
FEDERAL AFFAIRS

Legislative & Budget Updates

Congress came back into session on after the Labor Day weekend to a packed schedule ahead of the September 30 end of the fiscal year. On the top of the docket is the completion of the federal appropriations process, annual defense authorization, FAA reauthorization, and the Farm Bill.

Ahead of the fiscal year funding showdown both Chambers are trying to position their bills for the fight over spending levels (House is \$130B below the Senate). In the Senate, the Appropriations Committee has passed out all 12 bills on a bipartisan basis at the levels established under the debt limit agreement. None of the bills has gone to the floor and given the time needed to move through the Senate, we don't anticipate more than one or two being passed before September 30. The House Appropriations Committee has passed 10 bills out, but had to pull back the remaining 2, Labor-HHS and Commerce-Justice-Science after a late pre-recess revolt by the Freedom Caucus over the reallocation of past spending to ease the budget reductions. The Appropriations Committee plans to move the final bills the first week after recess with simultaneous work to pass the bills out of the Chamber by the end of the month. DCGA discussions with House Appropriations staff indicate this will be a tall order to get through by the end of the fiscal year and they don't yet have a plan to compromise with the Freedom Caucus. In the background of the debate is Leader McCarthy and how he handles the Republican caucus through this stand off and into a likely government shutdown.

DCGA has been engaged with our partners at other universities, member organizations, and research advocates to protect programs important to the University, our students, and faculty. APLU summary of the current funding levels attached as background.

Congressionally Directed Spending Requests

As you know, Wayne State was awarded a \$1M earmark for the School of Public Health in the Senate Labor-HHS bill thanks to the support of Senator Stabenow. DCGA has been engaged with her office and the rest of the delegation on protecting the allocation through the budget standoff between the chambers. It's unclear how the budget fight will be resolved but we anticipate the Labor-HHS bill, as the largest non-defense bill, will be a big part of the debate, meaning getting the earmark through is very unlikely this year.

DCGA will be working across campus to gather targets for the FY25 earmark cycle. The goal will be to start socializing the requests with the delegation by early Q1 of next year to best position them for submission, which typically opens in late winter, early spring.

Ongoing and Future Engagement Update

Introduction of President Espy – We have begun introducing President Espy to the delegation starting the month of August, starting with our Senators and local Representatives. Over the next couple of months we will continue these introductory engagements both on campus and in DC and will be targeting strategic meetings with federal agency staff. Thus far, meetings have been held with Senator Debbie Stabenow, and Representatives Rashida Tlaib, Shri Thanadar and Debbie Dingell.

University Research Corridor Tour – The biennial tour of URC members by Congressional staff was an immense success. In attendance was staff from every office except for Congressman Thanedar and Congresswoman Tlaib. The Wayne State leg of the tour included the College of Nursing, Engineering, and IBio with presentations on our mobile health unit and the CLEAR research. Thank you to all the Board members who were able to attend the dinner with the Congressional staff and President Espy.

STATE AFFAIRS

Legislative & Budget Updates

The Legislature returned from its summer recess on September 6 for its fall term. According to many, the focus of the Legislature will be two-fold: first, the focus will be on supplemental spending for the FY23-24 fiscal year. This includes both the Capital Outlay authorization – of which Wayne State currently has a \$40 million appropriation for our Law School Complex – as a more general spending supplemental. Details or scope on the more general supplemental are still to be determined, but DGCA will look for opportunities for one-time appropriations to enhance or build-up are already secured FY23-24 funding. To recap the first half of the year, the Democratically led Legislature has successfully passed many of their main legislative priorities, including Right-to-Work repeals, reinstating Prevailing Wage requirements, repealing now obsolete abortion provisions in state statute, expanding Elliot Larsen Civil Rights provisions, enacting senior and working family tax reforms, among others.

As it relates to the DGCA and the budget, DGCA worked both internally with various colleges, schools, and centers (e.g., Levin Center, College of Nursing, School of Social Work, School of Medicine). Our unit also worked closely with the Legislature to secure additional priorities in the final budget – culminating in nearly \$50 million in funding for the university above the Governor's recommended budget. The FY23-24 budget includes noteworthy wins, such as a 5 percent increase to operations funding, as well as increases or new funding throughout the budget. Immediately below you will find a summary of the Wayne State FY23-24 successes.

