July 2016

Engagement Spotlight

U of M Arboretum's Urban Garden Program grows healthy lives
The University of Minnesota Landscape Arboretum's Urban Garden Program teaches urban youth how to grow a garden and prepare and sell the produce. The program aims to combat unequal access to healthy foods by providing low-income Minnesotans with an affordable path to sustenance.

Announcements

U of M Rochester's Community Collaborative students produce "Rochester Voices"
In partnership with the online news source Med City Beat, University of Minnesota Rochester students Kaylie Bisping, Lauren Cooper, and Elise Bixby are capturing the stories of community members whose voices are rarely heard.

Extension RSDP offers regional board opportunities for faculty, staff
University of Minnesota Extension's Regional Sustainable Development Partnerships offers regional board member opportunities for faculty and staff to pursue their research interests and engage in emerging local needs, opportunities, and innovations. Current board members include Applied Economics Professor and Center for Community Vitality Associate Dean Kent Olson and Tourism Center Director Cynthia Messer.

Apply to co-chair a 2016-2017 Community of Practice
Minnesota Campus Compact, in partnership with the University of Minnesota's Office for Public Engagement, will offer communities of practice (COPs) in 2016-17 to explore their effectiveness in advancing higher education community engagement efforts. Applications
Call for Grant Applications

**NIH Innovative Measurement Tools for Community-Engaged Research Efforts grants** *(Deadline: September 8, 2016)*

This National Institutes of Health funding opportunity seeks applicants for development of innovative measurement tools for community-engaged research.

**Northwest RSDP Community-Based Project Grants** *(Deadline: September 30, 2016)*

University of Minnesota Extension's Northwest Regional Sustainable Development Partnership seeks innovative ideas to advance agriculture and food systems, tourism and resilient communities, natural resources, and clean energy. Seed funding is available to support projects that leverage community participation and create partnerships with the University.

**NSF Improving Undergraduate STEM Education Grants** *(Deadline: November 2, 2016)*

The National Science Foundation seeks proposals that address education and human resource problems in STEM education or that shed light on new challenges facing undergraduates. The program has two tracks: Engaged Student Learning and Institutional and Community Transformation.

**NIH Community Partnerships to Advance Research Grants** *(Deadline: May 8, 2017)*

The National Institutes of Health seeks proposals that address community-engaged research methodologies that improve partnerships and enhance interdisciplinary relationships. Proposals should focus on methods for improvement of intervention and public health.

**U of M Events**

- July 11-22 [National Summer Transportation Institute](#)
- July 13-15 [Art of Participatory Leadership Training](#)
- July 25-27 [Summer Institute in Adolescent Health](#)
- Sept. 20 [Care Across the Continuum Conference](#)
- Sept. 30 [Internationalizing the Curriculum and Campus Conference](#)

**Other Events**

- July 28-Aug. 1 [SENCER Summer Institute](#)
- Sept. 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. 9-12 Engagement Scholarship Consortium (ESC) Conference
- Oct. 14 Vision & Voice: Inspiring Civic Agency and Engagement for Equity
- Oct. 16-18 Assessment Institute Indiana 2016
- Oct. 23-25 CUMU Conference: Charting the Future of Metropolitan Universities
- Nov. 10-11 Anchor Institutions Task Force Conference
- Dec. 1-2 Second International Conference on Service-Learning

**Featured Resource**

*Publicly Engaged Scholars*

Stylus Publishing's new book looks at paradigms in higher education that focus on the need for civic engagement to maintain the democratic purposes of school. The authors question existing policies and practices and put forward new forms of engagement that can help transform higher education to better align with societal needs.

**Call for Papers/Conference Proposals**

*Call for Papers: 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.

*Call for Submissions: Undergraduate Journal of Service-Learning and Community-Based Research* (Deadline: Ongoing)

Pennsylvania State University's journal for undergraduate community partnership seeks submissions that advance knowledge of service-learning and community-based research.

**Opportunities**

*School of Public Health offers class in community-based participatory research*

This University's School of Public Health course is intended for community practitioners and graduate students interested in adding community-based participatory research to their repertoire of approaches to understanding and addressing health and social disparities.

*IAS seeks program development coordinator*

The University's Institute for Advanced Study (IAS) seeks a program development coordinator to develop and implement programming, create and coordinate communications, engage in community outreach, and support the research and programming of the IAS fellows, collaboratives, and working groups.