

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)

<p style="text-align: center;">ROOM 426 <u>Our Individual Civil Character</u> <u>(Session I)</u> <i>Moderator: Jennifer Bruen</i> This session will explain the psychology behind civility, beliefs, skills, actions, and behaviors that inhibit or promote civil behavior.</p>
<p>Confirmed Speakers: David Mathews, <i>Kettering Foundation</i> David Dunning, <i>Professor of Psychology, Cornell University</i> George Lahanas, <i>City Manager, City of East Lansing</i></p>

<p style="text-align: center;">ROOM 424 <u>Bringing Civility to Public Places</u> <u>(Session II)</u> <i>Moderator: Sarah Craft</i> 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.</p>
<p>Confirmed Speakers: Dave Bulkowski, <i>Disability Advocates of Kent County</i> Holly Madill, <i>Michigan State University Land Policy Institute</i> Tracy Brower, <i>Herman Miller</i></p>

11:00-11:45am- Concurrent Sessions III & IV (Choose one)

<p style="text-align: center;">ROOM 424 <u>Theories of Civility (Session III)</u> <i>Moderator: John Schweitzer</i> This session will examine theories of civility to help us frame out understanding of this complex concept.</p>
<p>Confirmed Speakers: Louise Jezierski, <i>Professor in James Madison College, Michigan State University</i> Lisa Perhamus, <i>Assistant Professor & Padnos/Sarosik Endowed Professor of Civil Discourse, Grand Valley State University</i></p>

<p style="text-align: center;">ROOM 426 <u>Media/Technology and Incivility</u> <u>(Session IV)</u> <i>Moderator: George Berghorn</i> 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.</p>
<p>Confirmed Speakers: Bill Ballenger, <i>Inside Michigan Politics</i> Cliff Lampe, <i>Associate Professor of Information, University of Michigan</i> Eric Freedman, <i>Professor, J&J Knight Chair, Michigan State University</i></p>

12:00-12:45pm- Flint Youth Theater (*Rotunda*)

12:30pm- Closing (*Rotunda*)