



Visiting Scholar – Teaching and Research

Lyman Briggs College is interested in hosting sabbatical visitors and externally sponsored Visiting Scholars.

Lyman Briggs College (LBC) is an undergraduate residential college at Michigan State University dedicated to studying the sciences in societal context. LBC students gain a strong foundation in core science courses such as biology, chemistry, mathematics and physics, while incorporating the history, philosophy and sociology of science (HPS) into their Bachelor of Science degree programs. Students select from among 40 majors in the life sciences, physical sciences, mathematics, and HPS, completing advanced coursework in coordination with other MSU units.

LBC faculty conduct teaching and scholarship across a broad array of STEM and HPS disciplines. Within this diverse portfolio, LBC has a special focus on some key interdisciplinary research areas: history, philosophy, and sociology of science (HPS), the scholarship of teaching and learning (SoTL), and disciplinary-based educational research (DBER). Lyman Briggs College unites SoTL and DBER expertise in biology, chemistry, physics, mathematics, and statistics within one community that embraces cross-field collaboration on course design and implementation. LBC is also home to one of the nation's most extensive HPS faculty cohorts, with expertise in HPS of medicine, environment, life sciences, physical sciences, and science communication. Furthermore, the faculty take an inclusive and scholarly approach to the College's central mission of teaching and advising undergraduate students. Grant-funded research, peer-reviewed publications, and participation in national education-related workshops keeps them at the forefront of pedagogical developments.

As an LBC Visiting Scholar in residence, you can participate in scholarly undergraduate education through peer-mentored teaching in the classrooms and instructional laboratories, collaborate on curriculum development within varied subjects, and engage in one of our key research tracks in SoTL, DBER, or HPS. Scholars will also benefit from immersion in the larger MSU research community and from free professional development opportunities offered on campus. You will have access to stimulating academic interactions with other visiting scholars, MSU students, staff and faculty, and many professionals across Michigan and the US. Located near Lansing, the capital city of the state of Michigan, MSU also allows you and your home organization to engage with governmental, industrial, business, and multicultural communities.

LBC warmly welcomes scholars of diverse backgrounds and experiences to join our inter-disciplinary and multicultural residential academic community. To learn more about how you can spend time in residence at Lyman Briggs College, please contact Associate Dean Mark Largent (largent@msu.edu). For information about the college, visit www.lbc.msu.edu/.