Looking Ahead to a Fulfilling Retirement









Retirement is a major life transition

No one right way to retire

- Challenge is to prepare for the retirement that is best for you
- Fulfilling retirement is more than just financial security & adequate medical care
- Must consider psychosocial aspects of retirement as well



Need to compensate for the <u>benefits</u> work provides:

- <u>Structure:</u> Work gets us each morning; orders our days, helps set our priorities
- Intellectual stimulation: Opportunities to learn, meet challenges
- <u>Social relationships</u>: Many of our friends are colleagues
- <u>Meaning and purpose</u>: Goals, growth, identity (i.e., Who am I; What do I do?)

A fulfilling retirement requires careful preparation

- Since 1994, individual academic has more responsibility for retirement planning
 - Many decisions to make:
 - Can I afford to retire?
 - When to retire?
 - How to retire: Abruptly, gradually (phased)?
 - Where to retire?
 - Whether to maintain some involvement with institution post retirement
 - Etc.
 - How do I start a retirement conversation with my chair?

Starting the retirement conversation:

- Kirk Domer, Chair, Theatre
- Rob Roznowski, Professor, Theatre



Starting a Productive Conversation about Retirement

A preliminary planning exercise











Retirement Resource Panel

- **Terry Curry**, Associate Provost & Vice President, Academic Human Resources
- **Barbara Roberts**, *Executive Director, WorkLife* Office
- Sherry Van Kampen, Human Resources Analyst, Human Resources

Optimistic Aging: Charting Your Course For Retirement

Presentation by Dr. Margit Cox Henderson, Award Winning Author & Psychologist on exploring nonfinancial aspects of retirement planning.

- May 9, 2018
- Hannah Community Center
- 6:30 p.m. 8:00 p.m.
- Register today at <u>http://www.cvent.com/d/ngqkv2</u>

MSU WorkLife Office Retirement Web Page

 <u>https://worklife.msu.edu/career-</u> <u>transitions/retirement</u>



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