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AHEC fall 2018 newsletter

AHEC's fall 2018 newsletter featured: CHHS Immersion Day, Cassopolis Family Clinic Network breaking ground on a new facility, upcoming conferences and more.



HHS on Social Media



On a clear day...you can see main campus from here. Today...not so much. From the [College of Health and Human Services](#) via [Instagram](#) (11/26/2018)

In other news

Here are some other WMU news articles you might be interested in:

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CHHS hosts all-hands meeting, raises money for United Way



Dean Ron Cisler

Dean Ron Cisler called for an all-hands meeting in November to briefly discuss the state of the college and lay out some of his ideas for the future. **Chris Cheatham**, associate provost for budget and personnel, shared information about the process for developing the University's new budget model. The event ended with an auction to raise money for the United Way.

It was Dean Cisler's first college-wide meeting since taking the helm at CHHS in August, and the first opportunity for many to hear from both him and the new associate provost.

Chris Cheatham presented a brief overview of the University's various funds, revenues and expenses. He then spoke broadly about the **strategic resource management** model and showed comparisons to WMU's current budget. "Budgets are not aligned with success in enrollment, research or giving," he said. "We need a more strategic and comprehensive approach to resource allocation which better aligns all resources to address revenue growth, operating efficiencies and to achieve our success metrics."



Associate Provost Chris Cheatham

In the end, Cheatham said that three main objectives of [the new budget model](#) are increased accountability, enhanced transparency and more incentives for revenue generation and cost-effective practices.

Following the budget discussion, Dean Cisler spoke briefly about the current state of the college and the enrollment challenges that we face along with the entire University. He spoke about the value of acting as disruptors and agents of change in our units, the college and University. He also welcomed [new staff and faculty](#) to the college.

More clarity, information and discussion is to be expected at future all-hands meetings.

The morning event concluded with a lunch auction, which raised money for the United Way Food Bank. For the auction, lunches were made (or otherwise provided) by faculty and staff from throughout the college. Dean Cisler and **Joel Krauss**, manager of marketing and communications, auctioned off lunches to the highest bidders.

By the end of the auction, \$1465 was raised for the United Way Food Bank.

NYT gives first study abroad innovation award to WMU faculty

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Palmer and Harrison

KALAMAZOO, Mich.—Two Western Michigan University faculty members have earned the inaugural New York Times inEducation Award for Innovation in Education Abroad, which recognizes the most innovative incorporation of The New York Times into an education abroad curriculum.

Dr. Jennifer Harrison, assistant professor of social work, and **Dr. Timothy Palmer**, professor of management, received the award for how they are incorporating the Times into the Social Justice and Sustainability in India course they co-teach.

Harrison and Palmer co-developed the course. Harrison is co-principal investigator for the Interprofessional Peer Evidence and Education for Recovery program with WMU's College of Health and Human Services and Palmer serves as director of WMU's Center for Sustainable Business Practices.

"This prestigious award given by The Forum on Education Abroad and The New York Times is a fitting testament to the creative and meaningful ways that Palmer and Harrison, individually and collectively, have designed academically rigorous study abroad programs that promote global awareness," says **Dr. Lee M. Penyak**, WMU director of Study Abroad.

INNOVATION AWARD

The Award for Innovation in Education Abroad recognizes the year's most original, creative example of how The New York Times news, content and archives can be used to enhance education-abroad learning before, during or after the education abroad experience.

It was announced by the Forum on Education Abroad and the Times during International Education Week, **Nov. 12-16**.

"Among a diverse pool of submissions, yours stood out to the selection committee for its use of the Times as both an intellectual and material resource and for its clear and careful integration into a strong and well-planned interdisciplinary course curriculum," the forum said in announcing that the honor would go to Harrison and Palmer.

The duo are using the Times in two ways. First, students read Times content to complement academic publications as research for a course paper they are preparing. Then, students recycled the newspaper by creating origami baskets out of its newsprint, and are carrying the baskets to India in December and will use them to collect materials they will share with one of the recycling microenterprises they will visit during their sojourn.

INDIA STUDY ABROAD COURSE



The faculty-led Social Justice and Sustainability in India course is taking place this fall semester and includes a trip from **Dec. 8 through 22** that will take students to such Indian cities as Bangalore, Hubballi and Delhi. An interprofessional, three-credit-hour class, it allows students to gain both a business and health services perspective.

Harrison says the overall aim is to expose students to the spectrum of inequality across India while giving them the skills to critically analyze the degree to which social workers, business professionals and others are playing just and sustainable roles in society.