FY23-24 Wayne State Specific Requests and Budget Priorities

	Executive Proposal	Negotiated Budget
Operations Increase ¹	\$8,531,500 (4%)	\$10,714,800 (5%)
ITEMS	\$12,753,700	\$0 ²
Campus Safety (critical incident mapping)	\$0	\$683,100
Capital Outlay – Law Complex	\$0	\$30,000,000 ³
Perinatology Research Branch	\$0	\$2,000,000
MIDOCs	\$6,400,000	\$6,400,000
Lycaki-Young	\$5,600,000	\$5,600,000
Frontline Strong	\$2,500,000	\$5,000,000
Poison Control Center	\$1,121,400	\$1,500,000
Mobile Health Units	\$6,100,000	\$7,000,000
Maternal-Infant Health	\$0	\$8,000,000
Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner	\$0	\$500,000
Peer-led Reentry Programming	\$0	\$2,000,000
Behavioral Health Degree Acceleration	\$0	\$5,000,000
Levin Center Civics Program	\$0	\$4,000,000
Total Funding	\$43,006,600	\$92,147,900

FY23-24 Competitive Grant Programming for Wayne State

	Executive Proposal	Negotiated Budget
Higher Education in Prison	\$0	\$1,250,000
Behavioral Health Recruitment	\$0	\$2,500,000
College Success Funds	\$55,000,000	\$37,800,000
Critical Minerals Research Hub	\$15,000,000	\$5,000,000
Water & Energy Nexus Research	\$0	\$2,500,000
Foster Care Education Pilot	\$1,744,100	\$1,744,100
Talent Action Teams	\$0	\$15,000,000
Total Funding	\$71,744,100	\$65,794,100

¹ The operations Funding is the increase above base funding from the previous year. For reference, our base operations funding for FY22-23 was \$213,286,600. Base operations from the state will now total \$224,354,500.

² ITEM funding will only be allocated if Capital Outlay is not approved by the Legislature by December 15, 2023. If there is no Capital Outlay or WSU's project is not included, our allocation would be at least \$7,100,000.

³ The total cost of the project is \$40,000,000 and the University will cover \$10,000,000 in costs and the state share will be \$30,000,000.

Legislators and Other Elected Official Engagement

Since the last Board of Governor's meeting, the Division of Government and Community Affairs and its team has continued to engage statewide elected officials, legislators, department personnel, and key staff issues impacting Wayne State University. Below is a selected list of recent meetings from June through August:

Governor Gretchen Whitmer	State Representative Sarah Lightner
Senate Majority Leader Winnie Brinks	State Representative Jason Morgan
Senate Minority Leader Aric Nesbitt	State Representative Natalie Price
State Senator Sarah Anthony	State Representative Felicia Brabec
State Senator Sylvia Santana	State Representative Graham Filler
State Senator Erika Geiss	State Representative Donavan McKinney
State Senator Thomas Albert	State Representative Helena Scott
State Senator Kevin Hertel	State Representative Tyrone Carter
State Senator Sean McCann	State Representative Stephanie Young
State Senator Mary Cavanaugh	State Representative Pat Outman
State Senator Darrin Camilleri	State Representative Jasper Martus
State Senator Kristen McDonald Rivet	State Representative Andrew Fink
State Senator Stephanie Chang	State Representative Tom Kunse
State Senator Mark Huizenga	State Representative Wil Snyder
State Senator John Damoose	State Representative Mike McFall
State Senator John Cherry	State Representative Tom Kuhn
Speaker Joe Tate	State Representative Jennifer Conlin
House Minority Leader Matt Hall	Governor's Education Liaison, Michelle Richard
Majority Floor Leader Abraham Aiyash	DHHS Director Elizabeth Hertel
State Representative Angela Witwer	State Budget Director Chris Harkins
State Representative Samantha Steckloff	House Budget Director Joe Fedewa
State Representative Christine Morse	Senate Budget Director Andy Solon
State Representative Ann Bollin	Senate Chief of Staff Kathleen Farhat
State Representative Carol Glanville	LEO Deputy Director Kim Trent

