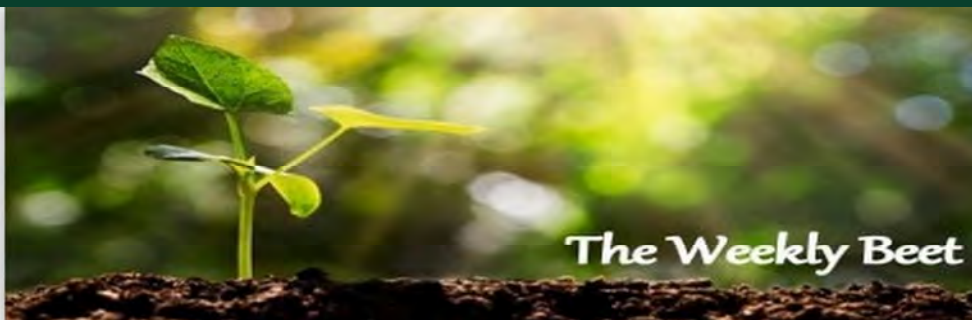
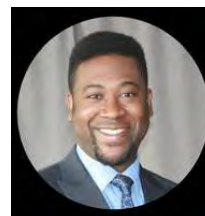


**PLANT SOIL  
& MICROBIAL  
SCIENCE  
DEPARTMENT****Welcome to PSM!**

On Friday, July 30<sup>th</sup> Jordan Davis joins the PSM Human Resources team as an HR coordinator. Jordan will be located in PSSB A284. Please join us in welcoming Jordan to PSM!

**Congratulations!**

Dave Douches' Ph.D. Natalie Kaiser, who graduated in April, was the lead author on a paper that was given the outstanding paper of the American Journal of Potato Research. Other authors on the paper are Joe Coombs, Kim Felcher, Ray Hammerschmidt, Matt Zuehlke, Robin Buell, and Dave Douches.

*"I am glad to inform you that after a rigorous selection process, your manuscript published in 2020, 'Genome-wide association analysis of common scab resistance and expression profiling of tubers in response to thaxtomin A treatment underscore the complexity of common scab resistance in tetraploid potato' was selected as the outstanding paper in the breeding and genetics section of the American Journal of Potato Research. You will be recognized at the business meeting on Wednesday, July 28, 2021."*

Also, Dave Douches will be inducted into the Potato Association of America as an Honorary Life Member at the annual meeting this week.

*"One of the most significant ways to recognize outstanding contributions to the potato industry and to the Potato Association of America (PAA), is the awarding of Honorary Life Membership. This is the highest award bestowed upon an individual by the PAA."*

**Ph.D. Dissertation Defense Seminar**

Announcement of Ph.D. Dissertation Defense Seminar  
Crop & Soil Sciences

Monday, August 2, 2021 at 2:00 PM

Candidate's Name: Rie Sadohara

Title of Dissertation: Germplasm Evaluation of Common Beans for End-Use Quality: Seed Coat Color and Cooking Time of Yellow Beans and Paste Qualities of Michigan Bean Varieties

Zoom: <https://msu.zoom.us/j/93048491836>

Passcode: drybeans

## Final Oral Examination/Seminar M.S. Degree

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Plant Breeding, Genetics and Biotechnology - Crop and Soil Sciences

Friday, July 30, 2021, at 8:00 AM

Candidate's Name: **William Behling**

Title of Thesis: The Role of Prezygotic Self-Compatibility in Facilitating Interspecific Compatibility in Solanum Section Petota

Zoom: <https://msu.zoom.us/j/91589805395> Passcode: behling

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### Final Oral Examination/Seminar M.S. Degree - Crop and Soil Sciences

Monday, August 2, 2021 at 9:00 AM

Candidate's Name: **Sarah Chu**

Title of Thesis: Evaluating Interseeding Corn and Alfalfa Impacts on the Critical Period of Weed Control, Weed Population Dynamics, and Physiological Plant Competition

Location: A271 PSSB

Zoom: <https://msu.zoom.us/j/94927584785>

Meeting ID: 949 2758 4785 Passcode: Chu

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### Final Oral Examination/Seminar M.S. Degree