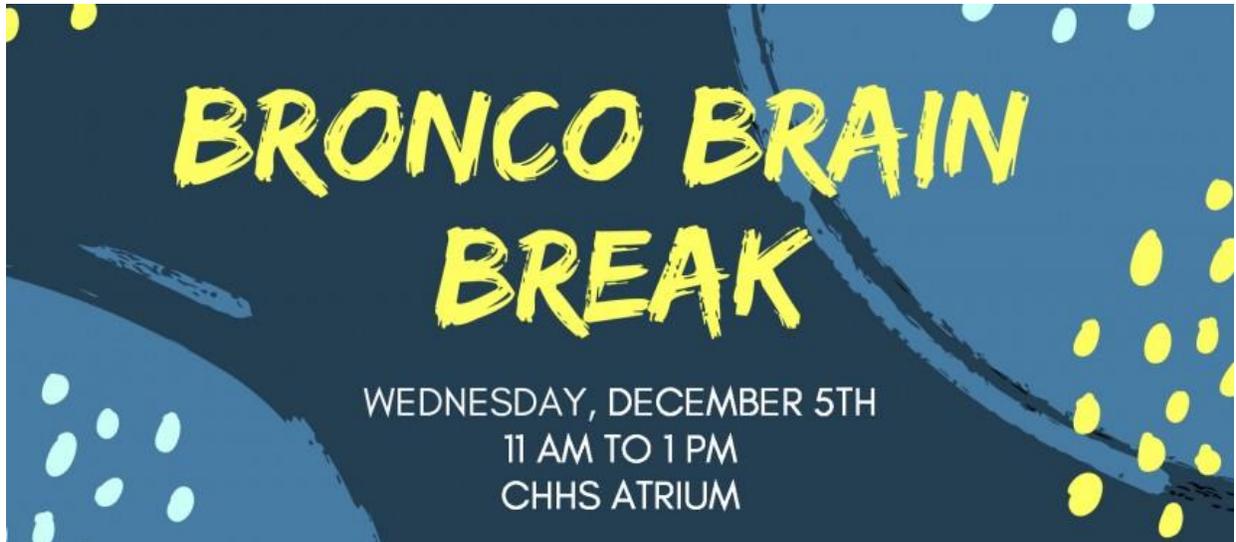
She adds that India is a suitable backdrop for the course because the country has the fastest-growing free market economy in the world and is on track to become the third largest economy by 2020. But at the same time, she notes, India struggles with such challenges as poverty, hunger, toxic air pollution in its urban centers, and health and human rights issues.

"Getting students out of their typical campus environment and questioning their assumptions about culture and their area of study is often the first step to a deeper discussion of social justice and sustainability at home and abroad," Harrison says.

"When we visit companies, nongovernmental organizations, and programs that focus on nutrition and youth trafficking, India becomes a huge classroom that helps us all learn about another country while learning about our own. This informs our work on advancing sustainability and justice and accepting our responsibility as global citizens."

To learn more about the innovation award-winning course, visit The [New York Times website](#) or [Forum on Education Abroad website](#).

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This year's event will once again feature therapy dogs, sweet treats, meditations, coloring and more! All students, staff and faculty are invited to come wind down in the CHHS atrium from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.



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Dr. Tiffany Lee

Dr. Tiffany Lee, associate professor in the Specialty Program in Alcohol and Drug Abuse, was elected vice-chair of the state of Michigan's Health Professional Recovery Committee, part of the [Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs](#).

The Health Professional Recovery Program was established by the Michigan state legislature in 1994 as part of a reform effort to help health professionals recover from substance use and/or mental health concerns and to provide a framework for recovering individuals to retain their professional licensure.

"I appreciate the more systemic aspects of this committee and program," says Lee. "Of course it's satisfying to teach and practice in the addiction field, but this position allows me to impact my profession at a higher level."

In 2016, Dr. Lee was invited to represent the board of counseling on the committee and has been serving as the chair of the HPRC policy subcommittee since then. In this role, she works with the attorney general's office to write and update policies related to the Health Professional Recovery Program.

