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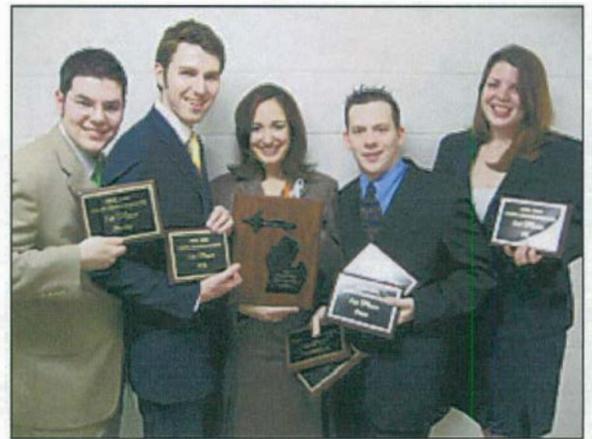
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Other first place finishers for EMU were: **Joshua Conway**, a junior from Portage, who won for extemporaneous speaking; **Angela Craft**, a junior from Holland, won for informative speaking; **Richard Brophy**, a sophomore from Warrington, Great Britain, won for programmed oral interpretation; **Emily Winderman**, a junior from Yardley, Pa., won for rhetorical criticism; **Marisa Dlude**, a sophomore from New Baltimore, Mich., won for dramatic interpretation; **Kyle Zrenchik**, a junior from Wayne, Mich., won for poetry interpretation; and **Jared Heeren**, a junior from Muskegon, and **Jenny Tocco**, a junior from Livonia, won in duo interpretation.

Other team members are: **Erika Badour**, a junior from Flint; **Vanessa Boatright**, a junior from Shelby Township; **Nick Burden**, a sophomore

from Fenton; **William Coffing**, a junior from Middletown, Ohio; **Doug Crandall**, a freshman from Battle Creek; **Diane Gomez**, a junior from Birch Run; **Meghann Janes**, a junior from Centerville, Ohio; **Lauren Schechtman**, a senior from Ann Arbor; and **Anke Thorey**, a senior from Cologne, Germany.

EMU competed against Central Michigan University, the University of Michigan, Wayne State University, Saginaw Valley State University, Jackson Community College, and Northwood University.

## Feature



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**Presidential  
Investiture  
scheduled April 7**

By Ron Podell

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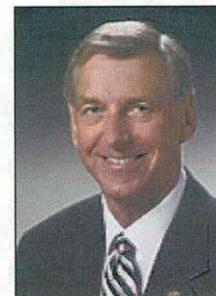
Eastern Michigan University President John Fallon invites the campus community to his presidential investiture Friday, April 7. The investiture formally commemorates his installation as the 21st president of EMU.

The investiture, which also will double as a fundraiser for student scholarships, will include a daylong celebration, with the following activities:

**Investiture ceremony**, 10:30 a.m.-noon, Quirk Theatre.

**Public reception**, 12:30-2 p.m., McKenny Union Ballroom.

**Scholarship benefit**, strolling dinner, 6-7:30 p.m., McKenny Union, second floor, followed by a performance of "Ain't Misbehavin'," 8 p.m., Quirk Theatre. Semi-formal attire is required.



**Fallon**

The benefit and strolling dinner is a ticketed event. A donation of \$100 per ticket toward the scholarship fund gains admittance to the strolling dinner and the performance of "Ain't Misbehavin'". Make checks payable to the EMU Foundation (write "Student Scholarship Fund" on the memo line).

"I'm pleased that the planning committee has looked for every opportunity to present a quality event while, at the same time, keeping costs down and that the evening is doubling as a benefit to raise money for student scholarships," Fallon said during his president's report at the March 21 Board of Regents meeting. "I am hopeful that funds raised that evening will allow us to establish at least one new endowed scholarship and to 'top off' several others that need a slight boost to raise them to the funding level at which a scholarship could be awarded."

In all, Fallon said he is hopeful that 20-plus scholarships will be awarded next fall as the result of the investiture.

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**Joint Capital Outlay  
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By Ward Mullens

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Eastern Michigan University has received approval from the state's Joint Capital Outlay Subcommittee (JCOS) to move forward with the renovation of Downing Hall.

