



2023 Frontier Forum
Application Instructions

I. PURPOSE

The annual Frontier Forum lecture series was created in 1980 to encourage scholarly exchange of research among faculty, students, and the community. The Forum provides an environment for sharing and stimulating discussion on scholarly interdisciplinary research, contemporary issues, and the ideas from the disciplines in the former College of Social and Behavioral Sciences.

II. CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

In this transitional 2022-2023 year, faculty members of the former College of Social and Behavioral Sciences are eligible to apply. A plan is in process to expand selection criteria in the 2023-2024 academic year to all faculty members in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences to best represent the merged college. Collaborations between faculty members and graduate students are also encouraged.

The topic that is selected for the lecture must:

1. Address contemporary or interdisciplinary research and debate
2. Stimulate and be likely to encourage discussion
3. Have the potential to engage faculty, students and the broader community
4. Be the product of scholarship and one's own research

III. LECTURE FORMAT

DATE: Mutually acceptable (between lecturer, dean, and committee) date in April 2023.

FORMAT: Formal presentation of up to 50 minutes followed by audience participation.

IV. APPLICATION

Applicants should visit the Frontier Forum website and complete the application online (<https://hsss.mnsu.edu/about/frontier-forum/>). The application process includes:

- Uploading an abstract (of no more than 2 pages single-spaced) describing the lecture topic, major arguments and how your proposal addresses the criteria listed above (in PDF format)
- A current curriculum vitae (in PDF format)

A select number of applicants will be invited for a short in-person/zoom presentation to the committee of 5 minutes with up to 15 minutes of questions/conversation with the committee. The selected candidate will be forwarded as a recommendation to the dean. The dean will announce the honoree shortly thereafter.

V. AWARD

An honorarium of **\$1,000** in non-salary funds (e.g., software, books, professional travel, etc.) is provided to the Frontier Forum Presenter upon completion of their presentation. If you have any questions, please contact Joe Riska – joseph.riska.2@mnsu.edu

VI. DEADLINES

- Applications open Monday, November 28, 2022
- **Applications due Thursday, January 12, 2023**
- Recommendation to dean by end of January with honoree announcement shortly thereafter