

Approved Sabbatical Leaves 2024 - 2025 Academic Year

First Name	Last Name	Department	Semester	Title
College of Liberal Arts & Sciences				
Heather	Van Wormer	Anthropology Department	Fall 2024	Waiting to Be 'Called Home': The Life of Believers Outside the Colony
Rod	Morgan	Biology Department	Winter 2025	Who's on First, What's on Second: Microbial Community Identification and Analysis in a Bio-sand Filter Groundwater Well that Provides Potable Water.
Eric	Snyder	Biology Department	Fall 2024	Advancing freshwater ecosystem biological assessment using aquatic insects, freshwater mussels, and ecosystem function.
Babasola	Fateye	Biomedical Sciences Department	Fall 2024	Use of Galleria mellonella for a course in Pharmacokinetics/ Pharmacodynamics. A viable, ethical and cheap wet-lab alternative in pre-professional pharmacology education
Eric	Ramsson	Biomedical Sciences Department	Winter 2025	Two-Photon Microscopy: Training In And Building Cutting-Edge Technology.
Dawn	Hart	Cell & Molecular Biology Department	Winter 2025	Dissemination of scientific and educational findings for a collaborative first-year experiential learning course on brain regeneration
Deborah	Herrington	Chemistry Department	Fall 2024 and Winter 2025	Maximizing our Efforts by Simplifying the Use of Institutional Data to Inform Decision Making
George	McBane	Chemistry Department	Fall 2024 and Winter 2025	Molecular Collision Studies at Heriot-Watt University
Stephanie	Schaertel	Chemistry Department	Fall 2024	Light-matter interaction: fundamental studies in absorption spectroscopy
Dan	Brown	English Department	Winter 2025	Enhancing Teacher-Training Capabilities to Serve English Language Learners in West Michigan
Corinna	McLeod	English Department	Fall 2024	Mythology and Modernity: A Semester-long study of modern manifestations of ancient mythology

Robert	Rozema	English Department	Fall 2024	Autistic Representation Database: Migration and Development
Elena	Lioubimtseva	Geography & Sustainable Planning Department	Fall 2024	Is "Land Ethic" The Missing Key to Global Sustainability? Understanding Potential Feedbacks Between Happiness and Sustainability Across Cultures and SCALES (UPSCALE).
James	Penn	Geography & Sustainable Planning Department	Fall 2024	A forgotten corner of Central America? Studies in indigenous land use and agroforestry systems in Nicaragua.
Wanxiao	Sun	Geography & Sustainable Planning Department	Fall 2024	Characterizing Patterns of Land Surface Types at Different Spatial Resolutions: Using Fractal Dimension and Lacunarity
Jeroen	Wagendorp	Geography & Sustainable Planning Department	Fall 2024 and Winter 2025	Assembling and assessing the virtues and viability of an asynchronous virtual reality, 3-D, viewable study abroad: "Cultural Geographies and Sustainable Landscape Planning in the Netherlands."
Gang	Xu	Geography & Sustainable Planning Department	Winter 2025	Metropolitan Retail Structure in the United States - An Analysis of the 20 Largest Metropolitan Areas
John	Weber	Geology Department	Fall 2024 and Winter 2025	Fault-Slip Analysis: An Expert-Guided, Focused Study/Writing Sabbatical Leave
Chad	Lingwood	History Department	Fall 2024	The Story of "The Candle and the Moth" and What It Tells Us About Islam, Politics, and Poetry in Medieval Iran: A Translation and Study of Ahli Shirazi's Sham' va Parvana.
William	Morison	History Department	Winter 2025	(Re)constructing Classical Athens' Greatest Villain: The Historiography of Kritias of Athens
Scott	Stabler	History Department	Winter 2025	Slave to Soldier
David	Austin	Mathematics Department	Fall 2024	Enabling the creation of accessible mathematical diagrams
Darren	Parker	Mathematics Department	Winter 2025	Winnability in a Lights Out Game on Tournaments
David	Eick	Modern Languages & Literatures Department	Winter 2025	Madame Bovary and Monsieur Roth
Keith	Watts	Modern Languages & Literatures Department	Winter 2025	A Look at the Linguistic Landscape in a Small City: The Case of Grand Rapids, MI

