Engagement Spotlight

CFANS connects with the public through "Classes Without Quizzes"
Since 2002, "Classes Without Quizzes" has provided College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences researchers with an engaging, informal platform to share new research with the general public. This year’s program, held on Saturday, April 2, featured keynote speaker Department of Soil, Water and Climate Professor Jay Bell and attracted more than 100 adults and children to the St. Paul campus.

Announcements

U of M Outstanding Community Service Award winners announced
The 2016 University of Minnesota Outstanding Community Service Award winners are: Marilyn Bruin, professor, College of Design; Wokie Freeman, assistant executive director and director of operations and programs, Robert J. Jones Urban Research and Outreach-Engagement Center; Tanya Bailey, doctoral student, School of Social Work; and Timothy Hoogland, director of education outreach services, Minnesota Historical Society.

U of M's SPA provides new tools for community-based grant recipients
In consultation with the Office for Public Engagement, the University's Sponsored Project Administration has developed new tools to help community organizations and small businesses navigate the process of being a partner on a grant with the University of Minnesota.

Upper Midwest Civic Engagement Summit
The University of Iowa's Chief Diversity Officer Georgina Dodge will keynote the Upper Midwest Civic Engagement Summit on the theme of Beyond Service: Education, Research, and Work for a Just World.

U of M launches Minnesota Sparks
The University of Minnesota Alumni Association has launched Minnesota Sparks, a series of outreach events to bring its researchers into conversation with communities across Minnesota. All Minnesota Sparks events are free and open to the public.

U of M D2D State Fair building re-issues request for applications
The University's Driven to Discover research facility on the Minnesota State Fairgrounds is a resource for both University faculty and student researchers who wish to recruit research subjects from among the fair's 1.8 million yearly visitors. Applications are due April 10.
Call for Grant Applications

**U of M Translational Grant Program** *(Deadline: April 13, 2016)*

The Office of Discovery and Translation’s Translational Grant Program helps drive research that translates basic science discoveries into patient benefit, with the overarching goal of improving human health. In addition to funds, awarded projects will receive the support of a project development team.

**U of M HFHL Institute Planning Grant** *(Deadline: April 15, 2016)*

The University's Healthy Foods, Healthy Lives Institutes’ Community-University Planning Grant Program offers seed funding for the development of promising, authentic community-university research partnerships related to food, nutrition and health.

**U of M Graduate School offers Thesis Research Travel Grants**

The University's Graduate School offers grants of up to $2,500 for domestic research and up to $5,000 for international research to students who have completed a minimum of one academic year of graduate work. Travel must be completed by December 31, 2016.

**U of M Events**

- April 6 *IonE: Is the current university funding model sustainable?*
- April 7 *Bioethics Lecture Series: Research Misconduct*
- April 13 *Can new GMO crops help grow sustainable agriculture?*
- April 14 *Bioethics Lecture Series: Trial Registries*
- April 15 *CHANCE End-of-Year Celebration*
- April 15 *Sustainability Symposium*
- April 16 *Energy from Renewables: Envisioning a Sustainable Future*
- April 19 *Minnesota Sparks*
- April 20 *Can we change people’s minds on climate?*
- April 21 *Bioethics Lecture Series: Human Biospecimens*
- April 27 *How can nature and design improve our mental health?*
- April 28 *Bioethics Lecture Series: Sentinel Events*
- April 30 *Reimagining Social Medicine*
- May 3 *Critical Community Engagement Roundtable*
- May 5 *Bioethics Lecture Series: Community Consent*
- May 17 *Minnesota Sparks*
- June 20-21 *Educational Equity in Action*
- July 11-22 *National Summer Transportation Institute*

**Other Events**

- April 7 *Minnesota Campus Compact Annual Summit and Awards Ceremony*
- April 11-15 *Volunteer Management*
- April 18, 2016 *Land Ethic Leadership Seminar*
- April 21 *Webinar: The Impact of Community-University Partnerships on Community Organizations*
- May 9-13 *Connecting Campuses with Communities*
- May 11-14 *Community-Campus Partnerships for Health International Conference*
- May 31-June 1 *Upper Midwest Civic Engagement Summit*
- June 1 *2016 Civic Learning and Democratic Engagement (CLDE) Meeting*
- June 2-4 *ADP/TDC/NASPA Civic Learning and Democratic Engagement Meeting*
- June 16-18 *Action Research Network of the Americas*
- July 28-Aug. 1 *SENCR Summer Institute*
- Sep. 26-28 *International Association for Research on Service-Learning and Community Engagement Conference*
• Oct. 6-8 *Imagining America Annual National Conference*
• Oct. 9-10 *Emerging Engagement Scholars Workshop*
• Oct. 16-18 *Assessment Institute 2016*
• Oct. 23-25 *CUMU Conference: Charting the Future of Metropolitan Universities*
• Oct. 23-25 *Global Learning and Cooperative Development Partnerships: International Service-Learning Summit*

**Featured Resource**

**Engaged Faculty Institute Curriculum**
The Engaged Faculty Institute (EFI) Curriculum features case studies, reflection questions, suggested readings and resources for faculty development in service learning. Train-the-trainer opportunities provide consistent curriculum for faculty interested in becoming EFI facilitators.

**Call for Papers/Conference Proposals**

**Call for Submissions: International Journal of Research on Service-Learning and Community Engagement** *(New deadline: May 15, 2016)*
The *International Journal of Research on Service-Learning and Community Engagement* invites manuscripts for consideration in the following areas: advances in theory and methodology; student outcomes, K-12; faculty roles and faculty-related issues; institutional issues; community partnerships/impacts; international service-learning and community engagement; and related works in progress.

**Call for Proposals: Charting the Future of Metropolitan Universities** *(Deadline: April 25, 2016)*
The 2016 Coalition of Urban and Metropolitan Universities Annual Conference will focus on the challenges and opportunities of urban and metropolitan universities in student and community life.

**Call for Papers: The Journal of Higher Education Outreach and Engagement** *(Deadline: Ongoing)*
The *Journal for Higher Education Outreach and Engagement* highlights innovative endeavors, emerging issues, and reports on impact in the areas of public service, outreach, engaged research, public scholarship, service-learning, and community service.

**Opportunities**

**U of M National Summer Transportation Institute** *(Deadline: April 8, 2016)*
The University's Center for Transportation Studies will host a free, two-week summer camp for middle school and high school students interested in transportation science and engineering.

**MSU Summer Intensive on Community Engaged Scholarship** *(Deadline: April 15, 2016)*
Michigan State University's Office of Outreach and Engagement will host a "Summer Intensive" focusing on community engaged research, teaching, and learning. Participants will learn practical tools for partnership, collaboration, and evaluation tools.

**RWJF Interdisciplinary Research Leaders: Call for Applications** *(Deadline: April 19, 2016)*
The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation seeks teams of researchers and community members who are committed to working together to produce community-relevant, action-oriented research to improve health and well-being.

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