April 2017

Engagement Spotlight

A new mobile app supports endangered bees

The University of Minnesota's Institute on the Environment (IonE) is partnering with the Natural Capital Project and the University of Vermont (UVM) to build a mobile app that helps farmers and gardeners share and explore best practices for bee pollination. Developers are focusing on the business side of conservation management by including the ability to conduct productivity and cost-benefit analyses. IonE Researcher Eric Lonsdorf, who co-leads the project with UVM Professor Taylor Rickets, hopes that economic incentives will promote widespread use of the app.

Announcements

George Weiblen receives U of M's 2017 President's Community-Engaged Scholar Award

University of Minnesota College of Biological Sciences Professor George Weiblen has been selected to receive the 2017 President's Community-Engaged Scholar Award, the highest award the University bestows for scholarship conducted in partnership with external communities. Also honored with college-wide awards for community-engaged scholarship are: Abimbola Asojo, professor, Department of Design, Housing, and Apparel, College of Design; Kathryn Draeger, statewide director, Regional Sustainable Development Partnerships, University of Minnesota Extension; Michelle Johnson-Jennings, assistant professor, Department of Pharmacy Practice and Pharmaceutical Sciences, School of Pharmacy; Jennifer McComas, professor, Department of Educational Psychology, College of Education and Human Development; Kathy Quick, associate professor, Humphrey School of Public Affairs; Tetyana Shippee, assistant professor, Division of Health Policy and Management, School of Public Health; and Renee Sieving, professor, School of Nursing.
Apply to co-chair a 2017 Community of Practice (Deadline: April 17, 2017)
The University’s Office for Public Engagement, Minnesota Campus Compact, Iowa Campus Compact, and Wisconsin Campus Compact are partnering to develop Communities of Practice to support collaborative community engagement in higher education.

U of M’s Megan Gunnar elected to National Academy of Education
Director of the University’s Institute on Child Development Megan Gunnar has been elected to membership in the National Academy of Education (NAEd). As a member of NAEd, Gunnar will play a role in its professional development programs and serve on expert study panels that address pressing issues in education.

U of M’s Tai Mendenhall receives Ramsey County Public Health Award
University of Minnesota Department of Family and Social Sciences Professor Tai Mendenhall has been awarded the 2017 Ramsey County Public Health Award. Mendenhall’s team includes leaders of St. Paul community organizations focused on improving outcomes for urban-dwelling American Indians.

U of M President Kaler announces Immigration Response Team
University President Eric Kaler called for the creation of an Immigration Response Team in his 2017 State of the University address. The mission of the team is to ensure that all who are affected by immigration policy changes have access to resources and support.

City of Ramsey, U of M partner through Resilient Communities Project
This September the City of Ramsey and the University’s Resilient Communities Project will begin work on 20 multidisciplinary projects that advance the city’s priorities for a stable tax base, connected community, citizen-focused government, and efficiency.

U of M UROC posts Trauma Recovery Project website
Building on community expertise and University research in the area of healing and historical trauma, the University's Urban Research and Outreach-Engagement Center (UROC) has launched a project-based website for use as a dissemination tool and conversation starter for community partners and researchers involved in UROC’s Trauma Recovery Project.

U of M Events

- April 5 Frontiers in the Environment
- April 6 College Readiness and Achievement Gaps (CRAG) Talks
- April 6 Cornerstone Symposium
- April 8 Ways of Knowing and Acting: Reconnecting to Mother Earth Symposium
- April 7 ICGC Brown Bag Series
- April 14 ICGC Brown Bag Series
- April 18 Riverland Tourism Conference
- April 19 Spring Child Welfare Conference
- April 20 Bagels Beyond Boundaries: Social Network Analysis
- April 20 Frontiers in the Environment
- April 20-21 Teacher Education Pedagogies
- April 28 IGCG Brown Bag Series
- May 2 Engaged Scholar Critical Community Engagement Roundtable
- May 3 The Other Side of Poverty in Schools
- May 11 Teacher Education Pedagogies
- June 6-8 Rural Arts and Culture Summit
- June 8,9 Symposium on the Ethics of Help: Creating Global Ambassadors for Patient Safety
- June 20,21 Educational Equity in Action
- Sept. 18-20 Second Annual Conference on Native American Nutrition

Other Events

- April 5 MNCC Annual Summit and Awards Ceremony
- April 14 Understanding and Responding to Mass Incarceration
- May 1-5 C2U Expo
- May 15 Liberating Service Learning Webinar
- May 18 Minnesota River Congress
- May 24 Bringing Theory to Practice Conference
- June 6,7 Midwest Campus Compact Conference
- June 6-8 Rural Arts and Culture Summit
- June 8-10 Civic Learning and Democratic Engagement Meeting
- July 30-Aug. 2 Soil and Water Conservation Society Annual Conference

Featured Resource

NCCPE launches Research for All

The National Co-ordinating Centre for Public Engagement, located in Bristol, England, has launched a peer-reviewed journal called Research for All to promote University-Community engaged research in the United Kingdom. The journal aims to bridge the gap between theory and practice and invites commentary and submission from its readers.

