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June 2017

Greetings!

The Online MS in Food Safety team is staying busy with Fall admissions and attending conferences in June and July.

Coming up fast is the [Institute of Food Technologists \(IFT\)](#) conference held in Las Vegas, NV on **June 25-28**, booth #4362. **Dewey Longuski**, Academic Specialist, will represent MSFS at IFT along with members of the MSU Global Food Law team.

The [International Association for Food Protection \(IAFP\)](#) Annual Meeting will take place in Tampa, **July 9-11**. If you are attending, please stop by and see Admissions Coordinator, **Peggy Trommater** and Communications Coordinator, **Esther Haviland** at booth #313!

MSFS will also be in attendance at the [National Environmental Health Association \(NEHA\)](#) Annual Education Conference in Grand Rapids, Michigan on **July 10-13**, booth #209. MSFS Program Director, Dr. Melinda Wilkins will be presenting a panel discussion on graduate education opportunities titled, "Graduate Education -- What's in it For Me?"

Continue reading to see what our program has been up to this past month and for upcoming events!

Your MSU Online MS in Food Safety Team



IFT 2017

Stop by booth #4362 and say "Hi" to **Dewey Longuski**.



NEHA 2017

After visiting the MSFS booth, #209, listen to Dr. Wilkins and three other Directors of Online Master's Programs from Michigan State University talk about the need for, and benefits from, continuing education and the possibilities for obtaining a master's degree from the comfort of your own home.



Welcome!

PCQI Certification, 100% Online

Starting **August 1st**, the Online Master of Science in Food Safety Program will be launching its first course, **Preventive Controls for Human Food**, in their newly established **Continuing Education in Food Safety Initiative**.

Esther Haviland joined the Online Master of Science in Food Safety team in May as the Communications Coordinator. She will be assisting in the communications strategies for the MSFS program.

Before joining the MSFS team, Esther worked with two Michigan commodity groups: five years as the Communications Coordinator with the Michigan Potato Industry Commission and six years working as the Marketing Coordinator with the Michigan Apple Committee. Esther graduated from Michigan State University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Advertising, with a specialization in Public Relations.

The Continuing Education in Food Safety Initiative will offer this 5-week, self-paced, non-credit course for \$850 (\$800 course fee and \$50 certificate). After successful completion, participants will earn a FSPCA certificate for Preventive Controls for Human Food. Did we mention this is 100% online?

As the **Continuing Education in Food Safety Initiative** matures, watch for additional online, self-paced courses to become available Fall of 2017. These classes will cost \$800 each and some course topics include Food Allergens, Quantifying Food Risk, Produce Safety, Meat Safety, Dairy Safety, Ingredient Safety, Food Waste Recovery, Foodborne Parasites, GMP's and more!

Continuing education remains at the forefront of prevention so make sure to visit the [MSFS website](#) for additional information in the coming months.



2016 Mather Award Winner

The Edward & Mary Mather Outstanding Food Safety Student Award (Mather Award) went to Yaw Dako, graduate of the MSFS program, August 2016.

The **Mather Award** recognizes students that have excelled in the design and implementation of an applied food safety project, a component of the requirements of the Master of Science in Food Safety degree.

Yaw's strong interest in food safety and international development resulted in him earning the award with his project titled: *The effects of Aflatoxins on human health in developing countries: A review of exposure, health impact and intervention strategies.*

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The Faculty Winner is...



CVM Department Chair, Daniel Grooms (right), presents the 2017 Food Safety Distinguished Faculty Award to Frank Yiannas (left).

Frank Yiannas, Vice President of Food Safety & Health at Walmart, receives the Online MS in Food Safety Distinguished Faculty Award for 2017! Frank has been teaching VM826, Creating a Food Safety Culture, since May of 2014 and was previously a Robert Leader Endowed Lecturer in 2009.

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Creating a Food Safety Culture Executive Education 2017

On May 23 - 26, the Online Master of Science in Food Safety held their annual executive training program, Creating a Food Safety Culture (CFSC). CFSC opened with a lecture by Frank Yiannas, Vice President for Food Safety & Health at Walmart who facilitated the two days of sessions. Guest lecturer for The Robert Leader Endowment Lecture was Michael Taylor, Independent Consultant, Senior Fellow at the Meridian Institute in Washington, D.C., and former Deputy Commissioner for Foods and Veterinary Medicine at the Food and Drug Administration. Other guest lecturers included an exceptional talk by William "Bill" Marler, J.D., Managing Partner, Marler Clark LLP, and the always delightful Keith Bezzant Niblett, Assistant Director of the Eli Broad College of Business.

This year's CFSC program was a huge success and was attended by many MS in Food Safety students and executives from all over the world including Texas, California, China, France and New Zealand. A few of the companies represented included Danone, Target, Pepsico, Ecolab and Chick-fil-A.

A total of 31 registrants took part in this exceptional opportunity to learn from other experts in food safety culture and practice. The participants reported that they took away many tools and techniques to implement within their own companies, and that they found the networking with experts to be a priceless experience.

Make sure to Save the Date for next year's Creating a Food Safety Culture, beginning the evening of Tuesday, May 22 and concluding mid-day on Friday, May 25, 2018 on the beautiful MSU Campus!



Frank asked the attendees, "Are we WINNING the battle against foodborne disease?"



Frank Yiannas engages with attendees of the CFSC sessions.



Attendees had many opportunities to engage in discussion with Frank during the two days of sessions with the expert in food safety culture.



Presenter, Michael R. Taylor, addresses guests at the Robert Leader Endowment Lecture.



Dr. James Trosko, Dr. John Spink, and College of Veterinary Medicine Dean, Dr. John Baker at the Broad Art Museum CFSC dinner.



Frank Yiannas and his VM826 students pose with Sparty.



Bill Marler discussed many foodborne illness litigation cases.



The CFSC executives, students, presenters, and MSFS team at the Tailgate Dinner, Thursday night during the half-week course.



Upcoming Events

- June 25-28** IFT - Las Vegas
- July 9-12** IAFP - Tampa
- July 10-13** NEHA - Grand Rapids
- August 18** US17 Classes End
- August 30** FS17 Classes Begin
- October 3** SS18 Application Deadline
- December 8** FS17 Classes End



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