NEW INITIATIVE PROMOTES ART ACROSS CAMPUS

Strategy focuses on strengthening student success, sense of community

MADDIE CURLEY // ARTS & CULTURE

MSU’s campus is rich in art — live performances, art installations, sculptures, exhibits spanning across disciplines, departments and programs — but this segmented approach makes coordination difficult, often resulting in art that is dispersed and hard to access.

However, changes in university leadership, infrastructure investments, a growing emphasis on integrated teaching and changing faculty attitudes have sparked the university to embark on a yearlong effort to design a unified arts strategy to make arts a fundamental part of the MSU experience.

The strategy, MSU-Arts, aims to maximize the impact of existing arts resources and create new opportunities for synergy and engagement across disciplines and across campus. MSU-Arts consists of three broad action areas where the university can seek opportunity and make an impact:

- the educational experience, research and creativity and creating a sense of place.
- Judith Stoddart, associate provost for university collections and arts initiatives, is facilitating the conversation on MSU-Arts and has begun connecting with departments and faculty groups across campus who can play a role in further developing the program.

CHANGES TO TRAVEL AT STATE PROCESS

The new and improved travel and expense system for employees is now being rolled out to pilot groups on campus.

go.msu.edu/QWH

CAMPUS SOCIOCOMBIVITY SURVEY

MSU is seeking input from employees via an online survey to provide valuable information regarding campus mobility.

go.msu.edu/9WH

7 STAFFERS TO RECEIVE TOP HONOR

Jack Breslin award reception to be held May 13 at Kellogg

BETHANY BALKS // CAMPUS LIFE

Six staff employees have been named Jack Breslin Distinguished Staff Award winners, and one staff employee has earned the 2018-19 Ruth Jameson “Above and Beyond” Award.

Jack Breslin Distinguished Staff Award Winners

Margaret Barkman
Margaret “Marge” Barkman is the academic programs coordinator for the Department of Communications. In her role, she administers three graduate programs, maintains the departmental alumni database, has lead responsibility for course scheduling for faculty and teaching assistants and works with the college and department graduate program coordinators on a wide variety of programmatic and curricular matters.

Kim Consavage
Kim Consavage is a utility worker and group leader for Infrastructure Planning and Facilities (IPF) Landscape Services. In this position, she works diligently to oversee the maintenance of campus, ensuring it stays clean, safe and functional. Her contributions to the design and implementation of the MSU Wayfinding Initiative, her innovative approach to problem-solving and her creative and original signage ideas have made her an indispensable member of her team.

Karen Corley
Karen Corley is the senior associate director for Residence Education and

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Nicole Utter

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FACULTY FOCUS

PROF’S RESEARCH TAKES HIM TO PACIFIC OCEAN’S DEPTHS

Dalton Hardisty is the Endowed Assistant Professor of Global Change Processes in the Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences. “Titanic.” Owned by the Navy, but operated by Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, the Alvin has been part of key discoveries on the seafloor.

The three passengers sat cramped within a 7-foot diameter titanium sphere, all of our own agenda — collecting in near-freezing waters and super-heated water and the mineral-rich plumes emitting from the vents. Having the plan in place gave me the assurance necessary to execute the mission while having a blast.

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COM NAMES NEW RESEARCH DEAN

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John Goudreau became associate professor in Goudreau has an incredible background and he brings the kind of experience that will allow us to elevate an already outstanding research portfolio,” said Andrea Amalfitano, dean of the College of Osteopathic Medicine. “Because he’s an alumnus of our DO-PhD program, as well as an exemplary leader, I have complete confidence that he’ll do an exemplary job in guiding our physician-scientist training program.”

He is board certified in neurology and is an active member of the American Academy of Neurology, Movement Disorders Society, American Society for Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics and the American Osteopathic Association.

ENGINEERING PROFS EARN NSF AWARDS

Two computer science and engineering faculty from the College of Engineering have received NSF CAREER Awards, which began in March 2019. Jiliang Tang, a professor of computer science, and H. Metin Aktulga, an associate professor of electrical engineering, both received five-year, $500,000 grants to develop algorithms and software or “block” messages to help scientists and big data researchers tackle the challenges they face when working on large-scale computer systems. The five-year, $500,000 grant began in February 2019.

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