



DRN Researcher's Workshop Agenda

MSU Union
January 26, 2018

Huron Room

8:00 am to 8:30 am	Breakfast and Registration
8:30 am to 8:45 am	Opening Introductions <i>Deborah J. Johnson, Director, Diversity Research Network</i> <i>Theodore H. Curry II, Associate Provost & Associate Vice President for Academic Resources</i>

Huron Room Presentations and Panels

8:45 am to 10:00 am	Instant Grant Improvement <i>Tom Hollon, Office of the Vice President for Research and Graduate Studies</i>
10:00 am to 10:05 am	Break
10:05 am to 11:30 am	Legacy Panel: Sustaining Success at High Levels <i>Harold (Woody) Neighbors, College of Human Medicine, Flint</i> <i>Amita Chudgar, Educational Administration</i> <i>Tony Nunez, The Graduate School and Psychology and Neuroscience</i> <i>Debra Furr-Holden, College of Human Medicine, Flint</i>
11:30 am to 12:30 pm	Lunch
12:30 pm to 12:45 pm	Break
12:45 pm to 1:45 pm	Developing a resilient academic spirit: Navigating impostor syndrome and shame <i>Riyad A. Shahjahan, Educational Administration</i>
1:45 pm to 2:00 pm	Break
2:00 pm to 3:30 pm	Women in Research-Scholarship Panel: Traversing Unique Challenges <i>Pilar S. Horner, Social Work</i> <i>Terah Venzant Chambers, Educational Administration</i> <i>Kristin Arola, Writing, Rhetoric, and American Cultures</i>
3:30 pm to 4:00pm	Closing

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Erie Room Individual Consultations

*Sign up for
consultations via
registration link, or
during workshop if slots
are still available*

Tom Hollon
*Office of the Vice
President for Research
and Graduate Studies*

10:30- 5:00p
(30 min increments)

Sarah Hession
*Center for Statistical
Training and Consulting
(CSTAT)*

9:30-3:00p
(30 min increments)

Wenjuan Ma
*Center for Statistical
Training and Consulting
(CSTAT)*

9:30-3:00p
(30 min increments)

Note: Lunch is 11:30 am to 12:30 pm. No consultations are during the lunch hour



Presenter and Panelist Biosketches

8:45 am to 10:00 am

Instant Grant Improvement

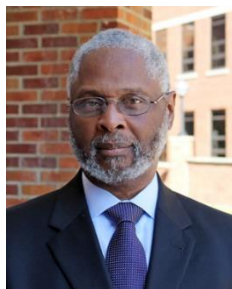


Tom Hollon, Office of the Vice President for Research and Graduate Studies

Tom Hollon, grant editor and consultant, has more than 10 years of experience as a grant consultant with a strong focus on National Institutes of Health. He assists in editing major NIH grant proposals as well as selected proposals to other agencies. He also offers consultations for individual faculty members on grant strategies and conduct seminars on grant writing and editing. Tom is based in Maryland near NIH, but he is at MSU one week per month to meet with faculty members and conduct in-person seminars. During his off weeks, Tom is available to work on proposals remotely via phone, Skype and webinars. He is also available to attend important meetings at federal funding agencies.

10:05 am to 11:30 am

Legacy Panel: Sustaining Success at High Levels



Harold Woody Neighbors, College of Human Medicine Flint

Dr. Neighbors is the Program Director of MUMD and also serves as a C.S. Mott Endowed Professor of Public Health at the Michigan State University College of Human Medicine. He holds a BA in Psychology from Haverford College and a PhD in Social Psychology from the University of Michigan. For the past 30 years, he has been a professor of Health Behavior and Health Education at the University of Michigan School of Public Health, where he has dedicated his career to the investigation of racial disparities in mental health with an emphasis on stress and coping among Black Americans. His work promotes a personal empowerment perspective on coping with stress that emphasizes the ability to draw upon psychological strengths and social assets to overcome personal and community barriers to seeking mental health care.



Amita Chudgar, Educational Administration

Amita Chudgar is an Associate Professor of education policy. Her work examines the influence of home, school, and community contexts on educational access and achievement of children in resource-constrained environments, nationally and internationally. Through the analysis of diverse, large-scale, national, regional, and cross-national datasets, she studies the role of policy-relevant variables in ensuring equal educational opportunities for disadvantaged children. Her long-term interests focus on ensuring that children and adults in resource-constrained environments have equal access to high-quality learning opportunities, irrespective of their backgrounds.



Tony Nunez, The Graduate School and Psychology and Neuroscience

Professor Antonio A. Nunez is Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Postdoctoral Education at the Graduate School, a title he holds since 1999. Dr. Nunez received a Ph.D. in Neuroscience from Florida State University in 1977, and was then awarded a postdoctoral fellowship from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to do research at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. In 1980 he joined the Department of Psychology and Neuroscience Program at Michigan State University, where he holds the title of full Professor. He has served as Associate Chair and Director of Graduate Programs in Psychology and as Acting Director of the Neuroscience Program. Dr. Nunez' research is in the areas of neuroendocrinology and chronobiology. His laboratory has been funded over the last 35 years by research grants from several NIH institutes and from the NSF. He is also Co-PI of an I³ grant from NSF that supports the MSU Center for Academic and Future Faculty Excellence. Dr. Nunez has over 90 peer-reviewed publications, many of them with students as co-authors. He is the recipient of the MSU Teacher-Scholar Award and of the Florida State University Doctoral Graduate Award of Distinction and he is a Fellow of the Association for Psychological Science.