Legislation Update

WSU DGCA continues to monitor state legislation and regulations that could impact our students, our faculty, our community, and our ability to carry out our mission. When formulating a university position, we work with internal subject matter experts to both craft the best position and to provide feedback to legislators. Further, we work collaboratively with both our URC partners and all 15 public universities to leverage our collective positions and create favorable outcomes as often as possible. Below is a list of legislation that has passed and signed by the Governor since the last Board of Governor's Meeting:

- Senate Bill 247 (McCann) Amends the Liquor Control Code to allow the Liquor Control Commission (MLCC) to grant licenses to sell alcohol for on-premises consumption to the governing board of a public university if certain conditions are met. Now 96 PA 2023.
- House Bill 4199 (Conlin) Expands Michigan National Guard tuition assistance program eligibility for spouses. Reported out of Committee on Military, Veterans and Homeland Security without amendment. Now 33 PA 2023.
- House Bill 4120 (Rogers) - Requires distribution of training package to individuals designated as mandatory reporters for child abuse or child neglect. Now 46 PA 2023.
- House Bill 4121 (Breen) - Provides permanent revocation of license or registration if convicted of sexual conduct under pretext of medical treatment. Now 47 PA 2023.
- House Bill 4122 (Hope) - Provides permanent revocation of license or registration if convicted of sexual conduct under pretext of medical treatment. Now 48 PA 2023.
- House Bill 4123 (Filler) - Prohibits preventing reporting of crime by use of position of authority. Now 49 PA 2023.
- House Bill 4124 (Glanville) - Prohibits preventing reporting of certain alleged crimes to title IX coordinator by use of position of authority. Now 50 PA 2023.
- House Bill 4125 (Rheingans) - Requires certain actions regarding pupil who reports being sexually assaulted and prohibits pupil from being expelled for reported incident. Now 51 PA 2023.
- We are currently monitoring, and actively engaging, on several pieces of legislation including, but not limited to, the following:
- Senate Bill 32 (Santana) Amends the Wage & Fringe Benefits Act (Wage & Hour) to allow a law enforcement agency and law enforcement training academy to recoup the costs of training based on time served.

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- Senate Bill 74 (Singh) Creates the “Higher Education Sexual Assault Prevention, Advocacy, and Resource Officer Act” to be housed within the Michigan Department of Civil Rights. – WSU Opposes on autonomy groups; Hearing likely in early April.
 - Senate Bills 148 (Polehanki) & 149 (Hertel) Requires certain research facilities to offer certain laboratory animals for adoption before euthanization.
 - Senate Bill 184 (Webber) Supplemental Appropriation bill that would provide funding for university and community college safety grants.
 - State Bill 185 (Irwin) Amends Public Employment Relations Act to delete a provision that excludes graduate research assistants from unionizing.
 - Senate Bill 202 (McCann) Supplemental Appropriation bill for Higher Education (FY 23-24)
 - Senate Bill 329 (Irwin) Creates a “bill of rights” for policyholders, requiring insurance companies to exercise “good faith and fair dealing” in the investigation, adjustment, evaluation, and payment of claims and to “give all reasonable benefit of the doubt” to claimants.
 - Senate Bill 463 (Camilleri) Amends the Revised School Code to require completion of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by pupils as condition of graduation.
 - HJR A (Johnsen) is a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the state constitution of 1963, by amending sections 5 and 6 of article VIII, to prohibit public universities from restricting or regulating the carrying of concealed pistols on university property except as authorized by law.
 - House Bill 4017 (Witwer) School Aid Supplemental bill that could be used for Higher Education purposes, including modifications to the Michigan Achievement Scholarship.
 - House Bills 4277 & 4278 (Paiz) Requires certain research facilities to offer certain laboratory animals for adoption before euthanization.
 - House Bill 4319 (Witwer) Authorizes university officials to provide guidance to student athletes on Name, Image, Likeness compensation.
 - House Bill 4328 (McCann) Amends the Liquor Control Code to allow the Liquor Control Commission (MLCC) to grant licenses to sell alcohol for on-premises consumption to the governing board of a public university if certain conditions are met.
 - House Bill 4482 (Brixie) Extends period of limitations for civil actions for criminal sexual conduct from age 28 to age 52, extends statute of limitations after the time of discovery from three years to seven years, and eliminates SOL if there is

a criminal conviction in each case, and establishes a two-year revival window for survivors whose SOL previously expired.

