PLANT SOIL & MICROBIAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

The Weekly Beet

Seminars/Webinars

February 21, 2022 at 1:30 PM
Spring PLP 894 Seminar
Presenter: **Katherine Olive**
Title: Quantitative analysis of *Erwinia amylovora* population dynamics in infected apple shoots
Room 162 Food Safety and Toxicology Building (Hybrid Format)
https://msu.zoom.us/j/99481126925?pwd=bWVWVXc0MTFscWU5Nmh6VWx2L1Uw UT09
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February 24, 2022 at 6:00 PM
MSU College of Education, Urban Education Speaker Series
Presenter: **Maisha Winn**
From reacting to reimagining: Toward a Transformative Justice Education
Webinar Registration – Zoom

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March 14, 2022 at 1:30 PM
Spring PLP 894 Seminar
Presenter: **Nancy Sharma**
Title: Assessment of fungicide resistance of Grape powdery mildew and Grape downy mildew populations in vineyards of the Great Lakes region in the United States of America
Room 162 Food Safety and Toxicology Building (Hybrid Format)
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March 21, 2022 at 1:30 PM
Spring PLP 894 Seminar
Presenter: **John Spafford**
Title: Evaluating new fungicides with the TOMCAST forecasting model to limit *Stemphylium vesicarium* on asparagus fern
Room 162 Food Safety and Toxicology Building (Hybrid Format)
https://msu.zoom.us/j/99481126925?pwd=bWVWVXc0MTFscWU5Nmh6VWx2L1Uw UT09
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Seminars/Webinars

March 28, 2022 at 1:30 PM
Spring PLP 894 Seminar
Presenter: **Lexi Heger**
Title: Advances in molecular and optical detection strategies for grape downy mildew
Room 162 Food Safety and Toxicology Building (Hybrid Format)
https://msu.zoom.us/j/99481126925?pwd=bWVWVXc0MTFscWU5Nmh6VWx2L1UwUT09
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April 4, 2022 at 1:30 PM
Spring PLP 894 Seminar
Presenter: **Alexandra Hernandez**
Title: Integrated strategies to improve management of Cercospora leaf spot of sugar beet
Room 162 Food Safety and Toxicology Building (Hybrid Format)
https://msu.zoom.us/j/99481126925?pwd=bWVWVXc0MTFscWU5Nmh6VWx2L1UwUT09
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April 11, 2022 at 1:30 PM
Spring PLP 894 Seminar
Presenter: **Ethan Tippett**
Title: Evaluation of Table Beet Cultivars for Resistance to Rhizomania Caused by Beet Necrotic Yellow Vein Virus
Room 162 Food Safety and Toxicology Building (Hybrid Format)
https://msu.zoom.us/j/99481126925?pwd=bWVWVXc0MTFscWU5Nmh6VWx2L1UwUT09
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April 18, 2022 at 1:30 PM
Spring PLP 894 Seminar
Presenter: **Doug Minier**
Title: Pathogenesis and virulence factors of *Rhizoctonia solani* AG 2-2 causing root and crown rot of sugar beet
Room 162 Food Safety and Toxicology Building (Hybrid Format)
https://msu.zoom.us/j/99481126925?pwd=bWVWVXc0MTFscWU5Nmh6VWx2L1UwUT09
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April 25, 2022 at 1:30 PM
Spring PLP 894 Seminar
Presenter: **Karan Chahal**
Title: Oak Wilt: When Picnic Beetles Bring Along a Deadly Fungal Pathogen
Room 162 Food Safety and Toxicology Building (Hybrid Format)
https://msu.zoom.us/j/99481126925?pwd=bWVWVXc0MTFscWU5Nmh6VWx2L1UwUT09
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PSM Faculty Meetings

Friday, March 18, 2022, 2:00-4:00 PM   Faculty Meeting
Friday, May 13, 2022, 1:00-5:00 PM   RPT No Action Meeting

PSSB A271 (in person with Zoom option)
Calendar invite has been sent with Zoom login and password information

Announcements

The PSM Diversity, Equality, and Inclusion Committee invites PSM Faculty, Staff and Graduate Students to a new VIRTUAL Discussion Group featuring Quest I Foundations
Let's learn TOGETHER
- ➢ Why do some people use pronouns in their signature?
- ➢ Do you know the difference between the pronouns: she, they, vis, hirs, pers, em, and others?
- ➢ What is the meaning of LGBTQIA2S+?
- ➢ What is the difference between gender and sexuality?
- ➢ Much, much, much more!

