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Watch Dr. John Spink discuss Food Fraud on CNBC



Dr. John Spink [Click here](#) to watch the full interview with Dr. John Spink, On The Money, CNBC.

Upcoming Events

Food Safety Consortium
December 7 and 8, 2016
Renaissance Convention Center
Schaumburg, IL

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Greetings!

We have so many reasons to be thankful this November. Returning to campus is Alumna **Dr. Sylvia Angubua Baluka** a veterinarian from Uganda who is participating in a USDA faculty exchange. We have experienced faculty, **Dr. Melinda Wilkins** and **Dr. John Spink**, who are sharing their knowledge with the public. And finally, faculty member **Anita Ezzo** was honored for her dedication to our students at the Annual Faculty Retreat. Continue reading their stories below.

Your MSU Online MS in Food Safety Team

Uganda + America = Food Safety

Alumna Dr. Sylvia Angubua Baluka Returns to MSU

During the 2009 Veterinary Epidemiology and Economics Conference in Durban, South Africa, **Sylvia Angubua Baluka, BVM, PhD**, first learned of the Online Master of Science in Food Safety at Michigan State University. Since graduating from the program she has published six research papers, has been awarded \$260,000 in research grants, and received a promotion to Head Food Safety Division, Department of Biosecurity, Ecosystems & Veterinary Public Health, College of Veterinary Medicine, Animal Resources & Biosecurity (COVAB), Makerere University, Uganda. [Continue Reading.](#)



Dr. Sylvia Angubua Baluka

Dr. Wilkins Receives Gov. Appointment

Gov. Rick Snyder appoints Public Health Advisory Commission

Gov. Rick Snyder announced the appointments of 18 members to the Public Health Advisory Commission. The 24-member commission will complete an assessment of the current public health service

Friday, December 16,
2016

3:30 p.m.

Jack Breslin Student Event
Center, MSU

Creating A Food Safety Culture Executive Education

[Registration Open](#)

May 24 - 26, 2017
MSU Campus

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New Elective: Food Safety Issues by Commodity

We are excited to announce a new variable credit (1-6) course featuring current issues in food safety. *VM 836 Food Safety by Commodity* is an elective course that will include several 1-credit topics: Pet Food Safety, Foodborne Parasites, Food Waste Recovery, Food Allergens, and Principles of Preventive Controls. Students can choose the number of credits (1 per topic) and choose the time frame within the Spring semester to complete the topic. To assist us with the logistics of scheduling of this particular course, we ask that you enroll by **December 15th**. For additional information please contact Heather Ricks, ricksh@msu.edu.



Dr. Melinda Wilkins

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delivery system in Michigan, at both the state and local level. It will include a review of

- the organization of public health functions within and across the executive departments of this state;
- the division of responsibilities between state and local public health authorities; and
- the regulatory framework established by the Public Health

The commission is to complete its work and issue a final report to the Governor for his consideration no later than April 1, 2017. [Click here](#) for full release.

2016 Distinguished Faculty Award

Anita Ezzo Honored as Outstanding Faculty

Anita M. Ezzo, M.L.S., was honored with the Distinguished Faculty Award at the 2016 Online Master of Science in Food Safety Faculty Retreat for her contributions to VM 810 Introduction to Food Safety and Professional Development and VM 830 Food Safety Research Methods.



Anita Ezzo, M.L.S.

"I am truly humbled by this award and shall strive to live up to the distinction - our awesome students are the best inspiration!

Helping them succeed academically and professionally is the ultimate goal and reward!" she said.

Anita is the Food Science and Technology Librarian at MSU Libraries. She holds a Master degree in Library Science from Western Michigan University and has been with MSU since 1985. Her responsibilities include developing and maintaining book and journal collections in the areas of food science, human nutrition, and packaging; reference assistance; and library instruction. In addition, Anita serves on the North American Advisory Board for CABI Publishing and is the Editor of the Journal of Agricultural & Food Information.

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