Plant Breeding, Genetics and Biotechnology - Crop and Soil Sciences

Wednesday, August 4, 2021 at 9:00 AM

Candidate's Name: **Blake Trygestad**

Title of Thesis: Genetic And Genetic By Environment Effects On Tar Spot Resistance And Hybrid Yield In Maize

Zoom: <https://msu.zoom.us/j/98609164982>

Meeting ID: 986 0916 4982 Passcode: Maize

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### Final Oral Examination/Seminar M.S. Degree

Crop and Soil Sciences

Wednesday, August 4, 2021 at 1:00 PM

Candidate's Name: **Jackie Guevara**

Title of Thesis: Effects Of Different Soil Testing Philosophies On Creeping Bentgrass (*Agrostis palustris* Huds.) And Annual Bluegrass (*Poa annua*) Putting Greens

Location: PSSB A271

Zoom: <https://msu.zoom.us/j/91779638855>

Meeting ID: 917 7963 8855 Passcode: Guevara

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## Seminars / Webinars

### Refreshing Your Concur Skills Kick-Start Webinar

Tuesday, August 3, 2021 from 10:00-11:30 AM

Session III will provide insider tips and hints to help you efficiently work with Concur's *Groups* and *Guests* tools. Get the tips and strategies to assist you with kick-starting your Concur skills. [Register today.](#)

Agenda:

10:00 Introductions

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## Career Services Network Virtual Workshops

### Summer Session Two

Search Strategies: On-Campus, Part-Time, Internships, Full-Time  
August 4, 12:00-12:45 PM

Career Advising Help Rooms: Resume and Cover Letter, Search Strategies  
August 11, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM  
August 18, 3:00-5:00 PM

How to Navigate Hybrid Fall Recruiting  
August 12, 11:30 AM-12:00 PM

Virtual Career Fair Prep  
August 16, 4:00-5:00 PM

Interviewing: In-Person, Video, AI  
August 17, 2:00-3:00 PM

Visit Handshake ([msu.joinhandshake.com](https://msu.joinhandshake.com)) and click **events** to register and receive a Zoom link for each workshop

Accommodations: If you anticipate needing an accommodation to participate in a Career Services program or activity, or have questions about accessibility, please contact Career Services ahead of time at 517-355-9510 or email [CareerServices@csp.msu.edu](mailto:CareerServices@csp.msu.edu).

## Professional Development

**Crucial Conversations (Live, Online Course)**  
August 9 from 1:30-4:30 PM, August 10 from 8:30 AM-4:30 PM,  
and August 12 from 8:30 AM-4:30 PM

By learning how to speak and be heard (and encouraging others to do the same), you'll begin to surface the best ideas, make the highest quality decisions, and then act on your decisions with unity and commitment. Learn step by step tools for promoting open, honest dialogue around high-stakes, emotional, or risky topics - at all levels of your organization. [View Course Details](#)

## Job Announcements

**Research Associate - Fixed Term**                      **Job # 717388**

The Department of Plant, Soil and Microbial Sciences at Michigan State University, in collaboration with the USDA Forest Services Northern Research Station, is seeking a highly motivated Research Associate for a project investigating interactions between biotic and abiotic controls on assisted migration in northern forests.

<https://careers.msu.edu/cw/en-us/job/507365/research-associatefixed-term>

## Job Announcements

### Assistant Professor - Tenure System      Job # 706037

The Department of Plant, Soil and Microbial Sciences invites applications for a 9-month academic year, tenure-track Assistant Professor, in Soil Science with experience and special emphasis in soil genesis and classification.

