive from our participation. Gender issues also inhibit or accelerate food systems development efforts.

This webinar will explore gender issues in agriculture, in particular, why gender is relevant to both food systems research and innovation activities. Nathalie Me-Nssope of Michigan State University's Global Center for Food Systems Innovation (GCFSI) will talk about incorporating gender into the food systems research and innovation lifecycle. Examples will be drawn from a recent case study on the pigeon pea value chain in Malawi.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED @ HTTPS://MSUG301.WUFOO.COM/FORMS/Z1UMRUZE1XLYDU4/

WHEN: Tuesday, April 14, 2015 ■ 9:00 - 10:30 AM EST

About the Presenter:
Nathalie M. Me-Nssope is an Assistant Professor, Agricultural Food and Resource Economics, and Gender Specialist for the GCFSI, a USAID's Higher Education Solutions Network at Michigan State University (MSU), United States. She holds a PhD and MS degrees in Agricultural Economics from MSU (USA), an MA in Women's Studies from the University of York (UK), and a BSc (Double Honors) in Women and Gender Studies and Economics from the University of Buea (Cameroon).

About GCFSI:
The GCFSI is one of eight development labs funded by the US Global Development Lab at USAID. The GCFSI Mission is to create, test, and enable scaling of effective solutions and evidence-based approaches to a defined set of future critical global trends impacting food systems. The GCFSI works on improving food systems in a world facing shrinking natural resources, changing climate and rapidly increasing demand, all in a context of transformative technological changes. The goal is to find creative ways to overcome the problems of shrinking farm land in developing countries, help under-resourced farmers deal with less rainfall due to climate change and develop plans to improve systems dealing with food production, storage, processing, packaging, transportation and distribution strained by larger urban population.

For more information, visit: http://gcfsi.isp.msu.edu/
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Sistrum, Lansing Women’s Chorus, presents...

NOURISHING our community

May 8 and 9, 2015
8:00pm performances
(silent auction starting at 7pm)

Central United Methodist Church
215 N. Capitol Avenue, Lansing

Tickets $15-25 sliding scale
ASL interpretation provided
A portion of proceeds and all food collected at the concert will go to the Greater Lansing Food Bank

More information at www.sistrum.org

April 2015
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“MONEY
doesn’t grow on trees
but its roots are in
good decisions.”

For women within fifteen years of retirement
Postcards from the Future:
A Woman’s Guide to
Financially Ever After
Tuesday, May 12, 2015
12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.
(Bunch provided – arrive early to sign in and collect your lunch)
4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
(Snacks provided)
MSU Union Building
Lake Huron Room (3rd floor)
Join us as we share experiences and learn new money and investing skills.

For women of all ages
Money at Work 1:
Foundations of Investing
Wednesday, May 13, 2015
12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.
(Lunch provided – arrive early to sign in and collect your lunch)
MSU Union Building
Lake Huron Room (3rd floor)
Join us as we learn about different investment vehicles, and how to choose the right ones for your goals and risk tolerance.

Save your spot today!
RSVP by calling 800-732-8353, Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. (ET)
or go to www.tiaa-cref.org/MSU-FE.
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6th Bi-Annual
“Women In The Middle” Conference
Overcoming the Fear of Failure

This half-day retreat is for all “Women in the Middle” – of a challenge, of a decision-making process, of the many demands our lives place on us. This year’s event will focus on Overcoming the Fear of Failure. It is common for people to limit their options based on fear and shame, but this retreat will help participants develop tools and tactics for testing long-standing barriers and achieving their dreams.

Tuesday, May 19, 2015
8:30AM—12:30PM
The University Club—Heritage Room (3435 Forest Road, Lansing, MI)

Early Bird Registration by May 1—$25.00 (includes lunch)
Registration after May 1—$40.00 (includes lunch)
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: May 14, 2015

About the Presenters . . .

Kerri Finlayson is a professor at North Central Michigan College. She is no stranger to overcoming fear—she hiked to the peak of Mt. Kilimanjaro, skied to the North Pole, biked the east coast of Africa, among other adventures and death-defying feats. As the keynote speaker at Women in the Middle, she will inspire participants to approach life with courage and empower participants to defy their fear of failure.

Nedra Cannon is a Lansing based LMSW who will provide hands-on learning tools for overcoming the fear of failure. With years of experience assisting clients through life transitions, grief and other life challenges, Ms. Cannon will help participants gain skills for overcoming barriers and living their fullest lives.

Online *Registration & Payment opens Tuesday, April 7, 2015 at:
http://wrc.msu.edu under the “Events” tab
*(The first 40 registrants will receive a special gift!)

For questions, please contact the MSU Women’s Resource Center at (517) 353-1635 or wrc@msu.edu. Accommodations for persons with disabilities may be requested by contacting the WRC at 517-353-1635. Requests will be honored whenever possible.

Cancellation Policy: After registering, you may transfer your registration to another person at any time. Otherwise, registration fees are nonrefundable.