The 2002 Seminar on College will bring together new Michigan State University Teaching Assistants with some of the best faculty and graduate student teachers on campus. Required for new teaching assistants in departments without TA training, the program is also open to all TAs seeking to improve their teaching skills. Departments are encouraged to allow their TAs to take advantage of selected parts of the orientation/seminar.

The 2002 Seminar on College Teaching differs from past Campus Orientation programs in that it combines both International and domestic TAs for training from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon for three days, August 19th through the 21st. This new format replaces separate training for ITAs and American graduate students. We also hope this schedule will let departments more easily coordinate their own orientations with the campus-wide event. TAs would be available to meet for departmental functions each afternoon.

As in past years, each registered participant will receive a copy of the MSU TA Handbook, an Orientation/Seminar Binder, and materials on MSU teaching resources. Also, as in past years, the program will begin with its traditional first-day morning panel discussion of MSU Campus Policies and Procedures.

Please contact Kevin Johnston, University TA Program Coordinator, or the TA Office if you have any questions about the new program schedule. kmj@msu.edu (353-3062)

Daily Schedule: 2002 MSU TA Seminar on College Teaching
(All Activities 8:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. in 1281 Anthony Hall)

Monday August, 19  (1281 Anthony Hall)

8:00  Arrival/Continental Breakfast/ Registration
Dissemination of Materials
(1281 Anthony Hall Foyer)

8:45  Welcome! /Plans for the Day
Kevin Johnston, MSU TA Programs

9:00 – 10:30  Policies and Procedures Panel
Dr. Barbara Steidle – Special Asst. to the Provost
Dr. Anthony Nunez - The Graduate School
Dr. Stan Soffin – MSU OMBUDSMAN
Paulette Granberry Russell – Executive Director, 
Affirmative Action and Compliances

10: 30            Break

10:45 – 12:15

**Instructional Strategies**
The Art of Presenting - Kevin M. Johnston
Effective Discussion Principles – Dr. Chris Womack
Office Hours as a Teaching Opportunity – Rajesh Lal

12:15            Evaluation

**Tuesday, August 20**  (1281 Anthony Hall)

8:00 – 8:30

Greetings/Breakfast/Registration
Materials Distribution
(1281 Anthony Hall Foyer)

8:30 – 9:00

**Being a TA/MSU TA Resources**
Kevin Johnston, MSU TA Programs

9:00-10:15

**Who Are Your Students? How Do We Teach Them?**
Dr. Philip Gardner – Collegiate Research Employment Inst.

10:15 – 10:30  Break

10:30 – 12:00

**Ethical Issues in Research/Preventing Plagiarism**
Dr. Julie Reyes - Research Ethics Education, Coordinator
Jessica DeForest – MSU Learning Resource Center

12:15            Evaluation

**Wednesday, August 21**  (1281 Anthony Hall)

8:00

Breakfast/Late Registration
Materials Distribution
(1281 Anthony Hall Foyer)

8:15 – 9:15

**Outstanding TAs Panel**
Douglas Bohl – Mechanical Engineering
Anna Wiese Monfils – Plant Biology
Mary Jo Cooley Hidecker – Audiology/SPCH SCI.
April Herndon – American Thought & Language
Jennifer Waldron - Kinesiology

9:30 – 11:00  
**Great Teachers on Lecture, Lab, and Recitation**  
Dr. James (Rik) Scarce, III – Lyman Briggs  
Anna Wiese Monfils – Plant Biology  
April Herndon – American Thought & Language

11:00 – 11:15  
Break

11:15 – 12:00  
**MSU Classroom Technology**  
Frank Tate – Technical Supervisor, MSU Instructional Media Center (IMC)

12:15  
**Evaluation**

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**2002 College Seminar Presenters and Panelists: Addresses/Biographies**

