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## **Olivet College to host affirmative action panel discussion**

OLIVET, Mich. — The Michigan Civil Rights Initiative (MCRI) is the focus of an Olivet College Lecture and Symposium Series panel discussion Wednesday, Sept. 13 at 1:30 p.m. in Mott Auditorium. Sponsored by the Office of Multicultural Education and Initiatives, the event, titled “Ballot: Benefit or Bogus,” is free and open to the public.

In November, Michigan voters will decide whether or not to adopt the MCRI proposal. As written, MCRI would prohibit all state and local government entities from using affirmative action programs that give preferential treatment based on race, gender, color, ethnicity or national origin.

Participants include Jennifer Gratz, MCRI executive director, Brandon Jessup, NAACP Youth and College Division president, Max McPhail, MCRI media relations director, and, on behalf of One United Michigan, Lynne Haley, Democratic candidate for the 62<sup>nd</sup> District of the State House of Representatives.

For more information, call (269) 749-7164.

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Established in 1844, Olivet College is a private, liberal arts institution located in south central Michigan. The college remains dedicated to its vision of *Education for Individual and Social Responsibility* by providing a quality higher education to all, regardless of gender, race or financial means. The college is home to more than 1,100 students, who study under *The Olivet Plan*. In this unique educational experience, students engage in both curricular and co-curricular programs that combine real world experiences with lectures and service learning.

