



## **Sociology Advising** | Undergraduate Program **Newsletter** | Information

### **JOIN THE UNDERGRADUATE SOCIOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION (USA)**

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This is a club for undergraduate students with an interest in Sociology. Please contact the SOC Department Undergraduate Academic Advisor, Mr. Kania ([kania@msu.edu](mailto:kania@msu.edu)) for information.

### **CAREER SERVICES VIRTUAL DROP-INS**

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MSU Career Services Network will be hosting Virtual Drop-In events near our Career Fairs to help students through the basics of preparing for a Career Fair, and provide Resume Reviews. These will be 15 minute drop-ins where students will meet 1:1 with trained Peer Advisors and Career Consultants from across the Network. If you are familiar with our event "Resume Bootcamp", this is the same concept and structure! Once students register for the event on Handshake, they will be sent the Zoom Link and will be assigned to an available advisor in a breakout room upon arrival.

Links to all Handshake events below:

***Tuesday, September 22nd 10am-12pm EDT***  
***Wednesday, September 23rd 2pm-4pm EDT***  
***Tuesday, October 27th 2pm-4pm EDT***

### **ARE YOU AN ENTREPRENEUR?**

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You may want to consider adding a minor in Entrepreneurship and Innovation. Please visit this web site for information: <https://entrepreneurship.msu.edu/courses/>

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## **MSU'S COUNSELING AND PSYCHIATRIC SERVICE FOR STUDENTS (CAPS)**

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Connect is a program that was launched last year to give students more direct contact with CAPS through advertised drop-in hours in locations across campus. Today, all CAPS services are being offered remotely. The College of Social Science CAPS Connect day/time is **Wednesdays from 1:30-3:00 p.m.**

Link for students to sign up for CAPS Connect: <https://caps.msu.edu/services/CAPSConnect.html>

## **PATHWAYS TO FORENSIC PSYCHOLOGY**

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Considering a career in forensic psychology? Learn more about the forensic psychology field, job opportunities, necessary education, and more on **Tuesday, September 29th** from 3:00 to 4:00pm. The presentation will be given by Marcus Hanscom, Director of Graduate Admission for Roger Williams University. Join the presentation via zoom at (<https://msu.zoom.us/j/92420011280>) using passcode (psygrad). Click [here](#) to register.

## **OCAT (OFFICE OF CULTURAL AND ACADEMIC TRANSITIONS)**

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OCAT (Office of Cultural and Academic Transitions), has virtual programming, information and events that may be of interest to many MSU students. The Office of Cultural and Academic Transitions (OCAT) constructs supportive cultural, social and educational communities that actively involve students in learning. OCAT supports individual students in their navigation of cross-cultural encounters, and in their own understanding, exploration and development of cultural identity. Student-to-student interaction is the key to benefiting from diversity, and OCAT strives to bring together individuals as well as groups of students from diverse racial, ethnic, international, and domestic backgrounds for meaningful interactions. In part, OCAT accomplishes this mission by building critical alliances with peoples, programs, and ideas throughout the university. Additionally, OCAT helps students to better understand themselves and others through cultural, social, and academic activities. Please see this web site for details: <http://ocat.msu.edu/>

## **LSAT TESTING**

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Due to continued COVID-19 health concerns, the LSAT has shifted to an online, remotely proctored version of the test. In an effort to enhance student success, the MSU Testing Center reserved a quiet room for examination completion in our center on **October 7th**. We have limited capacity and can only serve students at the following times: 7:30-10am, 10:30am-1pm, 1:30-4pm, 4:30-6pm.

Students must provide their own testing equipment. Testing Center staff will not provide technical support for this examination. Late arrivals will not receive additional time to complete their examination.

Interested students can schedule themselves by sending an email to [testctr@msu.edu](mailto:testctr@msu.edu) or by calling 517-355-8385. This is a first come, first served opportunity.

The Testing Center is exploring different options for the additional testing dates in October (3, 4, 6, and 8) so please inform us if there are students requesting assistance in securing a space on those days as well. Testing on days outside of our normal business hours of 8-4 on M-F may incur a \$20 fee for MSU students (non-MSU students will pay \$30 regardless of day).

## **UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH AND CREATIVE ACTIVITY WORKSHOPS**

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### **Integrity in Undergraduate Research and Creative Activities** ***Thursday, September 24, 5:30 PM***

Professor James Pivarnik (MSU's Research Integrity Officer) will talk about responsible conduct of research (RCR), identifying and defining federal definitions of research misconduct (falsification, fabrication and plagiarism), and resources available on campus for undergraduate researchers. Students will have the opportunity to ask questions regarding adherence to RCR standards.

### **Discover Your Research Abroad Experience** ***Wednesday, September 30, 5:30 PM***

Taking your undergraduate research overseas represents a unique opportunity to combine research and education abroad. This workshop will help you explore education abroad opportunities with a research component, as well as ways to fund your Research Abroad experience. A panel of students with previous participation in Education Abroad will be your guide during this workshop.