"We're delighted that, after reviewing our funding and the plans, JCOS has approved EMU's Downing project," said EMU President John Fallon. "This project will have a tremendous impact on our housing inventory and provide a wonderful living and learning environment for our students. We hope to return to the committee soon for the Pray-Harrold project, once funding is approved by the state," Fallon said.

The \$5.8 million plan for Downing includes renovating rooms, bathrooms, the lobby and common areas; adding new furniture, carpet and a new fire alarm and suppression system. The renovations will be paid with dormitory housing fees.

Downing was built in 1957 at a cost of \$1,167,800. It is named for E. Estelle Downing, a professor and head of the English department at EMU from 1898-1937.

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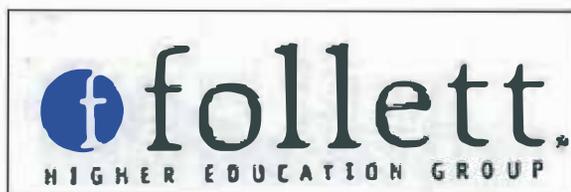
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Eastern Michigan University's Board of Regents has authorized the administration to negotiate with Follett Higher Education Group to provide bookstore operations in the new EMU Student Center.

"EMU received very competitive and comprehensive bids for its bookstore operation," said Glenna Frank Miller, director of McKenny Union and the new student center. "After an extensive review process, the bookstore selection committee — which included student leaders, Faculty Council representatives, staff and academic administrators — unanimously recommended that Follett be selected to build out and operate the new EMU bookstore. Follett's financial proposal, store design, excellent record of outreach and service to faculty, and access to a large used book network more closely met the University's goals for its bookstore operation," said Miller.

"We are very proud to have been selected to manage the Eastern Michigan University bookstore and are confident that the new bookstore space in the new student center will become a popular

destination on the campus," said Bruce Snyder, marketing vice president for the Follett Higher Education Group. "We will commit all of our resources to the campus, including an aggressive used-book program, a professional and qualified bookstore staff and industry leading technology, to provide a high level of service to the campus community. Our goal is to meet and exceed the needs of our customers and to become a valued member of the campus community."



Follett operates more on-campus college and university bookstores (727) than the other two national campus bookstore companies combined. Follett posted sales of more than \$1.5 billion in 2004 and operates the largest college bookstore in the U.S. at the University of Notre Dame, which has more than 70,000 square feet.

Follett's current plan for the EMU Bookstore includes almost 13,000 square feet. The store will include space for a computer store, which will be managed by the University, and a lounge area with coffee service.

Follett will invest approximately \$840,000 in the space, with revenues of \$3 million expected the first year and a minimum guarantee of \$350,000 annually for EMU, Vick told Regents.

"We will help them in hiring a manager. They will hire EMU students to

work there," Vick said.

In the past six years, Follett has opened operations at the University of California- Berkeley, Vanderbilt University, Stanford University, University of Massachusetts, James Madison University, University of Georgia, University of Florida and Kent State University. The Follett store at EMU will be the company's first at one of Michigan's large state universities. Currently, Follett operates bookstores at Grand Rapids Community College, Jackson Community College and Macomb Community College.

The EMU Student Center is expected to open in November 2006. Once a lease is negotiated and approved, work on the bookstore could begin as early as mid-July 2006. Once negotiated, the final terms of the lease will be brought back to the Board for approval at its June meeting.

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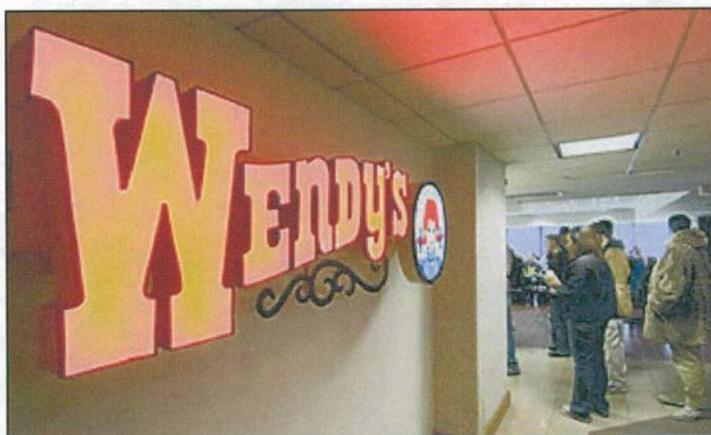
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Eastern Michigan University's Board of Regents have authorized the administration to negotiate with Wendy's, Subway and Panda Express to be food vendors in the new EMU Student Center.

