December 2016

Engagement Spotlight

U of M students focus on equity and development in Brooklyn Park

The City of Brooklyn Park's Community Development Department is working with students from the University's Humphrey School for Public Affairs to improve strategies for more equitable community. The city is partnering with students in the school's Master of Urban and Regional Planning Program to paint a clearer picture of the rapidly changing area and zero in on such issues as economic development, housing, and school mobility.

Announcements

MSU's Kyle Powys Whyte on decolonization and research

Michigan State University (MSU) Professor Kyle Powys Whyte will lead the next forum of the Engaged Scholar Critical Community Engagement Roundtable, focusing on decolonization and research. The Timnick Chair in the Humanities at MSU, Powys is associate professor of philosophy and community sustainability, a faculty member of the Environmental Philosophy and Ethics graduate concentration, and a faculty affiliate of the American Indian Studies and Environmental Science and Policy programs.

U of M wins APLU global learning award

The Association of Public and Land-grant Universities (APLU) has awarded the University of Minnesota its inaugural Institutional Award for Global Learning, Research, and Engagement. The honor recognizes universities at the forefront of inclusive efforts to internationalize their campuses.

UROC partners on Young Women’s Initiative of Minnesota

The Young Women’s Initiative of Minnesota is a partnership between the Governor’s Office of the State of
Minnesota, the Women's Foundation of Minnesota, and the University's Robert J. Jones Urban Research and Outreach-Engagement Center (UROC) to address issues of equity in opportunity for young women throughout the state.

**U of M MAISRC launches AIS citizen science detectors program**

University of Minnesota Extension, the Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center, and the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources have partnered to develop a training certification course that empowers citizens to help identify and fight aquatic invasive species in their communities.

**U of M Events**

- Dec. 7 [Promoting the Health of Pregnant Incarcerated Women: From Research to Advocacy](#)
- Dec. 8 [Local Government Innovation Awards](#)
- Dec. 9 [The Science of Integrative Interventions](#)
- Dec. 14 [Cultivating Community and Voice in the Classroom](#)
- Jan. 10 [Engaged Scholar Critical Community Engagement Roundtable](#)
- Feb. 6 [Provost Conversation Series: Cristina Henriquez](#)
- Feb. 7 [Engaged Scholar Critical Community Engagement Roundtable](#)
- March 7 [Provost Conversation Series: Yaa Gyasi](#)
- March 7 [Engaged Scholar Critical Community Engagement Roundtable](#)
- March 28 [Provost Conversation Series: Nicholas Kristof](#)
- April 4 [Engaged Scholar Critical Community Engagement Roundtable](#)
- May 2 [Engaged Scholar Critical Community Engagement Roundtable](#)
- June 6-8 [Rural Arts and Culture Summit](#)

**Other Events**

- Dec. 13 [Emergent Emersion: Moving Beyond Service - A Community Engagement Model Webinar](#)
- Dec. 15 [Grow Our Own Summit](#)
- Jan. 9-11 [Seminar in Curriculum Development for International Service-Learning](#)
- Jan. 25-28 [AAC&U 2017 Annual Meeting](#)
- Feb. 14 [Building Institutional Capacity for Service Learning: The Engaged Faculty Institute Curriculum Webinar](#)
- Feb. 24 [Community Engagement Network Gathering](#)
- March 7 [Facing our Stories, Strengthening our Communities Webinar](#)
- April 5 [MNCC Annual Summit and Awards Ceremony](#)
- May 15 [Liberating Service Learning Webinar](#)
- June 5-7 [Midwest Campus Compact Conference](#)

**Featured Resource**

*Journal on Anchor Institutions and Community*
The Anchor Institutions Task Force has released *The Journal on Anchor Institutions and Community*, a new publication series that promotes anchor institutions as pillars of economic and community development and addresses how leaders can leverage institutional resources to fight challenges facing their communities.

**Award Opportunities**

**Newman Civic Fellowship** *(Deadline: January 20, 2017)*

The University's Office for Public Engagement is seeking applications for Campus Compact's Newman Civic Fellowship, which recognizes undergraduate or graduate students who engage in collaborative action with others in order to create long-term social change, take action in addressing issues of inequality and political polarization, and demonstrate the motivation and potential for effective long-term civic engagement.

