

COUNCIL ON DIVERSITY & COMMUNITY SPEAKER SERIES: Dr. Joan B. Broderick

Tuesday, November 15, 2016

“Pathways to Science” Luncheon & Seminar

The Council of Diversity & Community Speaker Series is designed to bring distinguished speakers from various STEM disciplines to MSU to share their experiences. At the luncheon, graduate students and post docs will have an opportunity to talk informally with the speaker about her personal experiences, obstacles she’s faced, and issues of work-life balance.



12:00-1:00pm – Luncheon in 481 Chemistry Bldg.

(graduate students & post docs)

For luncheon, please RSVP at natsci.dean@msu.edu by noon on November 12

1:00-1:45pm – Seminar in 481 Chemistry Bldg.

Hitches, Hiccups, and Homeruns: Reflections on my Pathway in Science

This talk will focus on my experiences as a woman in science, from my time as a student at an all-girls high school where my passion for science was first sparked, to my undergraduate and graduate studies at a time when it was rare to encounter a female science professor, to my position as the Women in Science Distinguished Professor at Montana State University. My career has spanned a time that has seen significant changes in the status of women in chemistry, and in science more generally. There truly has never been a better time for women in science: the percentage of women on science faculties at research-intensive universities continues to climb, women are attaining powerful positions in science and technical industrial companies, and the representation of women in speaking slots at important scientific meetings continues to improve. However, challenges and hurdles still exist for women in science. I will discuss some of the difficulties that I have encountered and what I have learned from them, with the goal of providing some perspective for the young scientists in the audience.