- House Bill 4482 (Steckloff) Modifies period of limitation civil actions for criminal sexual conduct.
- House Bill 4483 (Arbit) Revises statute of limitations and notice requirements for actions against state government regarding sexual conduct violations.
- House Bill 4484 (Miller) Eliminates statute of limitations for certain criminal sexual conduct violations.
- House Bill 4485 (Whitsett) Allows governmental agency and employee liability for criminal sexual conduct.
- House Bill 4486 (Scott) Provides exception to notice requirements for civil actions for criminal sexual conduct filed in court.
- House Bill 4497 (Rheingans) Amends Public Employment Relations Act to delete a provision that excludes graduate research assistants and student athletes from unionizing.
- House Bill 4681 (Breen) Creates a “bill of rights” for policyholders, requiring insurance companies to exercise “good faith and fair dealing” in the investigation, adjustment, evaluation, and payment of claims and to “give all reasonable benefit of the doubt” to claimants.
- House Bill 4849 (Koleszar) Would prohibit research on cats and dogs if the research or training activities cause any pain or distress to the animal.
- House Bills 4853 (Steckloff) and 4854 (Scott) Amends the Elliot-Larsen Civil Rights Act to prohibit discrimination against students for wearing traditional regalia.

Student Legislative Engagement

The Division of Government and Community Affairs partners with students, faculty and staff who have an interest in participating in the legislative process. Members of Science Policy Network-Detroit, a student group at WSU that aims to break down barriers between policy makers and researchers, has continued to work with our office to increase efforts in Lansing and Washington, D.C. In fact, DGCA along with the Michigan Hospital and Health Association hosted SciPol-Det in Lansing for a lobby day filled with many meetings and even recognition from the Speaker of the House, Joe Tate, during House session. The WSU DGCA team has also participated in an upcoming course to discuss how scientists can engage the public, including elected officials, on important research that impacts the state and public. SciPol-Detroit also worked with Stacie

Clayton and Community Affairs for a Science with a Twist event with Senator Chang and traveled to Washington, D.C. with Doug Messana to advocate on “The Hill.”

Appointments

The Division of Government and Community Affairs monitors and engages in the Gubernatorial Appointment process to ensure that Warrior voices are at the tables where decisions are being made. Below is a list of recent appointments of Wayne State alumni, staff, and Governors:

Growing Michigan Together Council (Co-Chair): **Governor Shirley Stancato**, of Detroit, was the longest serving president and chief executive officer of New Detroit Inc., metropolitan Detroit’s leadership coalition devoted solely to race relations, serving as an essential forum for discussion and advocacy for racial equity. Stancato earned bachelor’s and master’s degrees from Wayne State University, where she currently serves on the Board of Governors. Stancato is named Co-Chair of the Council for a term commencing June 30, 2023, and expiring at the pleasure of the governor.

Growing Michigan Together Council (Infrastructure Chair): **Governor Terri Lynn Land**, of Byron Center, is a current member of the Wayne State University Board of Governors and former two-term Michigan Secretary of State. She previously served 8 years as the Kent County Clerk. Land earned her bachelor's degree in political science from Hope College. She is a member of Rotary International and a lifelong Michigander.

Growing Michigan Together Council (Jobs, Talent, People Chair): **Portia Roberson**, of Detroit, is the CEO of Focus: HOPE, a 55-year-old organization with a focus on workforce development and education. Previously she served the City of Detroit as the Group Executive for Civil Rights, Inclusion & Opportunity. Throughout her career she has been actively involved in human and civil rights issues. Roberson earned her bachelor’s degree in English at the University of Michigan, and juris doctor at Wayne State University Law School. Roberson is the Chair of the Michigan Civil Rights Commission and serves on the board for Delta Manor.