Award Opportunities

U of M Women's Center Awards  (Deadline: April 7)

The University's Women's Center sponsors awards recognizing the scholarly accomplishments of University women faculty, staff, and students. Honors include the Ada Comstock Distinguished Women Scholars Awards, Charlotte Striebel Equity Award, Mullen/Spector/Traus Women's Leadership Award,
Sara Evans Faculty Woman Scholar/Leader Award, and Sharon L. Doherty Student Leadership Award.

**MN Council of Nonprofits/U of M Transformational Leadership Award (Deadline: April 20)**
Sponsored by the University's Center for Integrative Leadership and the Minnesota Council of Nonprofits, this award recognizes a leader from the nonprofit sector who has made a significant impact, is committed to cross-sector solutions, and is potentially interested in collaborating with the center on a case study or other project.

**Ernest A. Lynton Award for Scholarship of Engagement (Deadline: May 1)**
This annual award honors pre-tenure or early-career faculty who connect community engagement to their work. Candidates combine teaching, research, and service in attempts to further the missions of their institutions while benefiting external communities.

**Thomas Ehrlich Civically Engaged Faculty Award (Deadline: May 16, 2016)**
Coordinated by Campus Compact, this award recognizes one faculty member each year for achievements in engaged scholarship and community engaged research. The award targets senior faculty members with a background in civic engagement.

**Call for Grant Applications**

**Impact America's Stories from the Line film contest (Deadline: April 14, 2017)**
Impact America's Stories from the Line film contest seeks documentary film submissions about families struggling to stay above the poverty line from undergraduate students, graduate students, and recent graduates of accredited colleges. Winners will receive scholarships of up to $10,000.

**U of M HFHL seeks letters of interest for spring funding opportunities (Deadline: April 14, 2017)**
The University's Healthy Food, Healthy Lives Institute's Community-University Planning Grant Program is designed to provide seed funding for the development of promising, authentic community-university partnerships related to food, nutrition and health. HFHL is accepting letters of interest for the University Research Grant Program, the Graduate and Professional Research Grant Program, and the Planning Grant Program for Community-University Research Teams.

**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 Women's Center Gender Equity Grants (Deadline: June 1, 2017)**
The University's Women's Center offers grants that support initiatives by employees or campus groups that will lead to a University that reflects the values of inclusiveness, fairness, diversity, excellence, and
opportunity for all—with a focus on impacting the campus climate for women faculty, staff, and students.

**U of M Program in Health Disparities Research grants (Deadline: Ongoing)**
The University's Program in Health Disparities Research offers funding opportunities for students, community members, and researchers who are addressing health disparities among minority and other under-served populations.

**Call for Papers/Conference Proposals**

**CUMU seeks proposals for annual conference (Deadline: Friday, April 21)**
The Coalition of Urban and Metropolitan Universities seeks proposals for its annual conference on the theme of The Urban Advantage. Proposals should address urban and metropolitan educational advantages and encourage a robust exchange of ideas and opinions.

**Call for Papers: Minnesota Water Resources Conference (Deadline: May 5, 2017)**
Sponsored by the University's Water Resources Center and the College of Continuing Education, Minnesota Water Resources Conference organizers seek abstracts for oral presentations, posters, and special sessions focusing on innovative, practical, and applied water resource engineering solutions, management techniques, and current research about Minnesota's water resources.

**Call for Papers: Journal of Higher Education Outreach and Engagement (Deadline: June 1, 2017)**
*The Journal of 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 Papers: North Carolina Campus Compact's Partnerships (Deadline: Ongoing)**
North Carolina Campus Compact's *Partnerships: A Journal of Service-Learning and Civic Engagement* seeks articles that focus on how theories and practices can inform and improve partnerships between students, faculty, community agencies, administrators, disciplines, and more.

**Call for Submissions: Undergraduate Journal of Service Learning and Community-Based Research (Deadline: Ongoing)**
Pennsylvania State University's *Undergraduate Journal of Service Learning and Community-Based Research* seeks submissions that advance knowledge of service-learning and community-based research.

**Opportunities**

**U-Spatial offers free geospatial workshops**
During the spring semester, U-Spatial is offering a variety of instructor-led workshops focusing on different
geospatial tools and technologies.

**U of M National Summer Transportation Institute** *(Deadline: April 17, 2017)*

Sponsored by the University's Center for Transportation Studies, this two-week summer day camp will introduce students grades seven through nine to the many aspects of the transportation through field trips and hands-on lab activities.

**Leadership Twin Cities accepting applications** *(Deadline: June 16, 2017)*

Offered by the Minneapolis Regional Area Chamber of Commerce, Leadership Twin Cities focuses on critical community issues to inform and inspire future leaders and challenges them to make a difference through personal commitment and involvement.

**Campus Compact seeks prospective College Health Corps Vista members**

Minnesota Campus Compact seeks graduating college seniors who want to make a difference in health equity issues at sites across the state. Members will work full-time for one year to address food and health access in low-income Minnesota communities.

**One-to-one services for financially distressed farmers**

University of Minnesota Extension will begin offering one-to-one financial counseling to farmers in serious financial stress. The new program offers distressed farmers help in understanding their financial situation and exploring options to keep their farms functioning as a viable enterprise.

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