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### **Associate Professor at Michigan State University selected as PDK Emerging Leader**

ARLINGTON, Va.—Dorinda J. Carter Andrews, an associate professor of teacher education at Michigan State University, has been named a PDK Emerging Leader for her work helping preservice teachers develop teaching practices that are culturally responsive.

“I have taught more than 300 preservice teachers to engage in real conversations about racial, ethnic and other cultural inequities in student achievement,” Carter Andrews said. “Issues of race and cultural bias are central to their pedagogies and practices. Many of my students have gone on to teach in schools with few resources or become K-12 administrators. I believe my impact has been far-reaching.”

In addition to her work with preservice teachers, Carter Andrews also partners with school districts and inservice teachers on how to address racial inequities in student achievement. She is developing two books about this work.

PDK International, the education association that has recognized Carter Andrews as an up-and-coming leader in the K-12 profession, will host Carter Andrews and 25 other education change agents at a weekend networking event this December. The PDK Emerging Leaders will gather in Washington, D.C., meet with federal education policymakers, and share best practices with each other.

“The Emerging Leaders program is our way of paying it forward in public education,” said William J. Bushaw, PDK International’s executive director. “We find people under 40 who are standouts in the profession and we bring them together for a weekend of networking and expertise-sharing in the nation’s capital. By investing in these young leaders, we are investing in the future.”

PDK International is an association that represents nearly 30,000 professionals in K-12 education across the country. Every year, it recognizes a new class of PDK Emerging Leaders. For more information on PDK’s 2013-2014 Class of Emerging Leaders, go to [www.pdkemergingleaders.org](http://www.pdkemergingleaders.org). Information about PDK International is at [www.pdkintl.org](http://www.pdkintl.org).

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