Growing Michigan Together Council (Jobs, Talent, People Chair): **Marty Fittante**, of Kingsford, is the CEO of InvestUP. Previously he served the State of Michigan as a legislative staffer. Fittante earned his bachelor's degree in business management from Ferris State University and juris doctor from Wayne State University Law School. He is skilled in legislative relations, economic development, and government related research. Originally from the Escanaba area, Mr. Fittante is passionate about improving economic opportunity for the Upper Peninsula and continues to bring in new connections and innovation. Recently, Mr. Fittante was named chair of Economic

Development Leaders for Michigan. He was also honored as a guest speaker at Bay College's commencement ceremony and was named Alumnus of the Year for 2022.

Growing Michigan Together Council (Workgroup Appointments):

- Jobs, Talent, and Economy workgroup: **Ahmad Ezzeddine**, Vice President of academic Student affairs and Global Engagement.
- Infrastructure & Place workgroup: **Emily Thompson**, Director of Economic and Community Development for TechTown and Wayne State University.
- Higher Education workgroup: **Governor Bryan Barnhill II**, Board of Governors for Wayne State University and Ford's Smart Mobility's City Solutions Group.

Michigan Employment Relations Commission: **Tinamarie Pappas**, of Ann Arbor, currently serves as a commissioner with the Michigan Employment Relations Commission. She is also an attorney and owner of the Law Offices of Tinamarie Pappas where she has been practicing in the field of labor law for over 35 years. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from the University of Michigan and a Juris Doctor degree from the Wayne State University Law School. Ms. Pappas was appointed to the commission by Governor Whitmer in 2020 and has served as chair since 2021. She is reappointed to represent Democrats, for a term commencing July 1, 2023, and expiring June 30, 2026. Ms. Pappas will continue to serve as Chair.

Michigan Aeronautics Commission: **Brian R. Smith, Ph.D.**, of Detroit, is an adjunct professor for Wayne County Community College. Previously, he worked at General Dynamics Land Systems. He holds a Ph.D. in Biomedical Engineering, and a Master of Science and Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from Wayne State University. Dr. Smith is reappointed for a term commencing June 15, 2023, and expiring May 27, 2027.

Michigan Opioids Task Force: **Amanda Scott**, of Ypsilanti, is director of prevention programs at the Detroit Recovery Project. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Psychology and Biology from Eastern Michigan University, and a Master of Public Health from Wayne State University. Ms. Scott is appointed to represent PIHP region 6, for a term commencing June 15, 2023, and expiring June 14, 2027.

Michigan Opioids Task Force: **Darlene Owens**, of Detroit, is vice president of programs at Detroit Rescue Mission ministries. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Psychology from Wayne State University, and a Master of Business Administration in Health Care Management from the University of Phoenix. Ms. Owens is appointed to represent PIHP region 7, for a term commencing June 15, 2023, and expiring June 14, 2025.

Michigan Opioids Task Force: **Ms. Kimberly Shewmaker**, of Flint, is the director of Program Operations at Flint Odyssey House Inc. She is also a surveyor for the Commission on Accreditation for Rehabilitation Facilities and a member of the Region 10 Substance Use Disorder Oversight Board. Shewmaker is also the current chair of the Michigan Certification Board for Addiction Professionals. She holds a Bachelor of Social Work, from Saginaw Valley State University, and a Master of Social Work from Wayne State University. Ms. Shewmaker is appointed to represent PIHP region 10 for a term commencing June 15, 2023, and expiring June 14, 2027.

Commission on Services to the Aging: **Walid Gammouh**, of Macomb, is a social worker consultant for the Arab American Chaldean Council. He holds a Bachelor of Arts, in Sociology from Spring Arbor University and a Master of Social Work from Wayne State University. Mr. Gammouh is reappointed to represent Republicans for a term commencing July 29, 2023, and expiring July 28, 2026.

Michigan Board of Nursing: **Martia Ditmyer**, of Frankenmuth, is the Dean of the College for Health and Human Services at Saginaw Valley State University in Saginaw, MI. She previously worked as an Associate Dean and a professor at the University of Nevada. Ditmyer earned her Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice from Wayne State University, her MBA from Central Michigan University, a Master of Science in Community Health and Wellness Promotion from the California College for Health Sciences, and her PhD from the University of Toledo. Ms. Ditmyer is appointed to represent registered professional nurses with a master's degree from an accredited college and engaged in nursing education in a baccalaureate or higher program, for a term commencing July 1, 2023, and expiring June 30, 2027. She succeeds Donna Carnahan whose term has expired.