The first meeting is the week of February 21, 2022. For more information, please see the attached flyer or contact **Gina Centeno** (Centeno@msu.edu) and/or **Dr. Eunice Foster** (fosteref@msu.edu).

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Insurance Reimbursement for At-Home COVID Tests
The federal government recently issued new requirements for the reimbursement of at-home COVID-19 tests. Information about qualifying tests and the process for reimbursement is available based on your employee type and insurance plan.
Coronavirus Benefit Resources (msu.edu)

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Booster Verification Process is Now Live
Booster verification process is now live using MSU's vaccine verification form. Individuals also can request an exemption to the booster mandate using the verification form.

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90-Day Time Limit for Out-of-Pocket Reimbursements
To align MSU's out-of-pocket reimbursement policy with the current travel reimbursement policy and IRS regulations, section 75 of the Manual of Business Procedures is being updated. Beginning April 1, 2022, out-of-pocket reimbursements will require submission within 90 days of the transaction/purchase date. Those not submitted within 90 days will not be reimbursed. This update will be reflected in the Manual of Business Procedures Section 75 on April 1, 2022.

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2021 W2s Are Available Online
2021 W2s are now available online in EBS. There are now two links to W-2 documents in the EBS portal. If you are unable to see the tile, please contact the IT Help Desk.
- ➢ The tile "W-2 Reprint" is for the new W-2 system, which will contain W-2 documents for the tax year 2021 and onward.
- ➢ The link "W-2 Archive" (below the tiles) is to the prior W-2 system and contains W-2 documents for the tax year 2020 and prior.

Announcements

Upcoming Switch to New Antivirus Software (ESET)

MSU is moving away from the old antivirus software called Symantec Endpoint Protection (SEP) to a new antivirus called ESET Cloud Protect (ESET).

What does this mean for me?

If you are using a Windows computer:

➢ For most university-owned Windows computers, SEP will be uninstalled and ESET will be installed automatically through the Software Center on February 28, 2022, and you will not need to do anything.

➢ If for some reason this does not occur, Instructions for Installing ESET Manually through the Software Center are available.

If you are using a Mac:

➢ Ensure your macOS is updated to Catalina, Big Sur, or Monterey.

➢ For Macs that are currently connected to JAMF with the Self Service App, Instructions for Installing ESET using the Self Service App are available which will also automatically uninstall SEP.

➢ For Macs that are not currently using JAMF, please contact either Dominic Colosimo (colosi14@msu.edu) or Lee Duynslager (duynslag@msu.edu) to set up a time for them to assist you with manual installation of ESET.

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Custodial Update

There are new procedures that will be implemented throughout the building. To eliminate as many touch points as possible, custodial will no longer be servicing recycling bins in offices. In turn, they are asking that you please use the mailroom, or other central locations near the elevator for recycling drop off. They can also take shredded paper from these locations as long as it is bagged, tied off, and set aside near the bins.

The custodial team is also using an autonomous floor machine for cleaning of all hallways. With that being said, they are asking that all unnecessary items stored throughout the halls be removed as soon as possible. Thank you for your assistance in this process.

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How to Tell Cold, Flu and COVID-19 Symptoms Apart

Find out if your sneezes and sniffles are a cold, the flu or COVID-19 from the experts at MSU Health Care Pharmacy.

How to tell cold and flu symptoms apart - MSU Health Care Pharmacy

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Weekly Coronavirus Communications Updates

Every week, University Communications prepares a summary of all the recent coronavirus-related information. To help employees stay up to date on announcements and activities, those summaries are now available on the Together We Will website. Weekly Coronavirus Communications Update | TOGETHER WE WILL | Michigan State University (msu.edu)

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Free Courses Available from the MSU IT Training Team

The MSU IT Training Team is offering no-cost virtual instructor-led trainings for all students, faculty, and staff to become more familiar with the technology available at MSU. A mix of beginner and intermediate courses are available about several of our primary collaboration tools: Zoom, Spartan 365, and specific Microsoft applications like Teams, OneNote, and OneDrive.