**U of M Outstanding Community Service Awards** *(Deadline: February 15, 2017)*

The University's Outstanding Community Service Awards recognizes faculty, staff, students, and University-affiliated community members who have made significant, demonstrable contributions to the public good through research, teaching, and/or public service.

**Call for Grant Applications**

**U of M Program in Health Disparities Research grants**

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.

**Bringing Theory to Practice Project's Campus Dialog grants** *(Deadline: December 9, 2016)*

Bringing Theory to Practice Project's Campus Dialog Grants provide support for one-year projects around thematically integrated gatherings or dialogues involving a core group of diverse campus constituents.

**U of M Healthy Eating and Activity Across Lifespan grants** *(Deadline: January 13, 2017)*

The University's Department of Family Medicine and Community Health offers Healthy Eating and Activity Across Lifespan grants that support creative pilot projects broadly focused on healthy eating and physical activity and that have the long-term potential for meaningful and measurable impact on local community health.

**U of M Advanced Pathways to Research Program** *(Deadline: January 19, 2017)*

The University's Clinical and Translational Science Institute's Advanced Pathways to Research Program provides research training through a structured core curriculum, mentored research projects, weekly research seminars, and a final presentation of research. University doctoral-level professional health sciences students are eligible, and applicants from underrepresented populations are strongly encouraged.
to apply.

**U of M IonE's Acara Challenge** *(Deadline: January 31, 2017)*
The University's Institute on the Environment's Acara Challenge rewards student teams that are developing solutions to address global social and environmental challenges. Competition finalists receive mentorship, as well as support in refining their goals and creating a viable launch program.

**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.

**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.

**Call for Papers/Conference Proposals**

**Call for Proposals: U of M Grand Challenges courses** *(Deadline: December, 15, 2016)*
The University's Office of the Executive Vice President and Provost seeks faculty interested in collaboratively teaching a Grand Challenge course in the 2017-18 academic year. Proposals for new courses should focus on diverse and multi-faceted global challenges that require solution-oriented, interdisciplinary approaches to learning.

**Call for Papers: Journal of Higher Education Outreach and Engagement** *(Deadline: February 1, 2017)*
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 Proposals: PUBLIC, the online Journal of Imagining America** *(Deadline: February 1, 2017)*
PUBLIC, the online *Journal of Imagining America: Artists and Scholars in Public Life*, seeks artists, activists, designers, and scholars in an exploration of the potential of digital technologies and practices to inspire creative, interactive, collaborative work for public engagement and the pursuit of social justice.

**Call for Proposals: Midwest Campus Compact Conference** *(Deadline: February 17, 2017)*
Midwest Campus Compact Conference organizers seek proposals that share research and program models and/or facilitate discussions on key issues related to community engagement.

**DePauw's Irwin W. Stearns Center seeks research proposals** *(Deadline: February 28, 2017)*
DePauw University's Irwin W. Stearns Center invites proposals that focus on the impact of service learning on students, faculty, community partners, and/or one or more higher education institutions in the Chicago metropolitan area.

**Call for Proposals: 18th Annual Engagement Scholarship Consortium Conference** *(Deadline: March 15, 2017)*

The Engagement Scholarship Consortium seeks conference proposals that inform or advance the scholarship and practice of engaged scholarship and university-community partnerships through research findings, innovative program design and partnership models, proven community/institutional impacts, effective curriculum or service-learning models, collaborative policy development and integration, or successful civic engagement practices.

**Call for Papers: Partnerships: A Journal of Service-Learning and Civic Engagement** *(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**

**Call for Applications: 2017 U of M Minnesota State Fair D2D building** *(Deadline: January 15, 2017)*

The University's Driven to Discover research facility at the Minnesota State Fair provides turnkey research space for University faculty and student investigators seeking to recruit participants from among the fair's 1.9 million annual visitors.

**U of M's Southeast RSDP seeks administrative specialist**

The University of Minnesota Extension's Southeast Regional Sustainable Development Partnerships seeks a Rochester-based executive office and administrative specialist to support programs in food systems and community economic development.

**U of M Acara Impact Venture Launchpad course offering** *(Deadline: December 20)*

The University's Institute on the Environment's Acara Impact Venture Launchpad is an intensive one-week course on how to turn an idea into a viable social business model.
The Office for Public Engagement is a unit of the University of Minnesota Office of the Executive Vice President and Provost.