Christina	Beaudoin	Movement Science Department	Fall 2024	"Professional Development in Exercise Science": (Writing and publishing a book for undergraduate Exercise Science majors and faculty)
John	Uglietta	Philosophy Department	Fall 2024	The Expressive Theory of Meaning in Lives: Re-establishing a Research Program
Sofia	Karampagia	Physics Department	Fall 2024 and Winter 2025	Application of nuclear level densities in nuclear astrophysics
Richard	Vallery	Physics Department	Fall 2024	Exploring Bone Structure Using Positron Annihilation Lifetime Spectroscopy (PALS)
Joshua	Veazey	Physics Department	Fall 2024	Design and construction of a novel cryogenic single-axis tunneling microscope
Darren	Walhof	Political Science Department	Winter 2025	Practical Wisdom as a Civic Capacity in an Age of Misinformation
Donald	Zinman	Political Science Department	Fall 2024	How They Make Their Case: The Campaign Messaging of Aspiring Heir Apparent Presidents.
Tara	Cornelius	Psychology Department	Fall 2024 and Winter 2025	Extending research in sexual assault and intimate partner violence to forensic applications and contexts
Kristy	Dean	Psychology Department	Winter 2025	Do different types of social threat differentially impact danger perceptions and self-protective behavior? An investigation of multiple mechanisms.
Mario	Fific	Psychology Department	Winter 2025	Cognitive Modeling of Visual Search: Implications for Radiology Applications
Wolfgang	Friedlmeier	Psychology Department	Winter 2025	Development of a culture-sensitive instrument to assess Parental Strategies to Regulate Young Children's Negative Emotions
Jennifer	Gross	Psychology Department	Fall 2024	Dissemination of the prosody trainer to foster sensitivity to stress and meter in the English writing system.
Brian	Lakey	Psychology Department	Fall 2024	How Relational Theory Can Improve Interpersonal Theories of Depression
Ernest	Park	Psychology Department	Winter 2025	Shared reality and morality

Xiaojuan	Xu	Psychology Department	Fall 2024	Investigation of the effects of embryonic lead exposure vs. larval lead exposure on spatial learning in zebrafish
Carl	Brown	School of Communications	Fall 2024	Centering Communication in the Center: Identifying Real and Potential Collaborations and Partnerships between Campus Communication Centers and Faculty
Eric	Harvey	School of Communications	Fall 2024	Stream: Reprogramming Digital Music
Timothy	Penning	School of Communications	Fall 2024	Public Relations Theory in Practice: Strategic Applications for Professionals
Robert	Swieringa	School of Communications	Winter 2025	Open Educational Resources Introducing Game Studies and Tabletop/Analog Games
Anna	Hammersmith	Sociology Department	Fall 2024	Intergenerational relationships and well-being: An investigation of mother-child closeness and health trajectories
Joel	Stillerman	Sociology Department	Winter 2025	Middle Classes and Political Polarization in Contemporary Chile
Daniel	Adrian	Statistics Department	Winter 2025	More efficient identification of pathogenic genetic targets through Bayesian graphical models
Bradford	Dykes	Statistics Department	Fall 2024	Data Literacy with and in the Humanities & Social Sciences
Brett	Colley	Visual & Media Arts Department	Winter 2025	Small Worlds - a new series of prints and related works
Julie	Goldstein	Visual & Media Arts Department	Winter 2025	Exploring the Intersection of Mixed Reality, Traditional Ceramic Techniques, and Cultural Symbolism
Oindrila	Mukherjee	Writing Department	Winter 2025	Untenable: A Novel
Zsuzsanna	Palmer	Writing Department	Fall 2024 and Winter 2025	Examining localization practices of screen reader software for the blind

Seidman College of Business

Joerg	Picard	Finance Department	Fall 2024 and Winter 2025	The Effect of Personal Angel Networks to Innovation in Michigan
Ana	Gonzalez Leon	Management Department	Fall 2024	A Cross-cultural Analysis of Ownership Competence in Enterprising Families
Kevin	Lehnert	Marketing Department	Winter 2025	Ethics, Creativity & Advertising: Are Ethical Ads More Creative?

Ji	Qi	Marketing Department	Fall 2024 and Winter 2025	Exploring effective ways in leading virtual teams
College of Education and Community Innovation				
Tonisha	Jones	School of Criminology, Criminal Justice, and Legal Studies	Fall 2024	Health and Wellness Programs and Services for Law Enforcement Officers in the State of Michigan: A Cross- Sectional Study
Padnos College of Engineering and Computing				
Lihong	Jiao	School of Engineering	Fall 2024	Life cycle assessment of the end-of-life crystalline silicon photovoltaic systems
Sunghwan	Joo	School of Engineering	Winter 2025	Development of Three-Dimensional Computer-Aided Design Model Evaluation Program
Brooks College of Interdisciplinary Studies				
Jeremiah	Cataldo	Honors College	Fall 2024	Anti-Intellectualism and Biblical Interpretation
University Libraries				
Ashley	Rosener	University Libraries	Winter 2025	Approaches to Slow Librarianship in Academic Libraries