

# Pa Vang

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## EDUCATION

- Aug. 2017 **Bachelor of Science, Anthropology**  
Michigan State University  
Minor: Graphic Design, Entrepreneurship & Innovations
- Aug. 2017 – current **Master of Science, Informational Architecture and Knowledge Management**  
Kent State University  
Concentration: User experience Design

## EMPLOYMENT

- Oct. 2017 – Current **Power of We Consortium’s AmeriCorps, Allen Neighborhood Center  
Volunteer Coordinator and Food & Fitness Coordinator**  
Recruit, orient, and link volunteers to food and fitness enhancing programs offered by Allen Neighborhood Center (Allen Farmers Market, Hunter Park GardenHouse, AMP Kitchen, Breadbasket Pantry, Market Walk). Coordinate volunteer record-keeping, by maintaining volunteer time sheets, goals, contact, and service information up to date and on file. Develop and implement volunteer retention strategies.
- Jan. 2014 – May 2017 **Michigan State University, Learning Resources Center  
Lab Aide** Assisted students and faculty with hard-/software issues, troubleshooting website issues, and processing payments for printing services. Scheduled tutoring appointments for students via Appointment-Plus and MSU EAB. Maintained the security of LRC lab assets.
- Oct. 2016 – May 2017 **LRC Student Supervisor** Managed and created weekly work schedule for 8-12 employees, trained new employees, and facilitated meetings. Proactively solved problems to ensure all needs were met in the lab.
- May 2014 – May 2017 **Michigan State University, Radiology  
Anatomy Lab Monitor** Monitored conduct and activities of medical and undergraduate students during open lab hours consisting of: cleaning and caring, covering cadavers, returning specimens to correct bucket and performing open and lock up procedures.
- Aug 2014 – May 2017 **Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP)  
Student Facilitator** Assisted and facilitated in the development of workshops focused on FAFSA, college resources, and careers. Mentored participants to utilize pre-college information. Encouraged pursuit of post-secondary education through educational and career conversations.
- Aug. 2013 – 2016 **MSU Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant Summer Orientation  
Student Orientation Aide** Introduced Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistants (FLTA) to college resources and provided information regarding American culture and the educational system to help them adjust to different norms and practices. Conducted feedback in microteaching sessions and assisted with additional activities.

July 2013 – 2016 **MSU Maximizing Academic Growth in College (M.A.G.I.C.) Peer Assistant** Implemented ice-breaker activities in large and small groups during the two-week summer program. Developed college plans with a group of 10 students. Provided information on academic and social resources the university has to offer. Emphasized the importance of networking and exploring different fields of interest during end-of-the-day meetings.

## RESEARCH

May 2017 – Aug. 2017 **Brigham Young University: Anthropology Ethnographic Field Project Course Research Study Abroad** Research aim to understand Hmong Shamanism through the use of ethnographic field research in Nong Hoi, Chiang Mai, Thailand while living with a Hmong/Thai host family. Used field notes, participant observation, and interviews to gather data for analysis.

Sept. 2015 – Dec. 2015 **Michigan State University: Campus Archaeology Program (Dr. Goldstein) Course Research Internship** Research focused on the identification of over 50 fragmented maker's marks found at the MSU Campus Archaeology Program 2015 Field Site. Used Adobe Photoshop to better identify the marker's marks, enhancing images to closely analyze them. Various library and internet sources were then used in the identification process.

Dec. 2014 **MSU Department of Economics (Dr. Paredes) Student Research Assistant** Collected prices of Big Mac sandwiches from various McDonalds in the United States via phone interviews, documenting in MS Excel.

Oct. 2014 – Jan. 2015 **MSU Department of Agriculture (Dr. Loveridge) Student Research Assistant** Contacted various organizations to collect agricultural Hmong translated documents. Worked in a team of 3 and assisted in phone interviews.

Aug. 2013 – Dec. 2013 **BEACON (Bio/Computational Evolution in Action Consortium) Student Research Assistant** Washed lab glassware and prepared liquid medias and reagents. Other responsibilities involved sterilizing solid and liquid medias and disposed decontaminated and used material cultures through autoclaves.