Workers' Disability Compensation Appeals Commission: **Daryl Royal**, of Wayne, is an attorney and currently serves as chairperson of the commission since his appointment in 2019. Previously, he was the owner of his private practice law firm in Dearborn for over 30 years, primarily focusing on social security disability insurance and workers' compensation where he has had cases before the Michigan Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals. He earned his Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration and Pre-Law from Michigan State University and his Juris Doctor from the Wayne State University Law School. Mr. Royal is reappointed for a term commencing August 1, 2023, and expiring July 31, 2023. He is also redesignated to continue serving as chair.

Governor's Council on Physical Fitness, Health and Sports: **Bilal Saeed**, of Ann Arbor, is a sports marketing entrepreneur and community builder. He holds a Bachelor of Business Administration from Eastern Michigan University and his Master's in Sport and Fitness Administration and Management from Wayne State University. Mr. Saeed is

appointed for a term commencing July 14, 2023, and expiring June 30, 2025. He succeeds Armond Harris, whose term has expired.

Board of Examiners in Mortuary Science: **India Ramsey-Scott**, of Detroit, is a licensed funeral home director and mortician currently working at James H. Cole Funeral Homes. Ramsey-Scott is a current member of the Board of Examiners in Mortuary Science and the Michigan Select Funeral Directors and Morticians' Association. She received her Bachelor of Science in Mortuary Science from Wayne State University and her Master of Business Administration from Walsh College. Ms. Ramsey-Scott is reappointed to represent professionals for a term commencing August 3, 2023, and expiring June 30, 2027.

State Land Bank Authority Board of Directors: **Dr. Lisa Webb Sharpe**, of Okemos, is chief operating officer at Peckham, Inc. She is also a former executive vice president of Lansing Community College, director of the Michigan Department of Technology, Management and Budget, and deputy chief of staff to Governor Granholm. She received her Bachelor of Business Administration in Personnel and Industrial Relations from Eastern Michigan University, Master of Business Administration in International Business from Wayne State University, and Doctorate in Community College Leadership from Ferris State University. Dr. Webb Sharpe is reappointed for a term commencing August 10, 2023, and expiring July 31, 2027.

Council on Climate Solutions: **Dr. Phyllis Meadows**, of Ann Arbor, is a senior fellow in health programming for The Kresge Foundation. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Oakland University, and a Master of Science in Health Nursing and PhD. in Sociology from Wayne State University. Dr. Meadows is reappointed for a term commencing August 10, 2023, and expiring February 3, 2027.

State of Michigan Retirement Board: **Felipe Kairian-Tores**, of Royal Oak, is an assistant prosecuting attorney for Wayne County and a judge advocate for the Michigan Army National Guard 46th Military Police Command. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Aerospace Engineering from the University of Michigan and a Juris Doctor degree from Wayne State University. Captain Karian-Torres is reappointed to represent a current or former officer or enlisted person in the Michigan Military Establishment who is a member or retirant under the Military Retirement Provisions, for a term commencing August 10, 2023, and expiring December 31, 2026.

State of Michigan Retirement Board: **Dr. Geneva Williams**, of Detroit, is the chief executive officer of Dr. Geneva Speaks, LLC. She earned her Doctor of Education with a concentration in Educational Leadership and Public Policy from Wayne State University and a Bachelor of Arts in English and Speech from Morgan State University. She also has a Master of Social Services from Bryn Mawr Graduate School of Social

Work and Research. Dr. Williams currently serves on the Commission and is designated as chair.

Workers Compensation Board of Magistrates: **Kevin Kales**, of Allen Park, has served as a magistrate on the Workers' Compensation Commission Board of Magistrates since 2021. Previously, he was an attorney with Legghio & Israel, P.C., where he was the department head of worker's compensation and social security law. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy and Juris Doctorate from Wayne State University. He is designated as chair for a term commencing August 17, 2023, and expiring at the pleasure of the governor. He succeeds Luke McMurray who has resigned.