"We listened to the students and tried to give the campus as much variety as possible," said Glenna Frank Miller, director of McKenny Union and the new student center. "Our selection committee made sure that all of the vendors offered quality fare, service and healthy choices."

Subway was the number one choice of EMU students in surveys — conducted in October 2003 and September 2005 — to determine a campus preference for the new student center. Subway has 24,620 locations in 82 countries and is the largest quick-serve restaurant in North America. The Student Center location will be operated by a local vendor.



**PREFERRED BURGER: Wendy's, currently located in McKenny Union, is one of three food vendors the Board of Regents authorized the University to negotiate with for occupancy in the new student center, scheduled to open in November 2006. Subway and Panda Express are the other two food vendors desired for the new student union.**

Wendy's is owned by Stanton and Associates, which operates 61 Wendy's restaurants and two Tim Horton's restaurants. Stanton and Associates operate 13 stores in Washtenaw County.

Panda Express provides Chinese food and has 750 locations in 37 states, including many university campuses.

"They (Panda) claim that any time they operate in a student center, they will become the highest seller," Jim Vick, vice president for student affairs, told the Board of Regents.

Each lease is for a five-year term with an option to renew for an additional

five years. Each vendor will pay to build out its area and the lease provides for the annual rental payment to be a guaranteed minimum, plus a percentage of annual gross sales.

Vick said Panda Express plans to invest \$350,000 to build out, with \$40,000 guaranteed minimum rent annually. Based on \$600,000 annually in projected sales, the University could expect to see approximately \$50,000 in rent revenues per year. Stanton and Associates plans to invest \$260,000 in build out costs, with a minimum guaranteed rent of \$30,000 annually, Vick said. With projected sales of \$60,000 annually, that would result in approximately \$37,000 in rent revenues for the University, he said. And Subway has plans to invest \$70,000 in build out, with a minimum of \$27,000 in guaranteed rent revenues. Based on \$600,000 in sales annually, that would result in the University receiving \$48,000 annually in rent, Vick said.

"This doesn't include rent the University brings in from the bank and coffee shop," which will be included in the new student center, Vick said.

The EMU Student Center is expected to open in November 2006. Once leases are negotiated and approved, work on the vendor areas could begin as early as mid-July 2006. The negotiated leases will be brought back to the board for final approval at the June 2006 meeting.

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**EMU Regents  
approve 15 new  
staff appointments**

The Eastern Michigan University Board of Regents approved the appointments of 15 staff at its regular meeting March 21.

Of the 15 appointments, nine (60 percent) are female and six (40 percent) are males. The group includes seven Caucasians (47 percent), seven African Americans (47 percent) and one Asian (6 percent).

By Ron Podell

Those receiving appointments are:

**Stephannie Harvey**, of Ypsilanti, assistant director, athletic marketing and promotions, intercollegiate athletics. Before coming to Eastern Michigan, Harvey was manager of the telemarketing division of Hilton Grand Vacations Company in Orlando Fla., from 2003-2006. Prior to that, she was director of marketing/community affairs for the NBA Developmental League's North Charleston Lowgators from 2001-2003. Harvey received her master's degree in sports administration and her bachelor's degree in communications (broadcast), both from Grambling State University.

**Josh Buis**, of Zeeland, assistant football coach, intercollegiate athletics. Before coming to EMU, Buis was a defensive line coach and recruiting coordinator for Grand Valley State University from 2004-2006. Prior to that, Buis was a graduate assistant who worked with the offensive line at Northwestern University from 2002-2003. Buis received his bachelor's degree in health and physical performance from DePauw University.

**Kacey Atkinson**, of Wyandotte, senior financial aid adviser, financial aid. Prior to coming to EMU, Atkinson was coordinator of counselors at Nova Southeastern University in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., from 2003-2006. Before that, she was a financial aid/admissions specialist manager at Nova from 1998-2003. Atkinson received her master's degree in student guidance and counseling from Nova Southeastern University and her bachelor's degree in interpersonal communication from Eastern Michigan University.

**Sean Braden**, of Redford, coordinator, construction projects-housing, HDC support services-housing. Prior to coming to EMU, Braden was project manager for George J. Hartman Architects, P.C., in Bloomfield Hills from 1994-2006. Braden received his bachelor's degree in architecture from Lawrence Technological University in Southfield.

