Program C: Enhancing Communication and Collaboration across the Disciplines

Thursday, May 12, 9:30am - 12:00pm
MSU Union, Lake Superior Room
(Registration at 9:00am; program begins at 9:30am)

Light breakfast included

Facilitator:
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Intended Audience and Eligibility:
MSU Affiliates only.

This Faculty Development Program Collaborative Communication Workshop provides an empirically-grounded, practical approach to fostering communication across disciplines. Rooted in philosophical analysis, the workshop enables participants to engage in a structured dialogue about research assumptions and cross-disciplinary collaboration. This approach yields both self-awareness and mutual understanding, supplying individuals with the robust foundation needed for effective collaborative practice, including both teaching and research.

This introductory workshop is offered to faculty members interested in working with collaborators from other disciplines. It will be led by members of the Toolbox Project, an NSF-sponsored initiative based at MSU. Participants will engage with the Toolbox Project questionnaire via small group discussion, sharing respective views in response to a number of probing statements about topics such as disciplinary motivation, methodology, ways of knowing, and values. After an initial overview, the workshop will be conducted through interactive small group activities.

This workshop is co-sponsored by the College of Arts and Letters, Department of Philosophy and F&OD.

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