

## NIH Associate Director Discusses Extramural National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases

EAST LANSING, Michigan – November 3, 2011 - The November AGEP Community meeting was led jointly by Carmel Martin-Fairey and Nkiru Nnwaulezi, two steering committee members, as the community continually takes strides to ensure that members have the opportunity to engage in leadership roles. Joining us for the meeting was special guest, Dr. Wendy Fibison, Associate Director for the Division of Intramural Research at the National Institute of Health (NIH), discussing “Career Opportunities and Resources at NIH”.

Dr. Fibison addressed the community in an informal manner fielding questions regarding Extramural National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) Training and various questions regarding NIH funding future research.



The Chalk Talk presenters were Felix Cheung, a graduate student in the Psychology Department, and Jelani Zarif, graduate student in the Cell & Molecular Biology Department. Mr. Cheung presented on “The Association between Income and Happiness over the Lifespan”. Mr. Zarif’s presentation was based on his research, titled, “A potential role of the Androgen Receptor (AR) in late state prostate cancer”.

The 2011 December AGEP meeting will conclude the Fall semester with special guest, Dr. Dawn Eastmond, Director of Education for the Scripps Research Institute, and Chalk Talk presenters, Fredy Rodriguez and Ashley Hannah. Mr. Rodriguez is a graduate student in the Anthropology Department, with research titled, “From Campesino (peasant) to indigenous: ethnic labeling and the Ch’orti’ Maya Movement of Western Honduras.” Ms. Hannah is a graduate student in the Neuroscience Department, who will be presenting on, “Neuropsychiatric symptoms in Mild Cognitive Impairment, a possible prodrome to Alzheimer’s Disease”.

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