**Asad Habib**, of Ann Arbor, web analyst/programmer I, ICT-enterprise applications and integration. Before coming to EMU, Habib was a J2EE developer at AME Company in Ann Arbor from 2005-2006. Prior to that, he was a Web software developer for the University of Michigan's Mechanical Engineering Department from 2003-2006. Habib is currently working on his bachelor's degree in computer science at the University of Michigan.

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**Shamyle Nesfield**, of Detroit, program coordinator, YYEA, office of academic service-learning. Before coming to EMU, Nesfield was project director for the Youth Innovation Fund: Ypsilanti Youth Empowered to Act in Ypsilanti from 2005-2006. Before that, Nesfield was project director for Parkridge Community Center's holiday youth program from 2003-2004. Nesfield received her degree in community organization from the University of Michigan and her bachelor's degree in social work from New York University.

**Diana Rhoton**, of Manchester, accountant II, student accounting. Rhoton previously was accounting manager for the Ann Arbor Art Center from 2001-2006. Rhoton received her bachelor's degree in business administration from Eastern Michigan University.

Others receiving appointments are:

**Shavaughn Barnes**, of Southfield, account specialist, financial aid.

**Angelina Broderick**, of Livonia, program assistant I, YYEA, office of academic service-learning.

**Sean Gray**, of Southfield, intake counselor, Small Business Development Center.

**DeVon Harris**, of Ypsilanti, parking control clerk, parking.

**Brian Kantz**, of Kalamazoo, assistant manager-ticket operations, Convocation Center.

**Shondella Patterson**, of Ypsilanti, fast food worker, dining services.

**Michele Rich**, of Canton, customer service representative, continuing education non-credit programs.

**Aimee Westover**, of Monroe, customer service representative II, continuing education, regional center-Monroe.

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The Eastern Michigan University Board of Regents approved the appointments of two administrative professionals at its regular meeting March 21.

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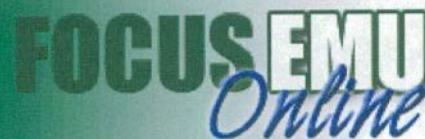
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Those receiving appointments are:

**Naomi Ervin**, of Farmington, director, School of Nursing. Before coming to Eastern Michigan, Ervin was assistant dean of Wayne State University's Family, Community and Mental Health Nursing Area and associate professor at Wayne State's College of Nursing from 2001-2006. Previously, she was the Decker Chair in Community Health Nursing and associate professor in the Decker School of Nursing at Binghamton University from 1997-2001. Ervin received her doctorate in adult and continuing education/administration, her master's degree in public health nursing and her bachelor's degree in nursing, all from the University of Michigan.

**Archie Sader**, of Ann Arbor, executive-in-residence, College of Business. Before coming to EMU, Sader was assistant vice president for integrated marketing services at West Virginia University from 2005-2006. Prior to that, Sader was vice president for institutional advancement at West Virginia University's P.I. Reed School of Journalism from 2001-2005. Sader received his bachelor's degree in economics from the University of Michigan and his MBA in marketing from Columbia University in N.Y.

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**EMU Regents  
approve three  
retirements**

By Ron Podell



The Eastern Michigan University Board of Regents approved the retirement of two faculty and one staff member at its regular meeting March 21. Those retiring from the University are:

**David Boggs**, of Milan, professor, College of Technology Ph.D. program, seven years of service.

**Joel S. Weber**, of Ann Arbor, associate professor, marketing, 21 years of service.

**Joseph Hickey**, of Dearborn, coordinator, construction projects-housing, HDC support services-housing, 17 years of service.



**Boggs**

## EMU by the numbers

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More than 200 students will present their research topics, in oral or poster presentation form, at the 26th Annual Undergraduate Symposium Friday, March 31, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., in the McKenny Union Ballroom. Participating students have been supported and mentored throughout the year by EMU faculty. Nawshova Tasmeen (below) explains her poster presentation, "Soy-Based Materials for UV-cure Coatings," at last year's Undergraduate Symposium. Some key participation numbers for this year's Undergraduate Symposium are as follows:

Students participating **212**

Oral presentations **130**

Poster presentations **64**

Faculty sponsors **130**

**Source: Wendy Kivi, Coordinator,  
Undergraduate Symposium**



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## News Briefs

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The following are news briefs about important activities and events happening at Eastern Michigan University.

