Cultivating a Civil Society in an Era of Incivility
Friday, March 6, 2015
8:30am-12:30pm
Michigan Capitol Building

8:30-9:00am- Registration (Rotunda)
9:00-9:15am- Welcome, State Representative Andy Schor, 68th House District
9:15-9:45am- Flint Youth Theater (Rotunda)
10:00-10:45am- Concurrent Sessions I & II (Choose one)

ROOM 424
Our Individual Civil Character
(Session I)
Moderator: Jennifer Bruen
This session will explain the psychology behind civility, beliefs, skills, actions, and behaviors that inhibit or promote civil behavior.

ROOM 426
Bringing Civility to Public Places
(Session II)
Moderator: Sarah Craft
Place has a big impact on how we feel and act: people who live in high-rise apartments are less trusting of their neighbors, nature boosts altruism, and students' grades improve when their school is designed to increase human connectivity. With a panel of experts and practitioners, this session will explore how place impacts how people act and feel, its influence on communities, and what we can do to support civility in our public spaces and work environment.

Confirmed Speakers:
David Mathews, Kettering Foundation
David Dunning, Professor of Psychology, Cornell University
George Lahanas, City Manager, City of East Lansing

ROOM 424
Theories of Civility (Session III)
Moderator: John Schweitzer
This session will examine theories of civility to help us frame out understanding of this complex concept.

Confirmed Speakers:
Louise Jezierski, Professor in James Madison College, Michigan State University
Lisa Perhamus, Assistant Professor & Padnos/Sarasik Endowed Professor of Civil Discourse, Grand Valley State University

ROOM 426
Media/Technology and Incivility
(Session IV)
Moderator: George Berghorn
This session will examine incivility as it relates to the digital age, including fostering a civil participatory culture, and media's effects on a civil society.

Confirmed Speakers:
Bill Ballenger, Inside Michigan Politics
Cliff Lampe, Associate Professor of Information, University of Michigan
Eric Freedman, Professor, J&J Knight Chair, Michigan State University

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