



# SOCIOLOGY UNDERGRADUATE ADVISING NEWSLETTER

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**March 29, 2024**



Missed the UURAF Priority Registration deadline? **UURAF Late Registration is now open until 3/29!** Modality and Category are limited for late registrants.

UURAF will take place on **Friday, April 12, 2024, at the Breslin Center and online.** Students can present research that is still in progress and also present research that is already completed.

[UURAF Late Registration](#)



Connect 1:1 with a peer [Undergraduate Research Ambassador](#) to learn more about engaging in undergraduate research at MSU.

[Book an Appointment](#)

# WORKSHOPS



## What is Undergraduate Research?

There are myriad ways that research is conducted. Learn about the many different forms of research taking place at MSU. Exploring your research interests will be easier with a comprehensive understanding of what undergraduate research is and its breadth.

[Click to Register](#)

## Finding Undergraduate Research Experiences?

Make research an integral part of your MSU experience! Come learn about the opportunities available for involvement in research and creative activities at Michigan State. You can expect a short presentation, discussion, and Q & A facilitated by current undergraduate researchers.

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## **Undergraduate Research:**

Are you interested in getting involved with undergraduate research at Michigan State University but are unsure of where to start? The [Pathway to Research program](#) can help you secure an undergraduate research position with a MSU faculty member.

With both large-group learning sessions and individual advising sessions, the Pathway to Research (PTR) is a free, 3-week program designed to help students obtain research positions. The program has three main goals: (1) identify potential research areas and which faculty members are currently pursuing projects in that field, (2) draft emails to effectively reach out and show interest to prospective research mentors, and (3) practice interview skills.

The PTR Program offers funding\* to support a research experience to students who finish the program. The PTR Program is open to any major.

Gaining research experience during your undergraduate career has significant benefits such as developing enhanced analytical skills, improving communication skills, increased self-confidence, and greater career clarification. Our next cohort begins this summer and will be entirely virtual, so you can participate from anywhere. Get started today by signing up for Pathway to Research [using this survey!](#)

Direct questions to Annabelle Pattillo [atpattill3@msu.edu](mailto:atpattill3@msu.edu).

(\*Funding is on a first-come basis.)

# NEIGHBORHOOD STUDENT SUCCESS CENTER

## PEER EDUCATORS

HERE TO  
HELP!

### WHAT ARE PE'S?

- Available to help students build academic success skills.
- Assist with organizational skills such as time management, procrastination, and prioritization.
- Provide tutoring in a limited number of math science and social science courses.

**Sign Up Now!**

[www.student.msu.edu](http://www.student.msu.edu)

#### **Meeting with NSSC Peer Educators (Flyers Attached)**

Students can get help with time management & organizational skills, study skills and strategies, and tutoring for a limited number of math, science, and social science courses. Students can schedule an appointment at <https://student.msu.edu/splash.html>

**Drop-in tutoring** Sundays 4 -7p and Mondays 6 - 8p

**Note: There will be no Tutoring on Friday (3/29) or Sunday (3/31)**

Students can get help with time management & organizational skills, study skills and strategies, and tutoring for a limited number of math, science, and social science courses. No appointment necessary. See flyer for locations.

Sunday's & Monday's

# Drop in Tutoring

**SUNDAY**  
Holmes C101

**ANTR** 350  
**BS** 161, 162,  
**CEM** 141, 142, 143, 151, 152, 251, 252  
**IBIO** 306, 341, 355, 415  
**PHY** 231  
**PSL** 310

**MONDAY**  
Brody 159

**ANTR** 350  
**CEM** 141, 142, 143, 151, 152  
**PHY** 231



See you there!



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Social Science Students,

We want to learn more about your experiences at MSU, so we are conducting a series of listening and discussion groups to find out more about your experiences. We will ask about your ideas for additional resources and supports that would be useful. We hope you are open to participating.

**Listening & Discussion Groups:** These groups should last one hour, and we will provide snacks. This will be an engaging way to share your experiences and to give input to help us develop future programming and supports.. Thank you for considering this request. Please reach out if you have questions or if you are open to participating.

**Meeting Dates:** We are looking for 15-25 students in total to participate, in one of the 3 groups of around 8 students each. Please complete this survey to indicate your availability. We will reach out to 15-25 students in total to confirm their participation in these listening and discussion groups. Please indicate your availability and participation for one listening and discussion group by [clicking here for the survey](#).

The dates for the listening and discussion are below.