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- TIAA-CREF seminars
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- New travel policy approved
- What to do if injured at work

- **HR closed part of March 28:** The Human Resources Offices in 202 Bowen and 235 Warner will be closed Tuesday, March 28, 8-10:30 a.m., in order to host the Employee Recognition Program. For questions, call 487-3430.
- **TIAA-CREF seminars:** Eastern Michigan University has worked closely with TIAA-CREF to bring some exciting enhancements to EMU's retirement plan. There are new investment opportunities, including TIAA-CREF Lifecycle Funds. TIAA-CREF will conduct several seminars to explain these plan enhancements. All staff and faculty will receive invitations in the mail. Please mark your calendar for these dates: Thursday, March 30, 10:30-11:30 a.m., 1:30-2:30 p.m. and 3-4 p.m.; Tuesday, April 11, 10-11 a.m.; and Thursday, 10:30-11:30 a.m.; 1:30-2:30 p.m.; and 3-4 p.m. All seminars will be in Room 300, Halle Library. To register, call (866) 842-2949, or sign up from the TIAA-CREF Web site.
- **Free eats:** Enjoy free food and drinks Thursday, March 30, 1-4 p.m., at CrossRoads MarketPlace, located in the Hoyt Conference Center (by the towers). Enjoy free samples from CrossRoads' room service menu, and many free samples of products supplied by some of the store's various vendors, such as Pepperidge Farm, Pepsi, Coca-Cola, GoldKist Chicken, Frito-Lay, Jones Soda, Vitamin Water and much more. Vendors are expected to provide free giveaways, including T-shirts, key chains, etc. This food fest is open to the entire EMU community. For more information, call 487-3066.
- **Online pledge drive:** WEMU 89.1, Eastern Michigan University's public radio station, is offering a special incentive for listeners to pledge their early support for the spring fundraiser. Every online contribution of \$150 or more that is made at [www.wemu.org](http://www.wemu.org) between now and the start of the on-air drive Friday, March 31, 6 a.m., will go into a drawing for a trip for two to the Poconos Blues Festival, July 28-30. Accommodations at the Split Rock Resort, airfare and festival tickets are all included in the package. The winner will be selected live on-air at 7:20 a.m., Friday, March 31. For more information, call 487-2229.

- **Undergraduate Symposium special section available:**

Pick up a four-page special section that will tell you what you need to know about this year's Undergraduate Symposium, scheduled Friday, March



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31. You can view a complete lineup of oral and poster presentations,

as well as read features about some of this year's presenters and the student emcee. The special section will be distributed through campus mail today and will be available in FOCUS EMU boxes at the following locations: McKenny Union, Boone, Pierce, King and Strong halls, Porter Building, Marshall Building, Pray-Harrold, Halle Library and the Rec/IM. For information, call 487-4400.