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Doug Bohl received his undergraduate degree at the University of Connecticut and followed that up with a Masters degree from MSU. Last week Doug defended his PhD dissertation and will be leaving MSU after the fall semester. He has been interested in educational issues throughout his graduate work. He worked with the administration and faculty in the College of Engineering to develop a teaching certification program for engineers. In 2001, Doug received the MSU Excellence in Teaching Citation for his work with undergraduate education. A Long-time contributor to MSU’s TA training, Doug will participate in this year’s Outstanding TA Panel.
Philip Gardner received his undergraduate degree in chemistry (history) from Whitman College, Walla Walla, Washington, and MS and PhD in institutional economics from MSU (1979). Dr. Gardner served in the US Army in SE Asia then spent 18 months working for the Thai government with Land Reform Office, and 8 years at the University of California, Riverside teaching and economic research. He returned to MSU 15 years ago to direct the Employment Research Institute, which focuses on the transition from college to work. Dr. Gardner is also Associate Director of Career Services, focusing on strategic initiatives for student development, and assistant to the Provost for outcome assessment. He teaches MSU sophomores in course entitled, "Academic and Career Decision Making." A speaker on campus who is in great demand, we are lucky to have Dr. Gardner speak about MSU undergraduates at this year’s Seminar.

April Michelle Herndon is a doctoral candidate in MSU’s Department of American Thought and Language. She was recently awarded an MSU Excellence in Teaching Citation, one of the highest honor teaching awards on campus. Her students claim April to be as much a role model as teacher; as someone who, “…leads by example.” A marvelous sense of humor combined with her devotion to great teaching and an insistence on providing each of her students individualized attention make her a great (and effective) and admired teacher. April will be working in two capacities at this year’s seminar both as an Outstanding TA panelist and as a presenter on conducting effective recitations.

Mary Jo Cooley Hidecker is a doctoral candidate in Audiology and Speech Sciences (ASC). She returned to school after working as a speech-language pathologist and audiologist in Iowa, Minnesota, and Michigan. Her B.A. (speech & hearing science and psychology with an English minor) and M.A. (speech pathology & audiology) are from the University of Iowa. She has been a teaching assistant numerous times at Michigan State University and the University of Iowa. She also has experience as a clinical supervisor of speech language pathology students and as an instructor of ASC courses. Mary Jo is pursuing MSU’s Certification in College Teaching. Mary Jo is a former award winner of MSU’s Excellence in Teaching Citation and will be part of this year’s Outstanding TA’s Panel.

Rajesh Lal is a Specialist in Mathematics, and one of the finest teachers on campus. Raj teaches mathematics to freshman sophomores. His reflections on his own teaching have been formed from formal education in physics, mathematics, teacher education, and educational psychology. A regular and effective contributor to MSU TA Program efforts, Raj will speak in the 2002 Seminar on “Office Hours as A Teaching Opportunity.”

Anna Wiese Monfils is a doctoral student in the Department of Botany and Plant Pathology, where she studies floral evolution. She received her B.S. in biology from the University of Notre Dame in 1992. Anna has been a teaching assistant at MSU since 1997. A veteran MSU Peer Teaching Consultant, Anna has been very active helping other graduate students improve their teaching. She recently won her department’s Graduate Teaching Assistant Teaching Award, a very competitive honor. Anna has also worked with the TA Program formerly as an Orientation Facilitator.
Antonio Nunez, Associate Dean of the Graduate School, received his Ph.D. in Neuroscience from the Department of Psychology at Florida State University in 1977. After doing post-doctoral research at the University of Massachusetts, he came to Michigan State in 1980 as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Psychology. Dr. Nunez is currently a Professor in the Psychology Department and the Neuroscience Program and Associate Dean for Student Affairs in The Graduate School. He received the MSU Teacher-Scholar Award in 1984 and is the author of over 60 papers published in scientific journals. Dr. Nunez will be participating on behalf of The Graduate School in the MSU Policies and Procedures Panel.