**Wed 4/3/2024 4:00pm-5:00pm, 309 Berkey Hall**

Moderators: Thuy-Tram Butler & Jason Almerigi

If you could let us know/sign up by 4/1 so we can plan and can confirm participants

**Tues 4/9/2024 12:00pm-1:00pm, 309 Berkey Hall**

Moderators: Thuy-Tram Butler & Taylor Hughes-Barrow

If you could let us know/sign up by 4/5 so we can plan and can confirm participants

**Wed 4/10/2024 1:30pm-2:30pm, 309 Berkey Hall**

Moderators: Thuy-Tram Butler & Jason Almerigi

If you could let us know/sign up by 4/8 so we can plan and can confirm participants

We will reach out to 15-25 students in total to confirm their participation in these listening and discussion groups.

Thank you for your consideration and participation, please sign up here. [Please click here to complete the survey](#).

(full link: [https://msu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_43itAGBsQgwWwku](https://msu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_43itAGBsQgwWwku))

# Apply Today for the 2024-2025 Community Engagement Scholars Program

Mentorship &  
Professional  
Development



Learn with &  
engage with a  
Community  
Partner

Participate  
in a Cohort

LEARN MORE AND APPLY AT:

[HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/CESP2425](https://tinyurl.com/CESP2425)

APPLICATIONS CLOSE APRIL 5TH

Engage in  
Community  
Engaged  
Learning



**The Community Engagement Scholars Program is now accepting applications for the 2024-2025 academic year!** Applications are due April 5, 24. This cohort program is sponsored by the Office of the President and the Center for Community Engaged Learning. Students are paired with community partners and participate in a variety of projects that contribute to their community engagement toolkit and professional development. Scholars also develop and engage in a Scholar cohort where they take part in community building and reflective learning. An educational stipend is provided! To learn more about the program and our current Scholars, as well as find links to the application, visit us at <https://tinyurl.com/CESP2425>.



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# Study Away In PUERTO RICO

## Spring Semester 2024

### About Us

The Study Away Community Engagement in Puerto Rico is an exciting and meaningful program that takes place during the spring semester, offering nine (9) days on-site in Puerto Rico in May after final's week.

Students will engage in an array of life changing experiences while in Puerto Rico including volunteering with agencies that assist children, youth and family, senior citizens and/or special needs populations. Students will also participate in local events with community members.

In addition to the community service aspect of the program, students will visit some of the world's most beautiful attractions to learn about the cultural influence and history of the island.



### Important Dates

Application Deadline:  
March 15, 2024

Program Dates:  
April 28 - May 6, 2024

Travel Dates:  
April 27 & May 7, 2024



### Courses Offered

ISS 310 - People and Environment  
4 credits hours



### Program Fee

~ \$1,200  
Ground Transportation,  
Housing, Most Meals,  
Stipend, Fieldtrips

In collaboration with



### Contact us

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**APPLY NOW**





There are still a few spots available in the **Puerto Rico Study** Away program for the current **Spring Semester 2024**. This is an excellent opportunity for students currently enrolled in fewer than 14 credits, as it will be included under their block tuition. Please share with students.

Program Dates:

April 28 - May 6, 2024

Travel Dates:

April 27 & May 7, 2024

**Course: ISS 310 - People and Environment - 4 credit hours**

In this course, we will explore the intricate realities of Puerto Rico's politics, society, and geography. From the origins of the Taíno indigenous people to Spanish colonization and its current status as an unincorporated territory of the United States, we will delve into the island's diverse history. Our discussions will encompass the ongoing struggle of the Puerto Rican people for political autonomy and representation. Additionally, we will examine the economic challenges facing the island, including debt, economic development strategies, and socio-economic disparities. Furthermore, we will evaluate Puerto Rico's ecological diversity and its vulnerability to climate change and natural disasters. Through immersive experiences in Puerto Rico's vibrant culture, including its music, art, and traditions, students will gain a deeper understanding of resilience in the face of adversity. Hands-on service activities and interactions with migrant and seasonal farm worker students will provide valuable insights into the historical, contemporary, and future challenges shaping Puerto Rico's trajectory.

Program Fee: \$1,200

Includes: ground transportation, accommodation, some meals, stipend, and field trips.

If any students have questions, please encourage them to contact me at [jolyp@msu.edu](mailto:jolyp@msu.edu) or via Teams.



