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# FDC HAPPENINGS

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\*Six individuals stand in a semi circle and stack their hands in the middle.

## 2024-2025 DEI Faculty Fellow

The Bruce K. Nelson Faculty Development Center and the Office of the Interim Associate Provost and Associate Vice President of Academic Programs and Initiatives are seeking applications for a quarter-time release Faculty Fellow to play a leading role in Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) programming for the FDC during the 2024-25 academic year.

Previously, our 2022-2023 Faculty Fellow, Uttara Manohar, facilitated a learning community titled "Equitable Educators," which focused on developing cultural humility and creating inclusive spaces and equitable outcomes for all students. Dr. Manohar also curated programming on topics such as racial microaggressions, LGBTQ+ issues, and how to navigate controversial discussions in an inclusive classroom. Our 2023-2024 Faculty Fellow, Audrey Farrugia, is facilitating a learning community called "Disability is Diversity," which explores issues of accessibility on campus. Dr. Farrugia also created programs on topics such as teaching neurodivergent students and working with faculty on how to address Letters of Accommodation from the DRC.

We hope to build on their extraordinary work with our 2024-25 Faculty Fellow! To read the call for applications, click [here](#).

Applications for this position are due by April 2nd at 5 PM, and should be emailed to Jeffrey Bernstein, FDC Director, at [jbernstei@emich.edu](mailto:jbernstei@emich.edu).

# CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

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## Media and Information Literacy Seminar

From the FDC  
& University  
Library

Join the FDC, John Dunn, Sara Memmott, and the University Library to learn and apply media and information literacy concepts and teaching strategies through hands-on activities. This seminar also offers a roundtable discussion with members of EMU's Faculty Committee on Media and Information Literacy. Bring your syllabi to use in planning how to incorporate media and information literacy in your own courses!

**10 AM:** Welcome & Introduction

**10:30 AM:** Teaching and Learning Activities

- How do you define civic literacy? An interactive poster
  - Amanda Maher (History & Philosophy) & Brigid Beaubien (Teacher Education)
- Generative AI and media/information literacy
  - Steven Krause (English) & Christine Uthoff (Journalism)
- Integrating information literacy & resource evaluation across a program
  - Elizabeth Bucciarelli (Library)
- Teaching media and information literacy in General Education
  - Jarrod Irwin (Library): connecting media literacy and academic research
  - Suzanne Gray (Library): exploring the nature of scholarly sources with new undergraduate students
- Analyzing political discourse from a rhetorical perspective
  - John Dunn (English)

**12 PM:** Lunch

**12:30 PM:** Panel Discussion

**1:15 PM:** Planning Session

**2 PM:** Future Directions

March 8, 2024

Halle Library Room 300

Click [here](#) to see the full schedule.

Click [here](#) to register for the seminar.

# upcoming

# EVENTS

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**Showcase will take place March 14th  
from 4-6 PM in the Student Center  
Applications/Registrations due March 7th**

## **FACULTY SCHOLARLY AND CREATIVE ACTIVITY SHOWCASE**

The Faculty Development Center and the Office of Research Development and Administration (ORDA) are excited to host the 2024 Faculty Scholarly and Creative Activity Showcase to celebrate scholarship and creative activities by EMU faculty. We invite all faculty and lecturers to display posters, journal articles, books, artwork, and videos or compact discs of performing art, etc. This display can highlight scholarly activities that were either disseminated/completed during 2023, or any current research that EMU community members are engaging in (or have recently engaged in), regardless of if/when it was disseminated. We are particularly interested in Gen AI research or projects featuring scholarly investigations around using Gen AI in the classroom. Click [here](#) to register.

## **GENERATIVE AI SPEAKER SPOTLIGHTS**

**Program #4: March 12th @ 11 AM  
109B Halle Library or [Zoom](#)**

During the winter semester, the Faculty Development Center and the Office of Campus & Community Writing are hosting a series of four sessions related to generative AI. The final program, facilitated by Raed Jarrah and Monse Pastrano Romero, will discuss how students can properly and responsibly use AI. Click [here](#) to register if you plan to attend this program.

**March 13th @ 12:30 PM  
109B Halle and [Zoom](#)**

## **TEACHING AND LEARNING THROUGH ESPORTS**

[EMU Esports](#) is on the fast track to become a top North American esports program. The program regularly redefines the scope of collegiate esports by working closely with academic and institutional departments alike. Join Zach Lewis, Esports Coordinator at EMU, for this informative session to learn how esports can be applicable to you in your teaching. Click [here](#) to register.