Technology at MSU - Free courses available from the MSU IT Training Team | Michigan State University

Announcements

Complimentary On-Campus Parking Extended

Due to the temporary reduction in CATA service frequency on campus, complimentary parking at pay-by-plate and metered pay stations has been extended through March 13. Read More

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MSU EPA Worker Protection Standard (WPS) Training
January-April 2022

What is it for?

> This training covers employees and students conducting research-related and/or plant production activities in areas where pesticides are applied. The WPS training will **occur via Zoom** and includes an annual instructor-led video presentation. An additional WPS site-specific training is also required for each location/facility you visit.

How do I sign up?

- ** You must add the track in Ability before you can sign up in the calendar**
  - To add the track, go to https://ehs.msu.edu/training/index.html. Once logged in, click the "My Menu" tab → click "My Requirements" → click the green plus sign → choose "Worker Protection Standard" from the drop-down menu → click the "Next" button.

- To Select a Training, go to →Training Tab → Ability Login Button → Login with MSU NetID → Extra Courses Tab → Calendar → Look for Training session you wish to join → Click on the Training → Sign up by Clicking "Register"
  - **You must sign up for the Training at least 24 hours before the class.**
  - **You will receive an enrollment confirmation email after enrolling with instructions for logging in on the day of training.**
  - There will be NO additional training sessions scheduled so please plan ahead accordingly.
  - Processing paperwork may take up to 1 week after training is complete, so please plan ahead when scheduling your training, as this may affect updating access to card-swipe facilities.

Completed Training is <u>NOT</u> Official until your Signed Training Record is received.

Wednesday, February 23	2:30-4:00 PM
Wednesday, March 2	10:30 AM-12:00 PM
Tuesday, March 15	2:30-4:00 PM
Wednesday, March 23	2:30-4:00 PM
Monday, April 4	2:30-4:00 PM
Wednesday, April 13	10:30 AM-12:00 PM
Tuesday, April 26	2:30-4:00 PM

*Classes for May-December will be scheduled no later than March 15.

Career Services Network Online Workshops
Spring 2022 Semester Series

February 22, 2022, 4:00-5:00 PM via Zoom
Preparing for Interviews
Gain tips and insight for successful interviewing and what employers expect from candidates in online and virtual interviews that will help you gain a competitive advantage.

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February 23, 2022, 4:00-5:00 PM via Zoom
Writing Resumes and Cover Letters
Writing professional documents can seem overwhelming. Let us help you share your unique story by writing and formatting effective resumes and cover letters.

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April 7, 2022, 6:00-7:00 PM via Zoom
Writing Resumes and Cover Letters
Writing professional documents can seem overwhelming. Let us help you share your unique story by writing and formatting effective resumes and cover letters.

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WORKSHOP REGISTRATION & ZOOM LINKS
To register for any of the workshops and to receive the Zoom link for participation, log into Handshake at msu.joinhandshake.com.

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CAREER ADVISING
Schedule a 1:1 career advising appointment to explore career options, get assistance with your resume or cover letter, to discuss options for graduate school, or to help you prep for an upcoming interview. Advising appointments are scheduled through Handshake at msu.joinhandshake.com. Once logged in, click on "Career Center" and then "Appointments."

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CAREER FAIRS & EVENTS
View the full schedule of Spring 2022 career fairs and submit your resume to participating employers in advance for interview opportunities through Handshake at msu.joinhandshake.com. You can also view all scheduled employer-hosted information sessions to learn about jobs, internships, industries, and companies.

careernetwork.msu.edu

Upcoming MSU Professional Development Opportunities

Vendors in KFS – February 22

This class will cover the various types of vendors in KFS and when to use them, how to add and edit a vendor, including documentation required, and tips on searching for a vendor.

Records Management and Retention at MSU – February 23

Learn the rules, regulations, and strategies to help manage university records.

You can find all the current virtual Organization and Professional Development courses on the HR website. Class enrollment is completed within the EBS Portal. Employees may use available educational assistance funds towards course fees (if any).