*Aleida Martínez, MA*  
(she/her/ella)

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To schedule an appointment with me  
click → [HERE](#)





# FULBRIGHT US STUDENT PROGRAM INFORMATION SESSION



SCAN ME



FRIDAY, APRIL 5  
4:00-5:00PM  
INT'L CENTER  
ROOM 201



[isp.msu.edu/fulbright](http://isp.msu.edu/fulbright)

The Fulbright US Student grant competition will open soon! We have **two information sessions for MSU students/recent graduates planned**. Competitive students are interested in living abroad, exploring other cultures, and immersing themselves in a new community. Foreign

language skills and experience abroad are helpful but by no means required. **The attached “Qualities of a Competitive Fulbright Candidate” will help identify those among your advisees who might be a good fit.**

[Fulbright US Student Program Information Session](#) (in person)

- Friday, April 5, 2024, at 4:00pm ET
- Room 201 International Center
- [Fulbright US Student Program Information Session](#) (Zoom)
  - Thursday, May 9, 2024, at 5:00pm ET
  - This is the same presentation as April – no need to attend both!
  - Zoom link and password at link above

As MSU’s Fulbright Program Advisor, I am here to work with your advisees throughout the application process. For those not familiar with the Fulbright program, this two-minute overview answers the question “[What is Fulbright?](#)”

- This is a competitive grant program funded by the US Department of State that **enables US citizen students to do research, study, or teach English abroad.**
- Awards provide round-trip airfare, a maintenance allowance based on living costs in the host country, insurance, and the extraordinary opportunity to live and work in a new country.
- These awards are open to all Spartans who will have a BA/BS by the time the grant would begin in 2025, so students who will be seniors next year can apply – if your advisees have longer to go before graduation, they can still think about Fulbright and have plenty of time to plan their application. Masters and PhD students may also apply.
- **The competition will open April 2; the MSU deadline is September 1, and the national deadline is in October.**

The [Fulbright US Student program website](#) is rich with information and resources, and I encourage your advisees to explore it as they think through their options. [MSU’s Fulbright website](#) also provides information for potential applicants. Students should complete the [Fulbright Program Interest Form](#) to connect with me.

**Joy Campbell** | she/her

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[Fulbright Program Advisor](#)

[Peace Corps Prep Program Coordinator](#)

[Schedule a meeting](#) (link opens Calendly scheduler)

Michigan State University

International Studies and Programs

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East Lansing MI 48824



Our 2024 Spring Spartan Day of Service will take place on Saturday April 13, 2024. All MSU Students are welcome to join. Please follow the link **HERE** to sign up for a volunteer site of your choosing. Below you will find more information about the day. **See you all on Saturday April 13, 2024!**

### **Check-In**

All volunteers must register/check-in at the Spartan Days of Service kick-off event held in the Business College Complex, Room N130.

### **Transportation**

All transportation will depart from the Business College Complex, and you must check in to find which bus is designated for your project. Upon completion of your service project, you will be dropped off at the Business College. Parking is available at the College of Law ramp, directly across from the Business College.

### **Meals & T-Shirts**

During check-in and the program, a light breakfast will be available to all volunteers. Prior to departure, volunteers can select a box lunch, and will receive a Spartan Days of Service t-shirt. Vegan and gluten free options will be available.

### **Schedule for the Day**

8:15 a.m. – Registration Opens

9:00 a.m. – Welcome & Program

9:15 a.m. - Lunches & T-Shirts

9:40 a.m. – Load Busses

10:00 a.m. – Arrive at locations

2:00 p.m. – Volunteer opportunities conclude | Return to campus

**K.C. Keyton | Assistant Director for Student Volunteer Programs | (he/him)**



Does learning how to become a  
**'DISEASE DETECTIVE'** with  
an **EPIDEMIOLOGIST** or  
**BIostatistician** at **MSU** sound  
interesting?



THE EQUITY IN BIOSTATISTICS AND  
EPIDEMIOLOGY STUDENT TRAINING  
(EQ-BEST) UNDERGRADUATE INTERNSHIP  
MAY BE JUST THE OPPORTUNITY

The Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics in the College of Human Medicine at MSU is offering paid, part-time undergraduate internships (8-10 hours/week) starting Fall semester 2024. Interns will gain research experience and training outside the laboratory setting with MSU faculty on cutting-edge research that has an impact on people's lives.

LEARN **MORE**

Attend our Zoom informational session:

Tuesday, April 9, 2024 12:00 p.m.

<https://msu.zoom.us/j/97287052176>

Passcode: eq Meeting ID: 972 8705 2176

Or, visit our website at [epibio.msu.edu/academics/eq-best](http://epibio.msu.edu/academics/eq-best)

Applications are due **Monday, April 29 2024**