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Michigan's Prevailing Wage



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Arnold Weinfeld, Acting Director of IPPSR and Director of Urban Policy Initiatives for University Outreach and Engagement (UOE)

Arnold assists with the coordination of IPPSR programs such as the Michigan Political Leadership Program, Legislative Leadership Programming, State of the State Survey and issue forums. He assists the Institute’s undergraduate and graduate fellows with their research work. At UOE, Arnold serves as a connector and boundary spanner, working with offices such as the Center for Community and Economic Development as well as MSU faculty, local officials and community stakeholders to develop university-community partnerships and affect urban systems and policy change at all levels.



AnnMarie Schneider, Director for Program Planning & Policy Education, IPPSR and Director of the Canadian Studies Center at MSU

Within AnnMarie’s responsibilities are the Michigan Applied Public Policy Research (MAPPR) Grant Program and Policy Briefs, in addition to coordinating and facilitating a policy forum series featuring research expertise on current legislative issues. Additionally, AnnMarie advises marketing and communication of IPPSR programs. She also directs MSU’s Canadian Studies Center where the focus is on U.S. and Canada relations and Canada’s cultural and economic profile. AnnMarie is most interested to build networks of issue expertise, and securing opportunities for faculty research and student learning.

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