Job Announcements

Research Technologist
Job # 762388
Conducts research experiments under the direction of a researcher in order to generate data for support of research projects.
https://careers.msu.edu/en-us/job/509540/research-technologist-i

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Professional Aide
Job # 762932
Potato Outreach Program Research Aide
https://careers.msu.edu/en-us/job/509490/professional-aide

Research Associate – Fixed Term
Job # 761103
The Department of Plant, Soil and Microbial Sciences invites applications from outstanding candidates for a fixed term Research Associate position in the area of: Plant responses to nutrient deficiency, with a main focus on organelle crosstalks.
https://careers.msu.edu/en-us/job/509487/research-associatefixed-term

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Botanical Technologist I
Job # 762515
Participates in the collection, development, and maintenance of diverse plant materials to assist in or independently participate in the maintenance of the botanical garden, greenhouse operations, and associated field research.
https://careers.msu.edu/en-us/job/509484/botanical-technologist-i

Job Announcements

Research Associate – Fixed Term
Job # 760374
This individual will coordinate on-farm research and outreach/extension for a competitively-funded project involving 19 states. The project seeks to quantify resilience of diverse, perennial, circular forage systems to environmental, economic, and social stressors using a paired-farm design with 50 farm pairs across the USA.
https://careers.msu.edu/en-us/job/509436/research-associatefixed-term

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Research Associate - Fixed Term
Job # 749382
A postdoctoral position is available in the Day Lab at Michigan State University in the Department of Plant, Soil and Microbial Sciences.
https://careers.msu.edu/en-us/job/508788/research-associatefixed-term

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Research Associate - Fixed Term
Job # 738547
The (Merewitz) Holm plant physiology laboratory at MSU is looking for a post-doctoral researcher. The research will focus on winterkill and other abiotic stresses of turfgrasses and agricultural grass species such as wheat and barley.
https://careers.msu.edu/en-us/job/508268/research-associatefixed-term

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Research Associate - Fixed Term
Job # 737350
We seek an excellent post-doctoral associate to conduct research exploring plant-microbiome mediators of plant stress resilience. Strong quantitative skills and experience with bioinformatic and statistical analyses of microbial communities is expected. The successful applicant will be independent, motivated, and able to work as part of a collaborative team.
https://careers.msu.edu/en-us/job/508193/research-associatefixed-term

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Research Associate - Fixed Term
Job # 733007
Postdoctoral research associate position is available to work with the **Dr. Alexandra Kravchenko** and **Dr. Andrey Guber** team.
https://www.canr.msu.edu/people/kravchenko_alexandra
https://www.canr.msu.edu/people/andrey_guber
https://careers.msu.edu/en-us/job/508029/research-associatefixed-term

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Research Associate – Fixed Term
Job # 700439
The Department of Plant, Soil and Microbial Sciences invites applications from outstanding candidates for a fixed term Research Associate position in the area of: Plant responses to nutrient deficiency, with a main focus on phosphorus starvation.
https://careers.msu.edu/en-us/job/506404/research-associatefixed-term

Travel

MSU is continuing to review all international travel proposals on a case-by-case basis. However, with the high campus COVID-19 vaccination rate and many international borders starting to reopen, the provost, associate provost and dean of ISP, and the university physician have approved streamlining the review process for *most* international travelers. Travel requests for faculty, staff and guests no longer require additional review by the Faculty and Staff Travel Review (FASTR) committee, *unless* the traveler is unvaccinated or the destination is considered high-risk for non-COVID safety and/or security reasons.

PROCESSES AND PROCEDURES FOR FACULTY AND STAFF
For faculty, staff, and sponsored guests traveling on official MSU international travel, please review the international travel waiver process managed by ISP's Office for Global Health, Safety and Security.

STEP 1—MAU APPROVAL:
1. The traveler fills out and submits the MAU Form to their dean, associate dean or relevant MAU administrator for approval.
2. Once the MAU Form is signed, the traveler must submit an online International Travel Waiver Request detailing their health and safety plan.
3. The MAU can be found here.