Julie Reyes received her PhD in Anthropology from MSU and began working in the Graduate School as a Curriculum Development Specialist focusing specifically on research ethics and standards. She has been the editor of Research Integrity, an MSU newsletter devoted specifically to matters of proper scientific professional and ethical conduct. (See the website at http://www.msu.edu/user/gradschl/integrity.htm) This topic has become increasingly important for graduate students and faculty in recent times. Unfortunately, we are losing Julie this fall as she and her husband travel to work abroad for two years in Nigeria. Julie will be presenting in this year’s seminar on issues having to do with ethical research conduct in graduate school.

Paulette Granberry Russell is Senior Advisor to the President for Diversity and Director of the Office of Affirmative Action, Compliance and Monitoring at Michigan State University. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Michigan State University and a Juris Doctor degree from Thomas M. Cooley Law School, and is licensed to practice law in the State of Michigan. Ms. Russell is responsible for facilitating the development and sharing of effective strategies to advance a diverse university environment and ensures University compliance with federal and state laws and regulations related to equal opportunity and affirmative action. She was a 2001 CIC Academic Leadership Program Fellow, and consults on labor and employment law issues. As part of the MSU Policies and Procedures panel, Ms. Russell will address sexual harassment, equal opportunity, and affirmative action issues.

James (Rik) Scarce, III is an Assistant Professor in MSU’s Lyman Briggs School is an extraordinary teacher and a scholar of the first rank. He has a Ph.D. in Sociology and has published two nationally recognized books on the sociology of nature and environmentalist movements along with numerous peer-reviewed articles. Rik’s students adore him because he treats them with respect and kindness, and with no little humor and care. Every moment he spends in Holmes Hall at Briggs is a teaching moment. An environmental activist, competitive cyclist, and tremendously compassionate person, Dr. Scarce will be part of a group of outstanding teachers focusing on what makes them successful in their classrooms. His particular topic will be “A Sociologist’s Approach to Teaching Science.”

Stan Soffin, University Ombudsman, and MSU Professor of Journalism joined the faculty of the MSU School of Journalism in 1968. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in journalism from the University of Michigan, a Master of Arts degree in journalism from MSU, and a Ph.D. in American Studies from MSU. He served as director of the J-School from 1982 to 1998, when he was appointed University Ombudsman. His research interests include assessment of fairness and balance of newspapers’ coverage of controversial events, and he recently wrote a history of the MSU Office of the Ombudsman. He was elected to the Michigan Journalism Hall of Fame in
1998 for his contributions to Michigan journalism through journalism education. Dr. Soffin will be discussing issues associated with the roll the Ombudsman’s office plays in solving conflicts.

**Barbara C. Steidle**, currently Assistant Provost for Undergraduate Education and Academic Services at MSU, soon will leave that position to serve the university as Consultant to the Provost. As Assistant Provost, Dr. Steidle had administrative responsibility for undergraduate education, the University curriculum process, a variety of living/learning programs, orientation testing and students’ outcomes assessment, the Teaching Assistants Program, ROTC programs, and academic integrity issues. She collaborated closely with academic units, especially through the undergraduate deans, academic support units, student support units, Residence Life, Student Affairs and Services, and Housing and Food Services. Before her position as Assistant Provost, Dr. Steidle served as Dean of James Madison College at MSU and as Interim Director of the Office of Admissions and Scholarships. A graduate of The Pennsylvania State University and Rutgers University, Dr. Steidle joined the Department of History at Michigan State in 1971. Her academic specialty is American Constitutional History, with emphasis on the role of judges and lawyers during the Progressive Era and the intersections of law and politics. An area of continuing interest is the impeachment of federal judges.