Disrupting Disparities: The Continuum of Care for Michiganders

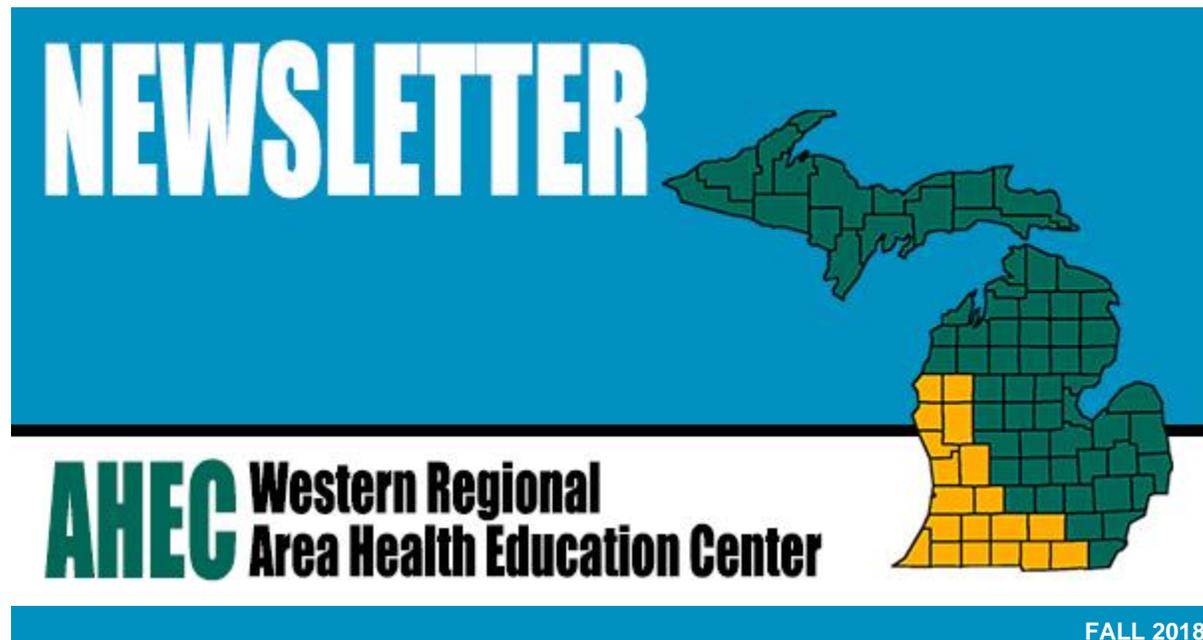


In October, AARP MI presented an Intergenerational Advocacy Boot Camp in Lansing. More than 80 undergraduate and graduate students from Western Michigan University, Wayne State University and Michigan State University attended the event to learn about health disparities that currently exist among Michigan's 50-and-older population and effective advocacy strategies to help eliminate these disparities.

This timely event highlighted critical findings and policy recommendations from research conducted by AARP's Public Policy Institute and WMU focusing on home- and community-based services, availability of technology to gain access to health care and fatal disease in Michigan.

"Eliminating inequalities is a key to a better Michigan," says **Dr. Earlie Washington**, professor and former dean of WMU's College of Health and Human Services. "We know health disparities exist across Michigan and they are costly. Living in one zip code versus another can mean a difference in years on your life and the quality of care and comfort you experience as you age. But it doesn't have to be that way. By examining the data and talking to real people about their lives, we have been able to recommend actionable solutions that will positively impact the quality of life in our state."

Find the full report at: [AARP Michigan Report: Disrupting Disparities](#)



AHEC CHHS Immersion Day

The first AHEC CHHS Immersion Day of fall 2018 was held in October with the allied health group from Van Buren Technology Center. The group included 34 junior and senior high school students and four instructors.

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Cassopolis Family Clinic Network breaks ground on new facility

Cassopolis Family Clinic Network broke ground on the new location for the **Niles Community Health Center**. At its current location, the center provides medical services to more than 3,200 patients with just three providers and six exam rooms. Just up the road from the current location, CFCN operates an obstetrics and gynecology office that will relocate to the new facility.

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Human Trafficking and Trauma Informed Care Conference

The Western Regional AHEC coordinated the delivery of the **Human Trafficking and Trauma Informed Care Conference** at the WMU-Grand Rapids Beltline location in October. This live simulcast was sent from the Upper Peninsula AHEC at Northern Michigan University to five health organizations and universities throughout Michigan. More than 200 health professionals throughout Michigan participated in the conference.

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Intern spotlight: Marnissa Battle

Marnissa Battle is AHEC's intern for fall 2018. She will graduate this December from CHHS with a B.S. in Interdisciplinary Health Services with a minor in Addiction Studies.

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Upcoming conferences

Hereditary Cancer 2019

Friday, April 26, 2019 | 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. | Cost: \$65

WMU-Grand Rapids Beltline Location

[Registration opens Jan. 1, 2019](#) | [Printable flier](#)

How to ace a job interview

Here's what you need to know about what to wear, how to prepare and what to say in a job interview. (From U.S. News & World Report.)

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National association honors historian for service

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Dr. Sally Hadden

KALAMAZOO, Mich.—A Western Michigan historian is the first woman to receive a prestigious service award from the American Society for Legal History.

