You are cordially invited to attend:

**Thursday, December 10, 2015**  
3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.  
116H Erickson Hall  
Michigan State University

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**Calling Out: Toward Fairness and Inspiration in Middle School Mathematics**

**Abstract:**

During the academic year 2014-2015, I taught seventh grade mathematics to a diverse group of students using the Connected Mathematics Program curriculum. My students and I constantly negotiated the learning process, as is always true in a public school classroom. In this talk, I will describe my own struggle with the craft of teaching and its inherent dilemmas, as well as try to give voice to the struggles of my students. I studied my school's database and school improvement plan. I also interviewed 17 students and observed their classroom and testing performance. These are the questions I will address: Which norms and systems actually support or discourage students? Are there ways we keep mathematical as well as social secrets from our students as we strive to help them increase their “skills”? What kinds of language and “data” describe who is “in” and who is “out”?