

Seminar

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Determinants of Entrepreneurial Culture. We use a telephone survey of 1000 Michigan households to gather information on the respondent's attitudes towards development and support of entrepreneurs. Responses to five Likert scale questions are coded into an index. We then match the respondent's zip code to published data; preliminary results show that community characteristics are related to attitudes about entrepreneurs. Individual employment status is also a significant determinant, with unemployed individuals less prone to favor entrepreneurial support systems.

Professor Loveridge is visiting campus as the transitional director for USDA's North Central Regional Center for Rural Development. He is the transitional director of the Center, which moved from Iowa State University to Michigan State University on July 1. He is touring the universities of the region to discuss the new research support and funding programs of the Center and its Extension activities.

As State Leader, Community Development Programs for Michigan State University Extension, he mentors teams working on community development, economic development, land use, leadership development, state and local government, tourism development, and urban revitalization.

As Director of Graduate Studies, he coordinates the graduate recruitment and admissions process, advises current graduate students on their program of study, and serves as a standing member of the department's graduate policy committee. He teaches graduate-level regional economics, and also has fifteen years' experience developing and delivering curricula for adult learners. He is a consistent early adopter of Internet technologies to deliver educational programs.