Dr. Sally Hadden, associate professor of history, received the Craig Joyce Medal at the society's annual meeting in November for her long and outstanding service to the organization. Awarded only four times until now, the medal is presented on an occasional basis to "acknowledge and honor extraordinary and sustained volunteer service to the society."

Hadden has been a member of the society since 1989. She has served on five committees, chairing two; been elected to the board of directors; and after nine years, just completed her third term as national secretary.

At WMU, she teaches, serves as director of graduate studies for her department, and writes about as well as researches law and history in early America. Hadden also is working on two new writing projects: a monograph on 18-century lawyers in colonial American cities and a study of the earliest U.S. Supreme Court.

She previously completed a monograph titled "Slave Patrols: Law and Violence in Virginia and the Carolinas" and co-edited or co-authored "Signposts: New Directions in Southern Legal History," "A Companion to American Legal History" and "Traveling the Beaten Path: Charles Tait's Charges to Federal Grand Juries, 1822-1825."

ABOUT THE SOCIETY

The American Society for Legal History is an international academic organization dedicated to fostering scholarship and teaching in the many fields of legal history around the world. It was founded in 1956 to foster interdisciplinary scholarship and teaching in the broad field of legal history.

The society sponsors a quarterly journal, the Law and History Review, and a book series, Studies in Legal History, both of which are published for the Society by Cambridge University Press. The organization's international members include historians, law professors, graduate students, lawyers and judges.

WMU partners with Benton Harbor schools to boost student achievement

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KALAMAZOO, Mich.—Under a five-year agreement signed **this week**, leaders of Benton Harbor Area Schools will engage Western Michigan University school-reform experts to support the K-12 district's efforts to boost student academic achievement.

WMU College of Education and Human Development and BHAS officials expect to collaborate on a number of school-improvement initiatives.

Proposed measures include stationing a WMU school-transformation specialist at the district to provide expertise and to coordinate projects on site.

The college's dean, **Dr. Ming Li**, says that WMU can also provide enhanced professional development for teachers and recruit and train up a cadre of additional highly qualified professionals to teach in critical areas of need, particularly mathematics, science and special education.

Replicating a partnership with a Kalamazoo elementary school, the dean says the college's counselor education and counseling psychology program could also offer social, emotional and psychological services to BHAS students.

"It is clear that this partnership will increase Benton Harbor Area Schools' capacity to more efficiently serve our students and community," says **Dr. Robert Herrera**, BHAS superintendent and chief executive officer.



In 2017, the district entered into a school-improvement agreement with the state of Michigan. The district leaders have been reorganizing and developing initiatives aimed at improving student outcomes.

This past summer, the BHAS school board approved the appointment of Herrera, who is advised by the board and reports to Michigan's School Reform Office. State officials also recently released the district from a financial consent agreement imposed in 2014 due to the district's high debt. And now BHAS leadership is engaging WMU's education college to assist with strengthening high-quality academic programming.

"Benton Harbor school leaders and teachers are working hard to foster student achievement," Li says. "To help advance those efforts and bring about lasting change, WMU is delighted to contribute its expertise in school reform and teacher preparation."

WMU has a considerable history of working in Benton Harbor and the surrounding area, including by offering graduate courses to area teachers and supporting elementary education majors.

"BHAS is one of our partner districts," Li says. "We have long placed interns in Benton Harbor Area Schools. And through grant programs, we have been engaged in literacy initiatives with the school system. We also have supported and advised program development at the district's MLK

STEAM Academy and partnered with the district as a site for the Woodrow Wilson Michigan Teaching Fellowship program."

Under this new partnership, the dean says the education college also wants to assist BHAS leaders in rebuilding and expanding its career and technical education programming.

"I look forward to working with the WMU staff and seeing our future successes," Herrera says.

Information sessions set for Nov. 29 on South Neighborhood projects

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KALAMAZOO, Mich.—Western Michigan University's campus community will get an update on design concepts for several building projects planned for the University's new South Neighborhood during two information sessions Thursday, Nov. 29, in the Bernhard Center.

Design experts from CannonDesign, Perkins+Will and Stantec Architecture will present final design concepts for three projects:

- South Neighborhood housing;
- Student center and dining facility; and
- the South Neighborhood sub-campus master plan.

The information sessions are set for 4 and 6 p.m. in Rooms 105/106/107 of the Bernhard Center.

Revitalizing the South Neighborhood, which is bordered on one side by Stadium Drive, was given a high priority last fall. When completed, the project will meet major new-building needs as well as create a new campus gateway that is more connected with the community and offers eye-catching appeal to prospective students and campus visitors.

Find more information about the [South Neighborhood improvement projects](#) online.