**Frank Tate** served in the US Navy for six years as a Naval photographer. He received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Audiovisual Communications at the Rochester Institute of Technology and is nearing completion of Masters Degree in Instructional Technology & Design at MSU. Frank has worked for over fifteen years with the Instructional Media Center at MSU, providing the campus outstanding service in his capacity as Coordinator, Instructional Technology Support. Frank designs, produces, and delivers technology materials and training workshops for MSU faculty, staff, and students. He also provides "hands on" technology training to instructors in the classroom and serves as liaison between IMC and the rest of the campus for all computer hardware and software support. Finally, Frank coordinates the efforts of MSU’s Videotape and Film Library and serves as his department’s Webmaster. We are glad to have Frank presenting in this Seminar on the classroom technological possibilities here at MSU.

**Jennifer Waldron** is a doctoral student in the Department of Kinesiology, one of two representatives from that department participating in this year’s Seminar. A scholar of sports psychology, Jennifer recently received the prestigious Wohlgamuth Fellowship for her research on body image and self-esteem among high school athletes. She is also a recent winner of MSU’s Excellence in Teaching Citation. Jennifer challenges her students to confront issues associated with gender identity, racism, and homophobia. She empowers her students to discuss their own issues in an open and accepting environment. Ms. Waldron will be part of our Outstanding TAs panel.

**Christopher J. Womack, Ph.D.**

Dr. Womack is currently an Assistant Professor in the Department of Kinesiology at Michigan State University. He holds a Ph.D. in Exercise Physiology from the University of Virginia. Prior to his current position, Dr. Womack completed a post-doctoral research fellowship at the University of Maryland Medical School in the Division of Gerontology. Dr. Womack has also
held a faculty position in the Department of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation at Longwood College in Farmville, Virginia. Dr. Womack's research interests focus on exercise responses and adaptations in patients with cardiovascular disease, specifically focusing on the role of exercise in blood clot formation (thrombosis) and in potential to lyse blood clots (fibrinolysis). Dr. Womack's research has also focused on blood flow and metabolism in patients with cardiovascular disease. Dr. Womack has authored or co-authored twenty articles in his eight-year research career, and presented at numerous national and regional meetings. In addition Dr. Womack has reviewed articles for several journals, including Medicine and Science in Sports and Exercise. Dr. Womack is a Fellow of the American College of Sports Medicine (ACSM) and a certified Exercise Specialist through this same organization.

**MSU TA PROGRAM STAFF**

**Zeynep Altinsel**, Instructor and principal coordinator of several international teaching programs, joined the TA Program in 1992. She received her MA in TESOL from MSU. She teaches in the Summer English Program (SEP) for international teaching assistants, ENG 097, the ITA Listening and Speaking Class, and is the Coordinator of the TEAM and ITA Buddy Programs.

**Korin Cox** serves as an Office Assistant to the Program and as an effective Coordinator of our Undergraduate Activities. She is currently pursuing the BA in International Studies and Secondary Education. Korin aspires to be an influential and memorable teacher. She is actively engaged in community affairs, hangs out with her mate, Augie, in some of Detroit’s finest pubs, and is currently cutting a CD as a singer/keyboardist in Augie’s band.

**Denise Greenhoe**, Office Manager, Teaching Assistant Program. A native of Michigan, Denise had a career for eighteen years as a bank officer. Seven years ago, she began to work for MSU and became office manager in the TA Program in early August 1996.

**Kevin Johnston** is a Curriculum Development Specialist and University Coordinator for TA Development at MSU. He attended the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill (BA, Medieval Thought, 1988), Middle Tennessee State University (MA, Southern History, 1994), and the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, where his doctoral work focuses on New South economic modernization and its influence on changing concepts of Southern masculinity. Kevin spent several years coordinating UT's *Graduate Teaching Assistant Program: Preparing Future Faculty (GTAMP)*. He is the author of **MSU Teaching Thoughts**; an e-publication made available every two weeks during the fall and

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spring to members of MSU’s Teaching and Learning Listserv (Articles located at http://www.msu.edu/~taprog/thoughts.htm) and writes a regular column on TA professional development issues in MSU’s Graduate Post. Kevin is a former U.S. Marine, and worked as a Russian Linguist and Cryptoanalyst in South East Asia and Europe during the early 1980s.