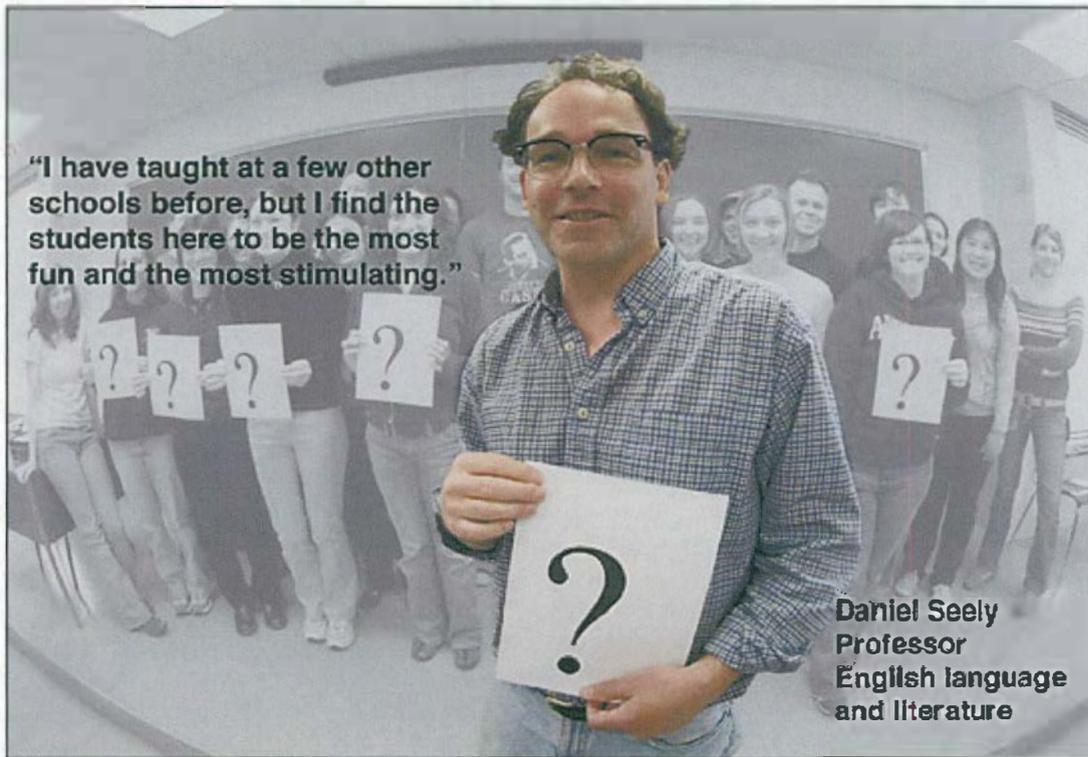
**READ ALL ABOUT IT: Robin DeSloover, a senior fine arts major, will display her woodworking at this year's Undergraduate Symposium. Read about her efforts in a special FOCUS EMU section about the Undergraduate Symposium.**

- **New travel policy approved:** As announced at last week's Board of Regents meeting, a new travel policy is in effect as of March 21, 2006. New forms are located here: [www.emich.edu/controller/finserv/payable/forms.htm](http://www.emich.edu/controller/finserv/payable/forms.htm). Download the Authorization to Travel form and the Employee Reimbursement / Travel form. The second is an Excel spreadsheet into which you can enter your travel expenses for reimbursement. Per diem rates for U.S. and international destinations also are available on this page. Travel reimbursement procedures are here: [www.emich.edu/controller/finserv/travelprocedure.htm](http://www.emich.edu/controller/finserv/travelprocedure.htm).
- **What to do if injured at work:** Effective immediately, any Eastern Michigan University employee who suffers a work-related injury and who requires non-emergency medical treatment should go to the University of Michigan MWorks Occupational Health Clinic. MWorks is now the University's designated health care provider for all work-related injuries. MWorks is located at 1500 East Medical Center Drive in Ann Arbor. Access MWorks through the Emergency Room entrance where free valet parking is provided. For a map or further information, call the Department of Risk Management and Workers' Compensation, 487-1357.

## Why I teach at Eastern Michigan University

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**"I have taught at a few other schools before, but I find the students here to be the most fun and the most stimulating."**

**Daniel Seely**  
Professor  
English language  
and literature

**W**hen I finished my Ph.D. at the University of Massachusetts back in 1988, there were about two jobs in the country in my specialty area of linguistic theory. One was at Eastern Michigan University (being from the Northeast, I had never even been to Michigan before) and, luckily for me, I got hired. I turned in my dissertation on a Friday, drove out here in an old U-Haul, and taught my first class on Monday. I've been here ever since and wouldn't have it any other way.

The environment at EMU is great. It probably sounds corny, but I really do enjoy coming to work every day and I honestly can't imagine doing any other job. Working with ideas and working with people; what could be better! It's all about trying to figure out how the world works, not just by reading what others have said, but by establishing answers on your own. The one thing I hope never gets lost in education is the sheer joy of asking a question that no one else has ever asked before, and having the tools to try to answer it.

I have taught at a few other schools before, but I find the students here to be the most fun and the most stimulating. Students come from many different backgrounds and bring different perspectives to a discussion. It takes you out of your comfort zone and forces you to think about things in a different way.

Being at EMU has given me a lot of opportunities for research projects. A recent book (with Sam Epstein) on theoretical syntax called "Derivations in Minimalism" was just released by Cambridge. I'm at a fun point where most of the projects I've worked on over the last few years are done. Time now to find a set of new ones.

So, why do I work at EMU? First and foremost, the students. Thank you! And, there's one other very important

thing I'd like to take this opportunity to say: Pat, Carol and Cindy are the best, hardest working secretaries on campus. Thanks! The English Department wouldn't run for a day without you!

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