

# Schedule

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**8:30-9:15 am:** Doors Open, Registration & Light Breakfast/Visit Vendors - Agency Resource Tables

**9:15 am-9:30 am:** Welcome & Opening Remarks: Clare Luz, Ph.D., Founder & Director, MSU AgeAlive & IMPART Alliance

**9:30-10:30 am:** 2026 Research Gem Panelists (15 minutes each with Q&A)  
*MSU Aging Research "GEMs" Panel features MSU researchers, their aging-related projects, and the potential for creative partnerships*

**9:30-9:45 am:** "Sit Sense - A new approach to sitting - in the home, in the hospital, and supportive care for injuries/diseases," Tamara Reid Bush, Ph.D., Professor, Mechanical Engineering and Associate. Dean for Inclusive Excellence

**9:45-10:00 am:** "Nature Walks and Healthy Aging: What Happens When We Step Outside?," Fatemeh Saeidi-Rizi, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Landscape Architecture, MSU

**10:00-10:30 am:** "Reimagining Ability: Using Residual Movement for Human & Machine Interface Design," Rajiv Ranganathan, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Department of Kinesiology, MSU & Student Capstone Project Participants Brody Stack, Finn Jarvis, and Brandon Davies (Additional Project Participants Recognized: Damon McConnell and Miles Hayes)

**10:30-10:45 am:** Break/Visit Vendors - Agency Resource Tables

**10:45-11:10 am:** Keynote Address - Aging in Motion: Making Movement the Expectation, Not the Exception – Shanta' Favors, Ms. Wheelchair Michigan 2024

**11:10 am-12:00 pm:** Mobility initiatives Panel (15 Minutes each with Q&A)

**11:10-11:25 am:** "Let AARP Guide You as the Driving World You Once Knew Changes," Ann L. Lindsay, M.Ed., Admin, AARP Driver Safety (ADS) Michigan State Coordinator

**11:25-11:40 am:** "Expanding Community Awareness of Access 2-1-1 for Fall Prevention," Sara Arena, P.T., M.S., D.Sc.P.T., Professor & Director of Physical Therapy, Oakland University

**11:40-11:55 am:** "The Life Changing Impact of Mobility Wallets and Transportation Rx," Valerie Lefler, M.P.A., Executive Director & Founder, Catch a Ride Network

**12:00-12:45 pm:** Lunch /Visit Vendors - Agency Resource Tables - Student Poster Presentation

**12:45-1:00 pm:** Break/Visit Vendors - Agency Resource Tables

**1:00-1:30 pm:** Awards Ceremony: Moderator Clare Luz, Ph.D., Founder & Director, MSU AgeAlive & IMPART Alliance

**1:30-2:00 pm:** Q&A/Discussion/Closing Remarks/Mingle & Visit Vendors/Agency Resource Tables

**1:30- 3:00 pm:** Tours of Direct Care Worker "Mobile Training Unit", MSUFCU Parking Lot

*\*Tentative Schedule.*