

Research Updates

February 2020



All faculty are welcome to attend a **CHS-sponsored** research talk by U-M sociologist [Noah Webster](#), Friday, February 21, 2020, 12:00-1:00 pm in the Tuscola Rooms, WSW Building. Dr. Webster is research faculty in the Life Course Program in the Institute for Social Research's Survey Research Center. His talk will discuss multiple approaches to measure social network structure and composition, and their impact on health outcomes. His presentation is entitled:

"Links between social resources, environmental context and health: current and future directions"

Dr. Webster is co-investigator on a number of ongoing sponsored research projects including, the longitudinal study of Social Relations, Aging and Health funded by the [National Institute on Aging](#); a study of Humility and Forgiveness: The Role of Social Relations among Three Ethnic Groups funded by the [Templeton Foundation](#); and a multidisciplinary study to assess the impact of green infrastructure in Detroit funded by the [University of Michigan Water Center](#) through a grant from the [Erb Family Foundation](#). He was co-investigator, collaborating with Drs. Antonucci and Kahn on a recently completed [McArthur Foundation](#) funded experimental field study to examine the impact of a multifaceted intervention in affordable senior housing communities. Dr. Webster also is Assistant Director of the Society 2030 Consortium, a program that brings together university and industry representatives to identify the key social and economic trends that will shape the future, and to develop a "roadmap" to guide planning and policy, as well as further research.


Dr. Webster is also a co-investigator with UMF CHS faculty members Jennifer Blackwood and Rie Suzuki in an [Mcubed](#) project entitled, "Take a Hike! Aging, walkability and physical function in Flint's older adults".

Mcubed program will launch its **Mcubed Communities** initiative on February 26, 2020. The program will use the existing Mcubed web platform to mobilize groups of faculty to advance interdisciplinary research and scholarship. Mcubed Communities provides another discovery mechanism for faculty to organize teams around research themes, shared expertise, or other scholarly or creative activities. Collaborators can come from the same or different campus disciplines, on the same campus or across all three U-M campuses and there is no formal limit to the size of communities.

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Eligible faculty from at least two different campus units can form a collaborative trio, or "cube," and request either \$60K or \$15K to advance their idea right away.

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Communities




Mcubed Communities gathers and mobilizes University of Michigan groups to advance interdisciplinary research and scholarship programs.

Faculty, staff, and students can now organize in teams by shared expertise to build collaborations and showcase successes.

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Diamond



The Mcubed Diamond Program allows donors, companies and University of Michigan units to fund research that aligns with their interests.

Diamond cubes are fully-funded: no unit or faculty contribution is required.

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This image (above) is from a beta version of the Mcubed web portal, which adds the **'Create a Community'** functionality to the existing Mcubed platform. Further details will be announced on the launch date, Wednesday, **February 26, 2020**.



Research and Creative Activity Award

The focus of Research and Creative Activity (RCA) program at UM-Flint is to provide internal funding for new research efforts and innovative or collaborative activities. RCA Funds are intended to address important needs not met by other support programs within or outside the university. All instructional faculty may apply and applications are evaluated by faculty peers, one from each of the university's five schools (CAS, SEHS, SHPS, SOM and SON).

Winter 2020 Competition is still live on InfoReady

- The deadline for proposals is **Friday, March 6, 2020**. Eligibility and submission guidelines are available on the UMF Office of Research website [here](#).

Electronic submissions for both competitions must be made via the UM-Flint InfoReady competition space, <https://umflint.infoready4.com/#>.



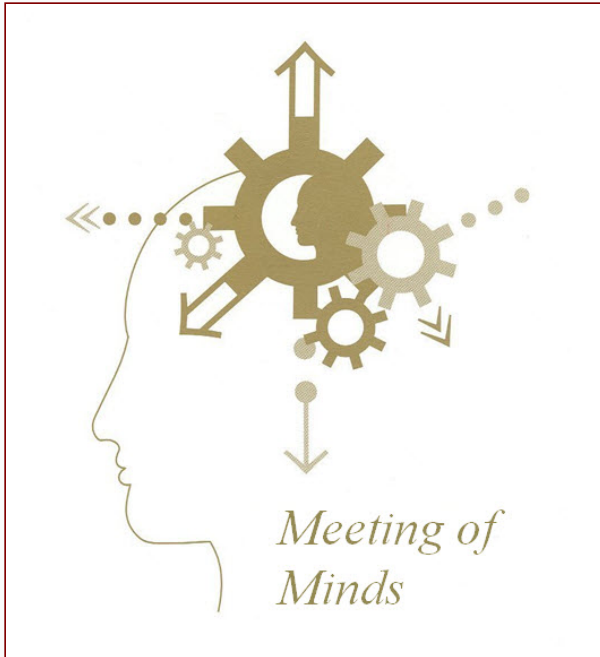
2020 Student Research Conferences

The **deadline** to submit proposals for upcoming student research conferences, the SRC and MOM, is only 3 weeks away.

The **Student Research Conference (SRC)** showcases the research and creative activities from both undergraduate AND graduate students from the **University of Michigan-Flint, Kettering University, and Mott Community College.**



This year's SRC will take place on **Friday, March 20, 2020** at UM-Flint in the William S. White Building. To submit a proposal for the Student Research Conference by **Friday, March 6th, 2020**, please visit: www.umflint.edu/research/SRC.



Meeting of Minds (MOM) is a collaborative undergraduate symposium, co-sponsored by the **University of Michigan-Flint, the University of Michigan-Dearborn, and Oakland University.** This year's MOM will take place on **Friday, May 8 2020**, at Oakland University.

To submit a proposal for Meeting of Minds, please visit: <https://www.umflint.edu/research/MOM>.

For questions regarding the 2020 student research conferences, please contact Andre Louis, UROP Program Manager, UMF Office of Research and Sponsored Programs (alouis@umich.edu).

General registration for all SRC attendees is also live on the [SRC information page](#).



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