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The Doctoral Program in Environmental Science & Management
and MSU Sustainability Seminar Series Present:

Viability based tools for studying antibiotic resistance

WHEN: September 10, 4:00 pm WHERE: CELS 120 lecture hall

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Over 2 million people are sickened and at least 23,000 people die in the U.S. of antibiotic resistant infections each year. Community acquired infections in humans have been linked with environmental sources of antibiotic resistance. Mitigating the risk of environmental AR infections requires understanding hot spots for AR as well as the potential for horizontal gene transfer. A series of case studies will be presented towards understanding hot spots of antibiotic resistance genes in viable cells.