

# *From the Meeting and Conference Chair*

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## *Greetings,*

We cordially invite you to attend the **Great Midwestern (GMW) Regional Space Grant Meeting scheduled for Friday, October 7, 2016, and the Michigan Space Grant (MSGC) Fall Conference scheduled for Saturday, October 8, 2016** on the University of Michigan's North Campus / College of Engineering. The GMW meeting will take place in the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library located at 1000 Beal Avenue, Ann Arbor, MI 48109, and the MSGC Fall Conference will take place in the François-Xavier Bagnoud Building located at 1320 Beal Avenue, Ann Arbor, MI 48109. Registration is due no later than Monday, September 19, 2016. Abstracts *must* be submitted with your registration if you are requesting a lecture or poster presentation during Saturday's conference.

## **Friday, October 7**

On Friday, a motorcoach will provide transportation to the conference venue and to tour locations. The motorcoach will pick guests up at the Residence Inn Ann Arbor North promptly at 7:30 a.m. (one trip only). The meeting starts with breakfast in the lobby of the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library. I will introduce Professor Dawn Tilbury at 8:25 a.m. in the Library's auditorium, and she will begin her presentation immediately afterward. After the keynote presentation, we will hear from our leader, Dr. Lenell Allen, regarding the National Space Grant Program. The rest of the morning meeting will be devoted to regional state presentations.

Regarding regional state presentations: We have a 20-minute time slot reserved for each state which should include Q&A. We would like to hear about the field of robotics in your state, but all topics are welcomed including specific programs that you may like to highlight. Program Coordinators, please let the MSGC Fall Conference Committee know what title we should list on the agenda for your state's presentation and the name of the speaker(s).

Once the meeting has adjourned, a lunch catered by Zingerman's Delicatessen will be served in the Library's lobby. Zingerman's is an Ann Arbor institution with a worldwide reputation for offering more than famous sandwiches. We'll be enjoying their famous sandwiches at the meeting but, if you have the opportunity, be sure to drop by the deli, bakehouse, coffee company, creamery, candy manufactory, and/or the restaurant, *Zingerman's Roadhouse*. A lunch meeting will take place in the Library's conference room for Space Grant directors and program coordinators. Other guests will have their lunch in the Library's lobby.

Campus tours will begin after lunch. The motorcoach will pick us up in front of the Library at 1:35 p.m. Scheduled visits are as follows:

- MCity Test Facility – a unique test facility for evaluating the capabilities of connected and automated vehicles and systems.
- Autonomous Vehicle Exhibition
- Plasmadynamics Electric Propulsion Laboratory (PEPL)
- Space Physics Research Laboratory
- The Michigan Exploration Laboratory in the François-Xavier Bagnoud Building

Tours will end at approximately 4:30 p.m. Please feel free to enjoy Ann Arbor and the city's many fine shops and restaurants.

**Transportation and Parking:** While visitor parking is available in Parking Lot NC-8, across the street from the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library, it is limited and costly (\$1.50 per hour). We strongly suggest using the motorcoach which will pick up guests at the Residence Inn Ann Arbor North promptly at 7:30 a.m. (one trip only). The folks at the Library are requesting **no parking in the Library lot**. Spaces are limited and they would like to make sure that there are plenty of spaces for those dropping by to visit the Library and for those servicing Library needs and meetings.

## **Saturday, October 8**

Good news! Parking is free and usually abundant on weekends, therefore, transportation provided by the conference is not planned at this time (Parking Lots: NC-28, NC-74 and NC-22). The conference venue, François-Xavier Bagnoud Building, is located just five minutes or so from the Residence Inn with parking lots located nearby ([https://pts.umich.edu/maps/north\\_medical.pdf](https://pts.umich.edu/maps/north_medical.pdf)).

The conference begins at 8:30 a.m. with a keynote presentation by Professor Ryan Eustice. Lectures and poster presentations will follow. Select MSGC award recipients and regional guests will have the opportunity to present a lecture or poster. **Note: The MSGC Fall Conference Planning Committee will make every effort to provide a time slot for those requesting a lecture. If time does not allow, we encourage poster presentations and will provide an easel and foam core board.** The board is 32" x 40" and can be used horizontally or vertically.



*Easel with Foam Core Board*

During Saturday's conference, we typically hear from MSGC award recipients about their funded program or projects (goals, process, progress, results, and lessons learned). We encourage the regional states to do the same.

MSGC award recipients present posters on their research, and we would like to hear about Space Grant-sponsored research currently being explored in the regional states. We can accommodate up to four posters per state. At the state level, should you have requests for more than four, please select four posters and have the presenters register for the conference and upload an abstract.

We thank you for traveling to Ann Arbor to attend the Great Midwestern Regional Space Grant Meeting and the Michigan Space Grant Fall Conference and hope you enjoy your stay.

Best regards,

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