## PRESENTATION

Nov. 2017 **Learning Abroad Conference**  
*Beyond Visuals: Understanding Culture through Language*

July 2017 **13th International Conference on Thai Studies**  
*Between the Living and the Dead: Inside the Mind of a Hmong Shaman*

Sept. 2016 **Midwest Historical Archaeology Conference, Wayne State University**  
*Making My Mark at MSU: Maker's Marks*

April 2016 **University Undergraduate Research and Arts Forum, Michigan State University**  
*Making My Mark at MSU: Maker's Marks*

## HONORS/AWARDS

- Global Focus Photo Contest, Second Place — 2017
- College of Social Science Study Abroad Grant — 2017
- Dean's Choice Grant, First Place — 2016
- Office of Cultural and Academic Transition, Outstanding Leadership Recognition — 2016
- MSU Sexual Assault Program, Sexual Assault Crisis Intervention & Advocacy Training — 2016
- Office for International Students and Scholars, Certificate of Recognition — 2013
- Lansing Promise Scholarship — 2012

## LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

### MSU Design for America (DFA)

Design for America is a consortium of talented, renaissance-thinking, passionate students from the community who collaborate with community organizations and nonprofits to solve real world problems. The organization creates social impact by understanding the challenges of our communities, creating powerful solutions based on human-centered insights, and partnering with organizations to execute these transformative ideas.

Jan. 2017 – May 2017

#### **Project (Spring 2017):**

Identified and addressed student-based perceptions of campus security concerns.

- Worked with team of 6 students gathering data through scholarly research and interviews.
- Engaged with approximately 15 students regarding their perceptions of safety on the MSU campus.
- Participated in various team building and brainstorming activities.

Sept. 2017 – Dec. 2017

#### **Project (Fall 2017):**

Preparedness and Resilience in Higher Education.

- Sponsored by Sodexo, in a team of 5, discussed and researched international education systems, high school graduation rates, and college experiences and goals.
- Formulated insights from interviews and created “how can we” statements to devise prototypes.
- Individual team members designed one prototype (total of 5) to analyze and test with students.

### The Hub's Student Innovation Team

The Hub's Student Innovation Team enhances higher education's traditional model of project implementation by engaging student voices early in large-scale university challenges and opportunities. The team addresses challenges in curriculum and course development, space design, engagement strategy, and more through research, brainstorming, and testing.

Jan. 2017 – May 2017

- Researched, prototyped, branded and tested university projects.
- Applied creative problem-solving methods in design thinking and systems thinking to university projects in space design, program development, and course strategy.

### **Council of Racial and Ethnic Students (C.O.R.E.S.) / Asian Pacific American Student Organization (APASO)**

C.O.R.E.S. is comprised of four cultural communities at MSU: North American Indigenous Student Organization (NAISO), Black Student Alliance (BSA), *Culturas de las Razas Unidas* (CRU), and Asian Pacific American Student Organization. APASO serves to share deeper understandings of Asian Pacific American culture through various activities, advocates on issues impacting the community, and works with University faculty, staff, and administration in addressing concerns. APASO also brings many notable cultural performances for demonstrating unique talents within the APA community, as well as hosting workshops to better understand APA issues.

Aug. 2013 – May 2014

#### **Historian / Secretary**

- Maintained event files and meeting agenda documents for future usage.
- Photographed events and shared them through social media.

Feb. 2015 – May 2015

#### **Treasurer**

- Submitted Program Planning Worksheet (PPW) forms for processing to receive funds for events.
- Maintained PPWs for archiving.

Feb. 2015 – May 2015

#### **Cultural Vogue Funding Chair**

- Presented event information to student boards to request funding.

### **Spartan Remix**

An annual event that takes place during the fall semester, Spartan Remix brings diverse communities from CORES (Council of Racial and Ethnic Students), COPS (Council of Progressive Students), and other student organizations to come together in celebration of their communities with the full MSU population.

June 2013 – Sept. 2013

#### **Public Relations Committee – Member**

Aug. 2014 – Sept. 2014

#### **Public Relations Committee – Chair**

- Distributed fliers across MSU community.
- Created a plan for visibility and promotion of the Spartan Remix both on and off-campus.
- Created and managed Facebook event page.
- Organized volunteers and fellow committee members to distribute flyers and handbills prior to event.

July 2015 – Sept. 2015

#### **Student Coordinator**

- Assisted committee chair with distributing fliers, calling business for donations, and organizing registrations. Proactively solved problems.
- Constructed ideas for activities, venues, food, entertainment, etc.
- Designed venue layout with logistic committee.

### **Global Day of Service**

The Global Day of Service engages MSU Spartans to volunteer in the community through service projects.

- South West Action, Neighborhood Clean-Up — 2017
- Lansing REACH Art Studio, assisted in moving event — 2016
- American Red Cross, informed clients of free installment of smoke alarms — 2015
- Photographer, photographed volunteers at various sites — 2014