<https://careers.msu.edu/cw/en-us/job/506718/assistant-professortenure-system>

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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/cw/en-us/job/506404/research-associatefixed-term>

## COVID-19 Updates

- The state of Michigan held a town hall for the state's Gen-Z population to help answer questions on the COVID-19 vaccine. Recent Spartan graduate, Ally Telfor, joined the panel. MSU encourages departments to share the [recording](#) of the town hall in communications to students.
- President Stanley sent a letter to the MSU community announcing a survey on vaccination status to be completed by August 6<sup>th</sup>. Student participation is mandatory and MSU strongly encourages staff and faculty participation as well. [Read more here.](#)
- Beginning August 1<sup>st</sup>, all campus buildings will be open during regular business hours.
- Offices that have student and public facing operations are expected to be staffed beginning August 16<sup>th</sup>.
- As of June 28<sup>th</sup>, MSU has lifted most of the COVID-19 mandates to align with state and federal guidelines.
- Wearing masks and physical distancing is no longer required on MSU property (regardless of vaccination status), however these options may be utilized at any time as a personal choice.
- Consistent hand hygiene (cleaning and disinfection) is always a good practice.
- Vaccinations are not mandated for students, faculty or staff members; however, they do provide the best defense against contracting COVID-19. Members of the MSU community can receive a free COVID-19 vaccine through the MSU Health Care Pharmacy.
- MSU will not tolerate discrimination, including any harassment with respect to a person's right to choose to, or to not, be vaccinated, wear a mask, etc.
- We must support and respect others as they make personal decisions about their health and safety.
- Information on building preparations, air circulation, cleaning protocols and other IPF building services can be found [here](#).
- MSU Returning To On-Site Work website [Coronavirus Updates \(msu.edu\)](#)



## Travel

### MSU Concur Kick-Start Reintroduction Webinar: Request, Travel, Expense Session 1

[https://mediaspace.msu.edu/media/MSU+Concur+Kick-Start+Reintroduction+Webinar+-+Request+%7C+Travel+%7C+Expense/1\\_yj5018bi](https://mediaspace.msu.edu/media/MSU+Concur+Kick-Start+Reintroduction+Webinar+-+Request+%7C+Travel+%7C+Expense/1_yj5018bi)

### MSU Concur Kick-Start Reintroduction Webinar: Booking Travel and Triplt Pro App Session 2

[https://mediaspace.msu.edu/media/MSU+Concur+Kick-Start+Reintroduction+Webinar+-+Booking+Travel+and+Triplt+Pro+App/1\\_zy9owobv](https://mediaspace.msu.edu/media/MSU+Concur+Kick-Start+Reintroduction+Webinar+-+Booking+Travel+and+Triplt+Pro+App/1_zy9owobv)

### MSU Concur Kick-Start Reintroduction Webinar: Groups and Guests Tools Session 3

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MSU's domestic travel policy has returned to normal. For international travel, the level of review is dependent on vaccination status. Please visit the [Office for Global Health, Safety and Security COVID webpage](#) for further guidance.

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Download and view all of the **Concur User Training Guides** from this page:

<https://ctrl.msu.edu/COTravelNew/Guides.aspx>

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Want the latest news in regard to travel and Concur? Register for the Travel Listserv at: [https://ctrl.msu.edu/Join\\_Listserv.aspx?id=UNIVTVL](https://ctrl.msu.edu/Join_Listserv.aspx?id=UNIVTVL)

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MSU's Travel Policy is published at: <http://ctrl.msu.edu/COMBP/mbp70ebs-July2019.aspx>

### Assistance Resources

Travel policy and travel program support: [travel@ctrl.msu.edu](mailto:travel@ctrl.msu.edu) or 517-355-5000

Concur: [concurhelp@msu.edu](mailto:concurhelp@msu.edu)

### Travel@State - Frequently Asked Questions

<https://ctrl.msu.edu/COTravelNew/FrequentlyAskedQuestions.aspx>

PSM Staff will be returning to the building effective Monday, August 2, 2021.

**New!** PSM Staff will be holding office hours. Please see hours listed below.

### PSM Chairperson

Brian Horgan	<a href="mailto:horganb@msu.edu">horganb@msu.edu</a>	Monday-Friday	8:00 AM-5:00 PM
AnnMarie Guldner	<a href="mailto:guldner1@msu.edu">guldner1@msu.edu</a>	Assistant to the Department Chairperson	

### PSM Accounting Team

[psm.accounting@msu.edu](mailto:psm.accounting@msu.edu)

Emily Williams	<a href="mailto:emilywil@msu.edu">emilywil@msu.edu</a>	Monday-Friday	8:00 AM-5:00 PM
Office Hours:		Monday	10:00-11:00 AM
		Wednesday	2:30-3:30 PM

