Welcome Back HDFS Spring 2020!
BY MELISSA YZAGUIRRE
"The social, political, and environmental events of the last four years, and the disparities that persist in human well-being, are a daily challenge to my optimism. But the work of my HDFS colleagues, and the goals and accomplishments of our graduate students, give me hope that this next decade will bring positive change that transforms human lives around the world."

I am proud to be part of a department that focuses on social justice, and sees strength and resilience where others see only vulnerability and risk. I am grateful for the opportunity to support our amazing graduate students as they become independent and collaborative scholars whose work is rooted in social justice values."

-CLAIRE VALLOTTON

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Submit Your News!
We received SO many donations that I had such a difficult time carrying the box!! Thank you to all that participated in supporting several families in the East Lansing community.

— GIA CASABURO
COMMUNITY SERVICE CHAIR

GSAC NEWSLETTER - MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY
Office Hours with President Stanley
Student can schedule 15-minute meetings in President Stanley's office on the fourth floor of the Hannah Administration Building. Office Hours for Spring semester are now available! You may sign up via the following link: https://president.msu.edu/meet-the-president/office-hours-for-students.html

New HDFS Colleagues
FIXED TERM ASSISTANT PROFESSORS:
Emily Koochel (ekoochel@ksu.edu) will be a Fixed Term Assistant Professor and will teach HDFS financial literacy courses.
Adam Farero (fareroad@msu.edu) will be supporting Dr. Adrian Blow's research, teaching two courses, and running the methods laboratory section.

DEAN'S RESEARCH ASSOCIATE AND CSS Distingushed Senior Scholar
Lekpoh (Lekie) Dwanyen (dwany003@umn.edu) has agreed to join the Department in August 2020 as a Dean's Research Associate.
Congratulations and welcome to our new colleagues!

Spartan Support Network (SSN)
SSN is a place where students meet new people and talk about the struggles of college life in weekly peer-facilitated groups. In these groups, you can bond with other members and talk about anything and everything that's going on in your life. We also have monthly community-building activities where you can get to know members of other groups and have fun!
We officially have group sign up available! If you’re interested, please use the link to sign up for a weekly group: https://forms.gle/PxjztRn5aPwCb7uQ7

2019 GSAC Plant Exchange. Hosted by Kirsten Greer & Morgan PettyJohn, Sustainability & Health

Spring Events
https://studentlife.msu.edu/sparticpation/

MSU TRIATHLON TEAM
Celebrate Valentine's Day with a loved one, friend, or family member by racing in the couples division or race solo on a fast course through Michigan State's campus.
NEW this year are competitive High School and Collegiate divisions! Post race snacks and prizes included. Trophies will be awarded to the first place male and female finishers for each division. Furry friends encouraged!
Costume Contest: The most ridiculously Valentine's person or couple at the race win!
**Student Updates**

**TRAVEL FUNDS**  
**DUE JAN 24**  
If you plan to present/attend a conference between now and August 2020, submit an application.

**DISSERTATION COMPLETION FELLOWSHIP**  
**DUE FEB 9**  
Applications for Summer 2020 will be announced soon. If you are interested in applying, contact Matt as soon as possible.

**SCHOLARSHIPS**  
**DUE FEB 15**  
The application will be available on the HDFS website, and a link will be sent out when the form is available.

**COMPETITIVE RESEARCH SUPPORT FUNDING**  
**DUE JAN 31**  
The College of Social Science will be accepting applications for research funding for graduate students through the Corey Research Enrichment Fund and Thompson Endowment Awards.

Questions about student updates should be directed to Matt Hansen at hanse117@msu.edu

**HDFS Events**

**BREAKFAST & CHECK-IN WITH HDFS LEADERSHIP**  
**JAN 10**  
**GRADUATE STUDENT LOUNGE IN HE**  
Time: 9:30–11am  
**FEB 21**  
**GRADUATE STUDENT LOUNGE IN HE**  
Time: 9:30–11am

**GRADUATE APPLICANT INTERVIEW DAYS**  
**FEB 5-7**  
**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**  
Contact Jody Cook at cookjody@msu.edu for more information

**TEACHING & LEARNING WORKSHOPS**

**JAN 31**  
**DR. MELISSA MCDANIELS**  
**Time:** 11:30–1pm  
**Location:** HE Room 9  
**Title:** Mentoring Undergraduates in Research

**FEB 21**  
**PATTI STEWART**  
**Time:** 12–1pm  
**Location:** HE Room 9  
**Title:** Creating an Inclusive Classroom Environment: Understanding Bias and What You Can Do about It

**HDFS SEMINAR SERIES**

The HDFS Seminar Series is an opportunity to get to know the HDFS Community better, focusing on our personal connections to our research, teaching, and outreach.

**JAN 17**  
Fashina Alade: Advertising & Public Relations  
**Time:** 12–1pm  
**Location:** HE Room 9

**FEB 14**  
Scott Matteson and Yatma Diop  
**Time:** 12–1pm  
**Location:** HE Room 9

**HDFS SOCIAL HOUR**

The HDFS Department invites all faculty, staff, and graduate students to join us for an informal social hour at Beggar’s Banquet (218 Abbot Rd, East Lansing) from 3:30 to 5:00 on JAN 17 and FEB 14
**HDFS Shout-Outs!**

"I'd like to give a Shout-Out to Melissa Yzaguirre for organizing such great newsletters that keep us up to date on everything happening in the department and with our colleagues!"

**JENNA BEFFEL**

"Shout out to Dr. Adrian Blow for hosting the 2019 Holiday Party at his house! Really appreciated the opportunity to mingle with everyone in the department"

**KYLA CARY**

"Congratulations to Chi-Fang Tseng on the birth of her son, Tzu-Chen Harper Hung!"

**HDFS**

"Thank you to Dr. Claire Vallotton for keeping us up to date with deadlines and upcoming events!"

**GSAC**

"Congratulations to Dr. Villarruel and Melissa Yzaguirre for being appointed to the MSU Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Steering Committee"

**GSAC**

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**GSAC Spring Newsletter Submissions!**

We are seeking submissions for the upcoming newsletter! Please submit any news you would like to see appear in our next edition by contacting Melissa Yzaguirre at yzaguirr@msu.edu by January 24, 2020.