



AGEP Kick-Starts the Fall 2017 Semester



MSU AGEP Community at the
Biomedical Physical Sciences Bldg.

EAST LANSING- Thursday, September 7, 2017: Michigan State University hosted its monthly AGEP Community Meeting in room 1425 of the BPS building. Over 60 participants from the AGEP Community as well as graduate school faculty and staff were in attendance. Steven Thomas, program director of AGEP gave welcoming remarks before giving the floor to moderator, Stephanie Marshall a Graduate student in the Educational Policy program.

The evening began with introductions from affiliates of MSU's Graduate School office. First, Dr. Rique Campa, Associate Dean of the MSU Graduate School discussed resources that the graduate school has to offer in various departments around campus. Next, Dr. Ryan Bixenmann, Director of MSU PhD Career Services gave a presentation discussing his role in career advising, how to get in touch, and angles to take when exploring careers. Finally, Associate Dean of the graduate school, Dr. Pero Dagbovie gave a welcoming presentation to the newest AGEP members. Dr. Dagbovie discussed all of the facets of the graduate school office that can aid graduate students and why taking advantage of them is important while attending MSU.

The next phase of the meeting held introductions from our AGEP Community members in the room. Each person introduced themselves and highlighted their major. This gave even more familiarity and a sense of welcoming to the new members. After the last introduction was given, we then shifted gears to the Chalk Talk presenter for the evening. Sylmarie Davila Montero, a graduate student in the Electrical Engineering Department, gave a talk titled, "*An in-situ Phase-Preserving Data Decimation Method for High-Channel-Count Wireless uECOG Arrays*". The concepts within her presentation were complex, but presented in such a clear and concise manner that every facet of her research was easily comprehensible.

After Sylmarie concluded her talk, the meeting came to a close. Steven Thomas gave farewell remarks to the audience and encouraged any new members to become actively involved with the AGEP Community and to spread the word to any graduate students that may be interested. When asked his thoughts on the meeting, Obafemi Elegbede of the Department of Community Sustainability said, "I liked the meeting a ton. AGEP meetings at MSU are always something to look forward to each month and I am thankful I found such a wonderful group of people with a good sense of community".

The September AGEP Community Meeting was a great start to the semester. For more information about the AGEP Community at Michigan State University, contact Steven Thomas (deshawn@grd.msu.edu) at 517-432-3268.
