Welcome to Michigan and Welcome to NANOG 47!
What is Merit and why should I care?
Why is Merit involved with NANOG?

- Merit was formed in 1966 by the University of Michigan, Michigan State and Wayne State University
- 80s and 90’s Merit/IBM/MCI were operating the NSFNet
- Needed a way for operators to collaborate
- June 2-3 1994 NANOG 1 was held in Ann Arbor
- Merit has hosted NANOG as a project ever since
Merit Network

Merit is a member-focused provider of network and related services; a trusted strategic partner to the education and non-profit community for over 40 years.