Please visit our website for a full list of the workshops for this semester. For those interested in learning more, please check out our social media as well. We share all workshops and events, UURAF deadlines, and other information through our Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram accounts. Contact our office at [ugrsrch@msu.edu](mailto:ugrsrch@msu.edu) or by phone at 517-884-4384 with questions.

## **VIRTUAL YOGA**

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The MSU Center for Survivors is offering virtual healing through yoga, a drop-in trauma-sensitive yoga practice to promote healing and wellness. Healing Through Yoga is open to students, staff, and community members of all practice levels. Sessions are held on Thursdays. Interested? Please email [nelsenca@msu.edu](mailto:nelsenca@msu.edu) and the link will be sent to you.

## MSU DIALOGUES

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MSU Dialogues Fall 2020 registration is officially open. MSU Dialogues is an 8-week intergroup dialogue experience for MSU students, faculty, and staff offered through the Office for Inclusion and Intercultural Initiatives. The program is offered as part of MSU's greater efforts to support students, faculty, and staff in creating more inclusive and equitable learning environments. Based on your availability, you will be placed in a group who you will meet with each week for 1.5 hours. Throughout the semester, you will engage in dialogue with people from a wide range of identities and backgrounds, learn about historical and present day social injustice, and collectively explore ways of working toward greater equity and inclusion.

Student AND faculty/staff dialogues will meet ONLINE via Zoom for 8 weeks, 90 minutes each week. Dialogues are offered at a variety of times throughout the week, so there is likely a time that fits in your schedule!

Undergraduate and graduate students have the option to choose between participating in a dialogue focused on race or religion. We will also offer one race dialogue for graduate students and one race dialogue for first year students. The dialogue focused on religion is made possible through partnership with the Muslim Studies Program and The Michael and Elaine Serling Institute for Jewish Studies and Modern Israel.

Please see the application for the exact start dates for each dialogue. Sign up here: [https://msu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_1Yt50okO9iZ8r89](https://msu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_1Yt50okO9iZ8r89)

For more information visit <https://inclusion.msu.edu/education/intercultural-dialogue1.html> or email [dialogue@msu.edu](mailto:dialogue@msu.edu) or [heymannj@msu.edu](mailto:heymannj@msu.edu) if you have any questions.

## CROSS-CULTURAL CONVERSATIONS

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The African Studies Center is pleased to invite applications from MSU undergraduate and graduate students for participation in a series of virtual conversations with students at Stellenbosch University (South Africa). The conversations offer a forum for sharing experiences and for fostering cross-cultural understanding on contemporary and critical issues confronting young people across the Atlantic. These include, but are not limited to the history, legacies, and persistence of; and responses to systemic racism.

The virtual conversations are part of the Ubuntu Dialogues project, an Andrew W. Mellon Foundation-funded partnership between the MSU African Studies Center and the Stellenbosch University Museum. The partnership project seeks to establish new and strengthen existing connections and cooperation between universities, museums, and communities through transnational dialogue and engagement among students, faculty and community partners in South Africa and the U.S. The project includes three main components: virtual student conversations; a seminar speaker exchange program; and a student internship program.

The virtual conversations are designed to bring together South African and American students from historically marginalized and underrepresented minority backgrounds, respectively. They provide participants the opportunity to connect and rethink national,

racial, linguistic, and other boundaries and differences; and to promote the resolution of real and imagined differences through dialogue. There is the potential for those who participate in the virtual student conversations to be considered for the student internship portion of the Ubuntu Dialogues project, which provides a funded study abroad opportunity to Cape Town, South Africa.

The fall 2020 conversations consist of four consecutive sessions scheduled for 9:00 – 10:30 am on the following **Thursdays: 10/08, 10/15, 10/22, and 10/29**. Only those from underrepresented minority backgrounds who commit to participating in all four sessions will be considered. Interested and eligible candidates are invited to submit a one-page resume and a Statement of Interest (150-200 words) spelling out the reasons for applying, including any connections to or prior knowledge of South Africa. The resume and Statement of Interest should be sent as one PDF file over email to Dr. Upenyu Majee (Project Manager, Ubuntu Dialogues), at [majeeupe@msu.edu](mailto:majeeupe@msu.edu) by **Friday 09/11**. Also, feel free to reach out to Dr. Majee with any questions.

## **MOSAIC CONNECT**

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We know you are adjusting to remote learning and doing your best. Mosaic, the Multicultural Unity Center, is hosting virtual opportunities to meet new people.

Human beings are wired for connection. And being a healthy student, requires healthy social relationships. Now, more than ever, despite our physical distance, we need to care for one another. Fun interactive meet and greet sessions to get to know your peers around the state, country and world. All students welcome.

For more information visit: <https://mosaic.msu.edu/The%20mruleICA%20Program/index.html>

## **INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

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### **Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Honors Internship (SUMMER 2021) – PAID**

The Honors Internship Program is a 10-week, paid internship for college students. While exploring our exciting career options, students work side-by-side with FBI employees at our Washington, D.C.-area Headquarters or in Field Offices around the country. Open to a wide range of academic areas, this internship offers experiences students can't find elsewhere.