Workers Compensation Board of Magistrates: **Michael Cantor**, of West Bloomfield, is a trial attorney at the firm of Paskel, Tashman, and Walker in Southfield, Michigan. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in political science from Wayne State University and a Juris Doctorate from the Detroit College of Law. He is appointed to represent a member in good standing of the State Bar of Michigan who has been an attorney licensed to practice in Michigan courts for five years or more for a term commencing August 24, 2023, and expiring July 31, 2027. He succeeds Luke McMurray who has resigned.

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

The Division of Government and Community Affairs (DGCA) continues its work of initiating new and supporting existing WSU community engagement. Stacie Clayton, Community Affairs Director, provides leadership and internal support and guidance to the university's various colleges, schools and divisions on special events, programs, and other matters as needed.

Community and Government Engagement

- Convened and facilitated a panel discussion for Prof. Horner's summer class on former Mayor Coleman A. Young's positive impact on Detroit's current economic and community landscape
- Specific government and community engagement support for the School of Social Work, School of Medicine, College of Education, Mike Ilitch School of Business and Admissions
- Participated in the Detroit Black Chamber of Commerce and PNC Bank's State of Black Banking Breakfast at the Mike Ilitch School of Business
- Coordinated various community engagement opportunities for the Mobile Health Unit, including with the Athletics Department, neighborhood block parties, City of Detroit activities and various non-profit health fairs

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- Coordinated and joined 2023 cohort of WSU Mandela Fellows to attend Detroit City Council Formal Session and have meeting with Council President Mary Sheffield (WSU alumna)
 - Coordinated and joined 2023 cohort of Mandela Fellows in a meeting with Mayor Duggan's Administration officials that matched their expressed areas of interest including law, urban planning, public policy and workforce development
 - Initiated and coordinated WSU campus tours for the NAACP Summer Youth Program and the DAPCEP summer students – specifically included a 1-hour show at the WSU Planetarium to highlight this hidden gem in Old Main
 - Hosted WSU dinner and graduate school informational session for HBCU students staying in WSU housing for summer internship program
 - Supported the School of Medicine's 5th Anniversary of the SINORMS program
 - Coordinated WSU participation in the 13th Annual McKinney Foundation Health Expo (CURES, Wayne Pediatrics, and Mobile Health Unit)
 - Met with Cyekeia Lee, Executive Director for the Detroit College Access Network (and WSU alumna) regarding student preparedness for college
 - Met with Team Wellness Community & Government Affairs Director and HR director regarding internship and hiring opportunities for SOSW students
 - Participated in Warrior Weekend by volunteering during Detroit Institute Walking Tour, Welcome Black Celebration and FestiFall
 - Coordinated various community engagement opportunities for Irvin Reid Honors College students
 - Supported Latinx Faculty and Staff Association (LFSA) Annual Welcome Back Reception
 - Hosted luncheon and public meeting for the Michigan Women's Commission in the WSU Student Center Building (MWC is chaired by WSU alumna Dr. Geneva Williams and Gov. Danielle Atkinson is a member)

Sponsorships

- *Detroit Economic Club President's Dinner* featuring MISB alumna Sandy Pierce
- *MANA de Metro Detroit Luncheon* where 3 students were awarded scholarships to WSU and Academic Services Officer, Vanessa Reynolds, was honored

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- *The 40th African World Festival* - WSU was represented all three days with students, alumni, faculty and staff volunteering in our booth to provide information and swag from our various schools and colleges
 - *Concert of Colors* in the Cultural Center
 - *Detroit Jazz Festival* – President Espy recorded video that looped next to main stages and on the livestream broadcast throughout the weekend highlighting WSU's connection to Gretchen Valade and the largest free jazz festival
 - *Michigan Works! 2023 Annual Conference*.
 - *North American International Auto Show* – WSU sociology students were asked again this year to conduct an auto show attendee survey and present the results to the auto manufacturers and suppliers; also, WSU will have a distracted/intoxicated driver simulation experience in the main lobby of the Huntington Place

Other Activity

- Scheduled and held introductory meetings for President Espy with various community, business and non-profit stakeholders.
- Stacie Clayton was appointed to the WSU chapter of the President's Commission on the Status of Women
- Stacie Clayton continues to serve on various university and external groups such as the DEI Council, C.H.E.C.K.U.P. Advisory Board, Detroit Promise Zone Authority Board and the Woodbridge Neighborhood Development Board