## **OPENING DAY**

**Thursday, March 28th from 3-5 PM  
109 Halle Library**

Join us at the FDC to celebrate our most important national holiday, Opening Day of Baseball Season! Spend the day celebrating the 175th Birthday of EMU, and then join us from 2:30 - 5:00 PM at the FDC to watch some baseball, share some refreshments, and enjoy each other's company. #LetsGoMets #YaGottaBelieve #LGM



# upcoming EVENTS

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access the links in  
this issue



**April 4 from 3:45 - 5 PM**  
**Student Center Ballroom**  
***Click [here](#) to register***

## **CAREERS AND CULTURAL DIVERSITY FAIR**

Did you know that intercultural competence is ranked fourth of the top ten work skills needed for the future according to Future Work Skills 2020? Do you know how to develop multicultural competence? Be sure to attend the Careers and Cultural Diversity Fair, a campus-wide event that will gather professionals from Southeast Michigan from a variety of fields including business, healthcare, social sciences, and humanities. Students, faculty, administrators, and advisers are encouraged to attend this interactive event that will highlight the relevance of multicultural and multilingual competence in today's professional fields.

Invited guests will interact with participants and share with them their professional background, and their experiences and opportunities linked to working in a diverse workplace. The focus is to cultivate awareness on how broadening the understanding of languages and multicultural competence can help today's professionals to overcome challenges and advance in their careers.

## **THANK-AN-EAGLE**

***To nominate someone, click [here](#).***  
***Please share this link!***

The Faculty Development Center hosts a university-wide event called Thank-An-Eagle, where EMU community members have a chance to thank an instructor, staff member, coach, GA, or mentor who has helped them during their time here at EMU. For many instructors and mentors, an unsolicited "thank you" from a student is a highlight of their semester's experience. The instructor or staff member you thank receives a formal Thank-An-Eagle letter of recognition from the Faculty Development Center that includes the student's remarks. We hope you will nominate a deserving Eagle!

## *Partnership Spotlight*



**Dr. Peter Blackmer  
& Alexxus Watson**

**Department of Africology &  
African American Studies**

In this partnership spotlight, Dr. Peter Blackmer (L) and Alexxus Watson share with us the benefits for both students and faculty of working in partnerships, how working with students encourages growth, and the impact of having a mentor. Click [here](#) to read the full spotlight.

# *Call for* **APPLICATIONS**

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***Please consider applying for one of these exciting opportunities!***

***Proposals are due  
March 11th.***

***Summer/Fall 2024  
Program Proposals***

Each semester, we seek proposals for sustained learning communities or seminars, or for a more involved series of workshops, or for hosting a significant one-time event (such as bringing in a prominent speaker). Our budget provides funding for such activities to help us respond to evolving interests on campus. We award up to \$5,000 per program, which can include an honorarium for a facilitator or speaker, honoraria for participants, supplies, travel expenses, etc. This funding can enable you to make a meaningful commitment of time and resources, helping participants to learn together, develop new skills, collaborate, and innovate. All faculty, lecturers, and staff are eligible to submit a Program Request Form. Past recipients of this award are ineligible to be funded in two consecutive application cycles. Preference will be given to new proposals as opposed to those repeating past programs; significant modifications of past programs will be treated as if they were new programs.

Click [here](#) to visit the website for more information. Click [here](#) to view the application.

***Mini-Grants to Support  
Student Wellness***

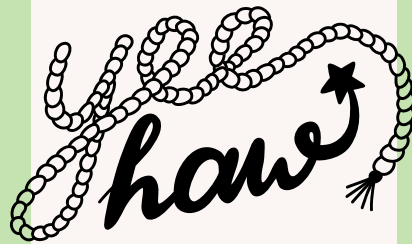
***Proposals are due  
March 11th.***

The Faculty Development Center and the Dean of Students Office invite faculty, lecturers, and graduate teaching fellows to apply for mini-grants (up to \$250) to support student wellness in their teaching. The mini-grant projects are to take place during the summer or fall 2024 semester. For this round of applications, we would also like to invite EMU students to collaborate with a faculty member to implement a wellness practice into a class. Students who participate in this opportunity will be awarded a \$100 honorarium for their time and efforts. Please consider applying to help support our students' well-being and, by extension, their learning in your class.

Click [here](#) to visit our website for more information. Click [here](#) to apply!

# Eggbert's SPRING BREAK ADVENTURES

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Eggbert had some exciting adventures over spring break! He joined our GA on her family trip to Nashville, TN, where he made many friends- including a few bands who invited him up on stage during the shows! He even connected with some EMU parents and alumni, and got to try some adult beverages. He had more fun on break than Jeff did!

