Engagement Spotlight

**U of M Duluth’s NRRI offers alternative to traditional building demolition**

The University of Minnesota Duluth’s Natural Resources Research Institute (NRRI) has been a long-time partner of social enterprises that provide job skills, safety training, and a paycheck to workers who dismantle old buildings to save valuable materials for recycling and resale. NRRI is now partnering with St. Louis County on a pilot project to deconstruct four tax-forfeited properties to see if deconstruction and repurposing makes sense on a wider scale.

Announcements

**2018 Communities of Practice (Deadline: September 14, 2018)**

Minnesota Campus Compact and the University's Office for Public Engagement is offering Communities of Practice on themes including community-engaged research methods; cultivating civic-minded professionals; developing as community engagement professionals; depolarization and dialogue; and transformative collaboration in community driven, culturally responsive partnerships.

**U of M Morris receives Otto Bremer Trust Grant**

The University of Minnesota Morris's Center for Small Towns (CST) has been awarded an operating support grant by the Otto Bremer Trust to further CST's work with small towns and community groups across Minnesota.

**U of Rochester study to help assess community engagement**

New York-based University of Rochester's Clinical and Translational Science Institute has created an
assessment process to help academic health centers map, track, and improve their community engagement efforts.

2018 Engagement Scholarship Consortium Pre-Conference Workshops—September 30, October 1

This fall’s University of Minnesota-hosted Engagement Scholarship Consortium Conference will feature pre-conference workshops for a wide range of publicly-engaged scholars and practitioners. Workshops include: Emerging Engagement Scholars Workshop; Leadership of Engagement 2018: An Engagement Academy Executive Seminar; Outreach and Engagement Practitioners Network Workshop; and Pre-College and Youth Programming Workshop.

U of M Events

- Aug. 7 MCRR Summer Literacy Workshop
- Aug. 16 MnTAP Intern Symposium
- Sept. 12 CTSI All-Scholar Poster Session
- Sept. 14 Egalitarian Pluralism as an Answer to the New Integrationist View of Black Segregation and Poverty
- Sept. 20 UROC Community Day
- Sept. 30-Oct. 3 Engagement Scholarship Consortium Conference
- Oct. 10 UROC Critical Conversation: Mapping Prejudice—Racism, Rent, and Real Estate in Minneapolis
- Oct. 11-13 Global Engagement and Spaces of Practice
- Nov. 1 CTS Transportation Research Conference
- Nov. 28 CitSciMN 2018

Other Events

- Aug. 9 Engaged Learning Series
- Aug. 9-11 International Conference on Restorative Practices
- Aug. 26-28 Pen-to-Paper Writing Retreat
- Aug. 28 ALL IN Campus Democracy Challenge
- Oct. 2-5 Third Annual Conference on Native American Nutrition
- Oct. 19, 21 Imagining America National Gathering
- Nov. 2-4 National Coalition for Dialogue & Deliberation’s National Conference
- Nov. 9, 10 Iowa Civic Action Academy
- May 30, 31 Midwest Campus Compact Conference

Featured Resource

Ebooks Minnesota continues growth in statewide book sharing collections
Ebooks Minnesota, a free online book sharing service managed by the University of Minnesota Libraries's Minitex system, experienced an 86 percent increase in readership during its second pilot year. Through April 2018, out of 4,000 available ebooks in the collection, Minnesotans of all ages have connected to an ebook a total of 158,868 times.

**Featured Community-Engaged Scholars**

University of Minnesota Associate Professor of Law Perry Moriearty received tenure at the University's 2018 Promotion and Tenure Reception. Moriearty's research focuses on juvenile justice, criminal justice, and race and the law. She explains that, "as a clinical legal educator, my academic career is driven by and inextricably entwined with the legal needs of the underrepresented clients, families and communities we serve." View Moriearty's profile and find other University engaged scholars in the Office for Public Engagement's [Community-Engaged Scholar Directory](#).

**Award Opportunities**

- **Principal Community Scholars** *(Deadline: September 28, 2018)*
  The Principal Community Scholars Program is a collaboration between Principal Financial Group and Minnesota Campus Compact that supports the leadership development of undergraduate students seeking a business or business-related degree.

- **Call for Applications**
  - **Democracy Shark Tank Grant Competition** *(Deadline: August 3, 2018)*
    Minnesota Campus Compact seeks applications from teams of faculty, student life staff, campus administrators, and students to participate in a Democracy Shark Tank that incubates ideas to support student voter engagement in the 2018 election.

- **CTSI Community Health Collaborative Pilot Grants** *(Deadline: August 20, 2018)*
  CTSI is now accepting applications for its Community Health Collaborative Pilot Grants program, which supports community-university pilot research projects that address important health issues identified by Minnesota communities.

- **U of M Clinical and Translational Science Institute CEARCH funds** *(Deadline: Ongoing)*
  The University's Clinical and Translational Science Institute's Office of Community Engagement to Advance Research and Community Health offers two new funding opportunities to community members and organizations interested in developing ideas and partnerships that address community health.

**Call for Papers/Conference Proposals**
Call for Proposals: Impact: The Journal of the Center for Interdisciplinary Teaching & Learning (Deadline: September 15, 2018)

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 focusing on theories and practices that 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

PHDR seeks Community Engagement Program Coordinator
The University's Program in Health Disparities Research (PHDR) seeks applicants for the position of community engagement program coordinator. This position is responsible for assisting in establishing, implementing, and evaluating the unit's community engagement strategies, plan, goals, and programming in collaboration with PHDR's director, faculty, staff, and community board.

Democracy in Action Summit (Deadline: August 3, 2018)
Minnesota Campus Compact seeks campus team registrants for the 2018 Democracy in Action Summit. The summit will provide opportunities for participants to share ideas about how to support student voting.

Healthy Equity Leadership and Mentoring Program (Deadline: September 10, 2018)
The University of Minnesota Medical School Program in Health Disparities Research seeks applications for the Health Equity Leadership and Mentorship Program, which is designed to enhance the academic excellence and leadership capacity of diverse University faculty and health disparities researchers.

U of M School of Public Health offers CBPR course for fall semester
The University’s School of Public Health’s introductory Community-Based Participatory Research course is intended for community practitioners and graduate students in any University college or department interested in adding CBPR to their repertoire of approaches in addressing health and social disparities.

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