

MSU AGEP to Create Member - Led Bulletin

EAST LANSING, Michigan, September 10, 2011 - The September 2011 MSU AGEP meeting opened by welcoming new members to the community, as well as the University, for some.

The start of the new academic school year involved a number of new developments, including a new Steering Committee, various graduate student opportunities, and the ever-dynamic Chalk Talk presenters.

The STEERING COMMITTEE is a healthy representation of the community itself, with members from various disciplines contributing diverse ideas and putting them into action. Last year's committee was staunch on sharing the community's progress with those on Capitol Hill so they helped arrange for a group of community members to visit the National Science Foundation (NSF), in Washington, D.C.



The meetings are a consistent source of information for graduate student opportunities. Whether they are research fellowships with organizations like the National Institute of Health (NIH), monetary awards from the Graduate School, or available post-doc positions—get on the mailing list!

September CROSSTALK presenters were Carlos Anderson, graduate student in Zoology and Carleen Carey, graduate student in Teacher Education.

SCIENCE IN THE NEWS is a segment offering individual members the chance to lead the discussion on an interesting, and at times, controversial, topic with the community.

“The impact of increased social networking on education, race, class and gender” was the September topic of choice. Rousing discussion formulated ideas seen below:

- Policy implications of graduate work
- The result of creating new knowledge within a vacuum
- Politicians who misconstrue the purpose of research to justify less funding for government agencies supporting research

As a result of the discussion, the idea to create a bulletin to allow members to showcase their work flourished.

Chalk Talks will be presented by Dorothy Hines, graduate student in Educational Policy, and Jelani Zarif, graduate student in Cell & Molecular Biology.

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