Lisa Bowen	<a href="mailto:bowenli1@msu.edu">bowenli1@msu.edu</a>	Monday-Friday	7:00 AM-4:00 PM
Office Hours:		Tuesday	1:00-2:00 PM
		Thursday	1:00-2:00 PM

Gina Centeno	<a href="mailto:centeno@msu.edu">centeno@msu.edu</a>	Monday-Friday	8:15 AM - 2:30 PM
Office Hours:		Tuesday	10:00-11:00 AM
		Wednesday	1:30-2:30 PM

Kim McClung	<a href="mailto:mcclungk@msu.edu">mcclungk@msu.edu</a>	Monday-Friday	7:00 AM-4:00 PM
Office Hours:		Tuesday	2:00-3:00 PM
		Thursday	10:00-11:00 AM

### PSM Human Resources Team

[psm.hr@msu.edu](mailto:psm.hr@msu.edu)

Hannah O'Mara	<a href="mailto:omarahan@msu.edu">omarahan@msu.edu</a>	Monday-Friday	8:00 AM-5:00 PM
Office Hours:		Monday	10:00-11:00 AM
		Wednesday	2:30-3:30 PM

Jordan Davis	<a href="mailto:davis432@msu.edu">davis432@msu.edu</a>	Monday-Friday	8:00 AM-5:00 PM
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Christiina Donley	<a href="mailto:tymoszew@msu.edu">tymoszew@msu.edu</a>	Monday-Friday	8:00 AM-5:00 PM
Zoom Office Hours:		Wednesday	10:00 AM-12:00 PM

Mackenzie Graham	<a href="mailto:graham2@msu.edu">graham2@msu.edu</a>	Monday-Friday	7:00 AM-4:00 PM
Office Hours:		Tuesday	1:00-2:00 PM
		Thursday	1:00-2:00 PM

AnnMarie Guldner	<a href="mailto:guldner1@msu.edu">guldner1@msu.edu</a>	Monday-Friday	7:30 AM-4:00 PM
Office Hours:		Monday	2:00-3:00 PM
		Wednesday	9:00-10:00 AM

### PSM IT Team

Dominic Colosimo	<a href="mailto:colosi14@msu.edu">colosi14@msu.edu</a>	Monday-Friday	8:00 AM-5:00 PM
Lee Duynslager	<a href="mailto:duynslag@msu.edu">duynslag@msu.edu</a>	Monday-Friday	8:00 AM-4:30 PM

## MSU Academic Calendar

**Summer 2021**  
August 19  
Last Class Day

**Full Session**  
Classes End  
Final Exams

**Summer 2021**  
August 19  
Last Class Day

**Session Two**  
Classes End  
Final Exams

### Fall 2021

September 1  
September 6  
October 20  
October 25-26  
November 25-26  
December 12  
December 13-17  
December 24-27  
December 17-18  
Dec 31 - Jan 3

Classes Begin  
Holiday - University Closed  
Middle of Semester  
Break Days  
Holiday - University Closed  
Classes End  
Final Exams  
Holiday - University Closed  
Commencements  
Holiday - University Closed

## 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 August 13<sup>th</sup> pay date (for time worked from July 18-31) your time is due by 5 PM on Tuesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- For the August 27<sup>th</sup> pay date (for time worked from August 1-14) your time is due by 5 PM on Tuesday, August 17<sup>th</sup>.
- For the September 10<sup>th</sup> pay date (for time worked from August 15-28) your time is due by 5 PM on Tuesday, August 31<sup>st</sup>.

**NEW!** Payroll Assistance with Christiina at 12:00 PM on the following Mondays:

August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30                      September 13, 20, 27                      October 4, 11, 18, 25  
November 1, 8, 15, 22, 29                      December 6, 13, 20, 27

<https://msu.zoom.us/j/98549666083>

Meeting ID: 985 4966 6083

Passcode: 001550

## Newsletter Submissions

Send newsletter submissions to AnnMarie Guldner at [guldner1@msu.edu](mailto:guldner1@msu.edu)

Deadline: Thursdays by 10:00 AM