STEP 2—REVIEW:
1. Following the submission process, ISP's Office for Global Health, Safety and Security will review the request, focusing on the country's COVID-19 and security risk factors.
   - Non–higher-risk: Vaccinated travelers will receive approval notification.
   - Higher-risk: The travel request will be referred to FASTR for full review. This includes travel to high-risk destinations and/or travel by unvaccinated individuals.
2. ISP's Office for Global Health, Safety and Security will email the traveler detailing next steps specific to the travel in the follow-up communications, including:
   1. Registration in MSU's Global Travel Registry
   2. Resources regarding international health and travel insurance
   3. Acknowledgement of Risk Form
   4. Options for supplemental trip interruption insurance to offset Quarantines or trip interruptions

Please refer to the Office for Global Health, Safety and Security for additional detail regarding the review process, higher-risk travel and a tip sheet.

TRAVEL SUPPORT CONTACT INFORMATION:
➢ Travel related questions: travel@ctlr.msu.edu
➢ Concur and Expense related questions: concurhelp@ctlr.msu.edu

Travel

Enterprise and National Car Rental reminder:
➢ Recently, there have been some issues related to MSU travelers running in to higher-than-expected rental car pricing or, worse, loss damage waiver insurance not included with reservations. In each case, it was because the MSU renter had not updated their Emerald Club profile per the September 2021 listserv email. If you have not yet done so, please take a moment to review the information attached to this newsletter and follow the steps outlined there.

TripIt Pro COVID-19 enhancement:
➢ As an MSU employee, you have access to TripIt Pro edition. TripIt Pro is a mobile app that enables travelers to check in one place for all of their trip details, and get notifications as things happen throughout your trip.
➢ TripIt Pro recently updated their tool to include COVID-19 travel guidance. To learn about this enhancement, visit: https://www.tripit.com/web/blog/news-culture/covid19-guidance-travel-plans.html
➢ To download the TripIt app to your mobile device, go to: https://www.tripit.com/web/free/download
   ➢ Download the Pro version–the $49/year fee is waived for MSU employees by using your .msu.edu email address as user id.

Michigan Flyer Updates:
➢ Michigan Flyer recently moved their reservations services online.
   ➢ To make a reservation, click on the following url: https://www.michiganflyer.com/
   ➢ While still accepting bookings over the phone, they now charge a service fee for phone reservations.
➢ A credit card will need to be provided at time of reservation to pay for the transfer. Direct bill of transfers has been discontinued.
➢ For more information on Michigan Flyer, their schedules and customer support contact information, visit: http://ctlr.msu.edu/COTravelNEW/GroundTranService.aspx
➢ If traveling on approved MSU business, Michigan Flyer costs can be reimbursed as part of an Expense Reimbursement request. This includes if booking on behalf of a guest and paying on behalf of that guest.

Concur resources -- Travel@State:
➢ Whether you have experience with Concur or easing back in to Concur Request / Travel / Expense, Travel@State provides a host of helpful resources in the Education section Reference Library. User guides, How To's, new videos, and more. We hear frequently that users are rusty because it has been a year or 2 since accessing Concur. Travel@State has the tools and tips that will help refamiliarize you with Concur.

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MSU Academic Calendar

Spring 2022
March 7-11, 2022   Spring Break
April 29, 2022   Classes End
May 2-6, 2022   Commencements

Summer 2022 Full Session
May 16, 2022   Classes Begin
May 30, 2022   Holiday – University Closed
July 1, 2022   Middle of Semester
July 4, 2022   Holiday – University Closed
August 18, 2022   Classes End
Last Class Day   Final Exams

Summer 2022 Session One
May 16, 2022   Classes Begin
May 30, 2022   Holiday – University Closed
June 8, 2022   Middle of Semester
June 30, 2022   Classes End
Last Class Day   Final Exams

Summer 2022 Session Two
July 5, 2022   Classes Begin
July 27, 2022   Middle of Semester
August 18, 2022   Classes End
Last Class Day   Final Exams

PSM Payroll Time Reporting

Due Date Reminders for **biweekly payroll** (includes labor and student)
Reminder: If your employee's time is not submitted, they will not be paid.

➢ For the March 11th pay date (for time worked from February 13-26) your time is due by Tuesday, March 1st.

➢ For the March 25th pay date (for time worked from February 27-March 12) your time is due by Tuesday, March 15th.

➢ For the April 8th pay date (for time worked from March 13-26) your time is due by Tuesday, March 29th.

Newsletter Submissions
Send newsletter submissions to **AnnMarie Guldner** at guldner1@msu.edu
Deadline: Thursdays by 10:00 AM