Location: Washington, DC or Field Offices (nationwide)

Deadline: **Wednesday, September 30**

### **Executive Office of the U.S. President – Office Administration (Spring 2021)**

Office Administration (OA) Interns support the operations of the Executive Office of the President (EOP) and gain a perspective of employment within the federal government. Although unpaid, working for EOP/OA compensates for this fact by providing prospective interns an opportunity, unrivaled in its uniqueness, to work in this branch of government.

The chance to work and attend events held in and around the White House campus are invaluable experiences and create life-long memories.

Location: Washington, DC

To apply: <https://apply.whitehouse.gov/oainternship/>.

Deadline: **Friday, October 23, 2020 at 11:59 PM**

## **MSU LEARNING CENTER WORKSHOPS**

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Remaining Workshops in September from the MSU Collaborative Learning Center:

### **High Impact Study Techniques 1: Spaced Study and Retrieval Practice**

**Th 9/24 9:00-10:00am**

Learn some simple, scientifically proven techniques that promote superior recall both on exams and in future classes in less time than “massed” study sessions (cramming).

### **The Most Effective Note Taking Strategies**

**Fri 9/25 12:00-1:00p & Mon 9/28 6:00-7:00pm**

Do you find yourself taking notes and then not knowing how to study them later? Or maybe the way you take notes just isn't working for every class. This workshop will introduce you to different strategies to revitalize your note-taking and and increase the variety of note-taking and note-using methods you can use for different purposes including note-taking during lectures, reviewing new material, deep study, and other circumstances.

### **Annotate Your Way to Higher Grades**

**Wed 9/30 5:00-6:00pm**

Research shows that students who learn how to annotate texts and lectures tend to significantly increase their grades while spending less time studying. This workshop teaches easy, time-saving, annotation skills to replace less efficient methods when you really need to understand large quantities of new information. Underlining, highlighting, outlining, or copying of text content you may be doing now can all be good strategies, but may not be the most efficient learning strategy for more challenging reading tasks. This workshop will help you become a more engaged, strategic, and efficient reader.

\*All workshops are offered at no charge to students, but registration is required. For more information on these and other workshops or to register visit <https://nssc.msu.edu/clc/academicsuccessskills/index.html>

# Collaborative Learning Center Fall 2020 Workshop Schedule

## **Academic Time Management (ATM): A Simple Plan for Academic Success:**

- September 11th 2:00pm – 3:00pm
- September 15th 10:00am – 11:00am
- October 20th 10:30am – 11:30am

## **High Impact Study Techniques 1 (HIST1): Spaced Study and Retrieval Practice:**

- September 15th 11:30am – 12:30pm
- September 24th 9:00am – 10am
- October 6th 9:00am – 10:00am
- October 21st 5:00pm – 6:00pm
- October 28th 4:00pm – 5:00pm

## **High Impact Study Techniques 2 (HIST2): Brain Building:**

- October 6th 12:00pm – 1:00pm
- October 29th 12:30pm – 1:30pm
- November 16th 11:00am – 12:00pm

## **More Than Memorizing (MTM): Graphical and Analytical Strategies to Turbo-Charge your Recall and Critical Thinking for Exams:**

- October 6th 10:30am – 11:30am
- November 18th 5:30pm – 6:30pm

## **Taming Your Text (TYT):**

- October 16th 1:30pm – 2:30pm
- November 10th 12:00pm – 1:00pm

## **Mathematics Success Skills (MSS):**

- October 15th 10:00am – 11:00am
- October 20th 12:00pm – 1:00pm
- November 6th, 1:30pm – 2:30pm

## **Annotate Your Way to Higher Grades (AHG):**

- September 30th 5:00pm – 6:00pm
- November 2nd 11:00am – 12:00pm

## **The Most Effective Note Taking Strategies (ENT):**

- September 25th 12:00pm – 1:00pm
- September 28th 6:00pm – 7:00pm
- October 28th 5:30pm – 6:30pm

## **Prioritize Like a Pro (PLP):**

- October 29th 11:00am – 12:00pm
- November 10th 10:30am – 11:30am

## **Getting Over Procrastination (GOP):**

- November 6th 12:00pm – 1:00pm
- November 18th 4:00pm – 5:00pm
- December 1st 12:30pm – 1:30pm

## **Get Ready for Finals (GRF):**

- November 10th 9:00am – 10:00am
- December 1st 11:00am – 12:00pm
- December 7th 11:00am – 12:00pm
- December 9th 4:00pm – 5:00pm

## **Mini-workshop: Understanding Your Course Syllabus:**

- September 11th 3:30pm – 4:00pm

## **Mini-workshop: Know How You Score: Calculating Your Course Grades:**

- October 21st 6:30pm – 7:00pm

## **Mini-workshop: Specialized Reading: Scholarly Articles:**

- November 6th 3:00pm – 3:30pm



For workshop descriptions, go to <https://tinyurl.com/CLCf2020>

To register, go to <https://tinyurl.com/CLCF20Wkshp>

