



October AGEP Learning Community Meeting Continues Momentum in Fall 2013



Graduate student,
Ashley Hannah
facilitating the
October Community
Meeting

Thursday, October 3: Michigan State University hosted the AGEP Learning Community Meeting in the Biomedical and Physical Sciences Building in East Lansing, MI. Over 50 participants, MSU AGEP members, and faculty from numerous departments were in attendance. Ashley Hannah, graduate student in the Neuroscience department gave welcoming remarks to audience.

One of the hallmarks of the MSU AGEP Learning Community is the ChalkTalks. ChalkTalks are ten-minute presentations from graduate students with only a white board and without electronic aids. For the October meeting, we had presentations from Jorge G. Cintrón-Rivera, doctoral student in Electrical Engineering Department and Tuesda Roberts, doctoral student in Teacher Education. Rivera's presentation was on "Fault Mitigation in Permanent Magnet Synchronous Motors Under an Internal Turn-to-Turn Failure" and

Robert's presentation was "Afro-Latinidad and Schools, a Technicolor Experience: Challenging Essentialism Through Critical Race Theory".

Julian Alford, graduate student in the Electrical Engineering Department, mentioned, "Every AGEP meeting seems to provide me with a diverse perspective that I otherwise would not be able to gain in my everyday life experiences. In the October AGEP meeting, I was especially intrigued by the chalk-talk presented by Tuesda Roberts about critical race theory and the struggles of two Afro-Latinas with race identification. I now have a newfound understanding of racial miss-identification from an outlook I would not likely have gotten in my own time. Talks like these are what I enjoy most about AGEP."

Ruby Carrillo, graduate student in the biochemistry department described her experience as, "The AGEP October community meeting consisted of two great chalk talk presentations. This monthly meeting everyone also had the opportunity to introduce themselves which I feel helps create a foundation of a graduate community. Another major topic of the October monthly meeting was the AGEP Bulletin submissions, which provides a writing experience as well as aid in professional development."

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