Debra Furr-Holden, College of Human Medicine, Flint

Dr. Debra Furr-Holden is an epidemiologist with expertise in drug and alcohol dependence epidemiology, prevention science and environmental strategies and structural intervention for violence, alcohol, tobacco and other drugs. In the last decade her work has focused in large part on developing environmental strategies and structural interventions for violence, alcohol, tobacco and other drug prevention in high-risk and urban settings. She currently PI's the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention



12:45 pm to 1:45 pm

grant Alcohol Policies to Prevent and Reduce Youth Violence Exposure and the co-Director of the Johns Hopkins Center for the Prevention of Youth Violence.

Developing a Resilient Academic Spirit: Navigating Impostor Syndrome and Shame



Riyad A. Shahjahan, Educational Administration

Riyad A. Shahjahan is an Associate Professor in higher, adult and lifelong education. His areas of expertise are in globalization and higher education, teaching and learning in higher education (focusing on anti-oppressive and embodied pedagogy), equity and social justice and anti/postcolonial theory. He has been conducting both empirical and theoretical work, focusing on: a) the role of international organizations (IOs) in globalizing higher education policy through empirical/theoretical analyses of IOs' current policy initiatives (e.g., the OECD, World Bank, UNESCO, etc.), and b) rethinking the traditional objects of study/practice in higher education from global and non-western critical perspectives, particularly using anti/postcolonial theoretical perspectives.

2:00 pm to 3:30 pm

Women in Research-Scholarship Panel: Traversing Unique Challenges



Pilar S. Horner, Social Work

Pilar S. Horner is Assistant Professor of social work with a joint appointment at the Julian Samora Research Institute at Michigan State University. A qualitative researcher, Dr. Horner's research interests include prevention and treatment of HIV/AIDS among Spanish-speaking populations, drug use and abuse among Latino/as, and quality of life issues among undocumented families and immigrants. Her research looks at how culture impacts health outcomes for disadvantaged populations.



Terah Venzant Chambers, Educational Administration

Terah Venzant Chambers is an Associate Professor of K-12 educational administration. Her research interests include post-Brown K-12 education policy and urban education leadership. Specifically, she is interested in the ways within-school segregative policies influence African American students' academic achievement and school engagement, as well as the price of school success for high-achieving students of color (racial opportunity cost). She has been an associate editor for several journals and currently serves on the editorial boards of AERJ, JRLE, and Urban Education. She has previously served as a Congressional Fellow



with the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation (CBCF) with placements in the Office of Rep. Diane E. Watson (retired) and the Office for Civil Rights in the U.S. Department of Education.



Kristen Arola, Writing Rhetoric and American Cultures

Dr. Arola is an Associate Professor who positions herself as a scholar of American Indian rhetorics, multimodal composition, and digital rhetoric. She is deeply committed to making visible and working to disrupt colonial practices within theoretical frameworks and pedagogical practice. As such, she works to interrogate and encourage pedagogies that allow us ways of understanding digital composing practices within larger social and cultural contexts.



Consultant Biosketches

Office of the Vice President for Research and Graduate Studies

10:30 am to 5:00 pm

Tom Hollon

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Center for Statistical Training and Consulting (CSTAT)

9:30 am to 3:00 pm



Sarah Hession

Dr. Sarah L. Hession is Assistant Director and Senior Statistician at MSU's Center for Statistical Training & Consulting (CSTAT). She received her bachelor's degree in mathematics with a minor in computers and information systems from Aquinas College in Grand Rapids, MI. She obtained her master's degree in applied statistics from Western Michigan University and her PhD in geography with a focus on spatial statistics from Michigan State University (MSU). Dr. Hession has gained over 25 years of experience in statistical consulting and environmental regulatory statistics. Dr. Hession has consulted in statistics for environmental, ecological, climate-related applications, and diagnostic accuracy to State and Federal governments, industry, and medical practitioners. Her clients included MDEQ, Michigan Department of Transportation, New Mexico Department of Transportation, EPA, EPA Gulf Ecology Division, and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Dr. Hession collaborates with faculty and other researchers at MSU on grant development and sponsored research. She has developed multiple workshops including "Introduction to Spatial Regression in R" and "Modeling Dose-Response Relationships: Applications and Methods."



Wenjuan Ma

Dr. Wenjuan Ma is a statistician in Center for Statistical Training and Consulting (CSTAT) at Michigan State University (MSU). She has worked as a statistical consultant in CSTAT since 2013. During the time, she has helped faculty members and graduates students with statistical problems ranging from study design to data analysis. The work in CSTAT not only allows her to solidify the knowledge acquired from graduate school, but also provides plenty of opportunities to expand her methodological and statistical repertoire. Besides helping researchers in MSU, Dr. Ma is also working on methodological related research. The topics include statistical power, multilevel SEM and generalized estimating equation (GEE).