Engagement Spotlight

Twice a month, Engaging U profiles the work of a publicly-engaged unit or center at the University of Minnesota. Email future Spotlight suggestions to Amber Cameron.

US-Pak Civic Engagement Project
The University of Minnesota, Twin Cities was selected as one of five U.S. institutions to participate in a new project organized by Innovations in Civic Participation (ICP). Sponsored by the U.S. Embassy in Islamabad, the project twinned five U.S. and Pakistani universities to build capacity for civic engagement and student and community youth leadership. The year-long project resulted in a series of exchanges, including visits to partnering campuses.

Campus Exchanges
In March 2013, the University hosted a team from the University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences (UVAS) in Lahore, Pakistan. The team visited with many units on campus and also explored campus-community partnerships in greater Minnesota. In late June, Amber Cameron from the University's Office for Public Engagement, Katie Peacock from the Community Service-Learning Center, and Ross Roholt from the
Department of Social Work traveled to Pakistan to take part in a similar exchange. The team learned about UVAS's community engagement efforts and offered trainings to workshop participants on engagement institutionalization and service-learning.

**Supporting Steps**

During the final days of the University delegation's visit, a group of Pakistan universities and colleges launched the Pakistan chapter of the Talloires Network, a chapter dedicated to expanding the reach of engagement efforts in Pakistan by fostering dialogue with local communities. Ross Roholt also offered a jointly-run course with UVAS colleagues during which students held virtual conversations on engagement work in Minnesota and Lahore. University and UVAS colleagues aim to continue their partnership with the goal of promoting engagement efforts on both campuses.

**Announcements**

**Retiree/University Connections: Partnering for Success Workshop**

Twin Cities campus administrators are invited to meet with leaders of the University of Minnesota Retirees Association and national experts on building better connections between universities and their retirees at 10 a.m., Thursday, Oct. 16 in 2020 Johnston Hall. For reservations, contact [Ron Anderson](mailto:ron.anderson@umn.edu) by Oct. 10.

**Building the Engaged Public University through Teaching and Research**

Engaged Scholar Workshops are designed to help University of Minnesota faculty take advantage of the benefits of publicly-engaged scholarship. This series of workshops will offer strategies for conducting publicly-engaged teaching and research through discussions with experienced community-engaged scholars, presentations of best practices, and activities to help scholars apply best practices to their own work.

**UROC Community Day**

Join University of Minnesota Urban Research and Outreach-Engagement Center (UROC) staff in a celebration of University/Community partnerships at Community Day from 2 to 7 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 17 at UROC, 2001 Plymouth Ave. N. in Minneapolis. Learn about UROC's latest research projects and its lasting commitment to public accountability and transparency. Enjoy refreshments, live music, tours, displays, and demonstrations. The 4 p.m. program will feature special guests University President Eric Kaler, Provost Karen Hanson, and newly appointed Vice President for Equity and Diversity Katrice Albert and Vice Provost for Student Affairs and Dean of Students Danita Brown Young.

**PsTL 2013-14 Engaging Pedagogies Colloquia**

Beginning October 17, the Department of Post-secondary Teaching and Learning will host Engaging Pedagogies, a monthly series addressing the strategies and challenges of community-engaged teaching and scholarship. The series is free and open to the public.

**U of M Students Win Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education Student Sustainability Leadership Award**

The project, called "The Next Generation Environmental Leaders," was driven by a coalition of students from the Twin Cities and Morris campuses and played a key role in Minnesota Governor Mark Dayton's 2013 Environmental Congress. Funding for the work was provided in part by a mini-grant from the University's Institute on the Environment.

**Center for Transportation Studies to Lead $10.4 Million Regional University Transportation Center Consortium**

In a national competition held by the U.S. Department of Transportation, the Center for Transportation Studies (CTS), has been selected to lead a University Transportation Center Consortium which will focus on improving transportation safety. The new Region 5 Center for Roadway Safety Solutions will be a regional focal point for transportation safety research, education, and technology transfer initiatives. The region includes Minnesota, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin.

**Center for Urban and Regional Affairs Releases 2012-2013 Annual Report**

The Center for Urban and Regional Affairs (CURA) has released their annual report. The report highlights the past year's community-engaged research projects, student and department participation, and
community-partners CURA engaged with over the past year, in addition to other highlights.

**U of M Graduate Student Named Imagining America PAGE Fellow**

Janeke Thumbran, a first-year doctoral student in African History, has been named one of fifteen 2013-14 Publicly Active Graduate Education (PAGE) Fellows with Imagining America. The PAGE program works to develop theoretical frameworks for publicly engaged graduate education; creates opportunities for mentorship and collaboration; and fosters career pathways for engaged students.

**Events**

- Oct. 15—**Coffee Break for Grants: Research Partnerships with Community Groups**
- Oct. 17-19—**Radical Responsibility and Awakened Leadership**
- Oct. 18—**Friday Leadership Research Forum: How Cross-Sector Leadership is Building Extension's Public Value**
- Oct. 22—**Center for Health Equity Works in Progress: Exploring the Impact of Youth Survival Expectations on Future Health**
- Oct. 24—**Kei Kona, Kei Konei: Going Back to Going Forward**
- Oct. 24—**Engaged Scholar Workshops: Preparing for the Promotion and Tenure Process**
- Oct. 24, 25—**Taking Protection of Human Subjects to the Next Level Conference**
- Oct. 25—**Family Learning Beyond The Horizon**
- Oct. 27-29—**"Transforming and Sustaining Communities through Partnerships" CUMU Conference**
- Nov. 2—**Saturday Scholars: Working in the Achievement Gap**
- Nov. 4—**Engaged Scholar Workshops: Documenting Engaged Scholarship: Enhancing Your Dossier for Promotion and Tenure** Part I
- Nov. 7—**CEED's 40th Anniversary**
- Nov. 6-8—**International Association for Research on Service-Learning and Community Engagement**
- Nov. 14—**Engaging Pedagogies: Building Effective Partnerships for Multicultural Learning**
- Nov. 18-20—**Fifth Global Communiqué in Community Engaged Research and Engagement**
- Nov. 19—**Engaged Scholar Workshops: Documenting Engaged Scholarship: Enhancing Your Dossier for Promotion and Tenure** Part II
- Dec. 10—**Anchor Institutions Task Force Conference**
- Dec. 12—**Engaging Pedagogies: Community Engagement and the Purpose of Higher Education**
- Jan. 30—**Engaging Pedagogies: Framing Community Engagement**
- Feb. 5—**Pathways to Achieving Civic Engagement Conference**
- Feb. 27—**Engaging Pedagogies: Troubleshooting Community Partnerships**
- March 26-28—**Gulf-Cost Summit: Creating Capacity Collaboratively**
- April 12, 13—**Global Health and Innovation Conference**
- April 17—**Engaging Pedagogies: Critical Community Engagement**

**Featured Resource**

**Community-Engaged Scholarship in the Academy: An Action Agenda**

Catherine Jordan, director of University of Minnesota Extension’s Children, Youth and Family Consortium and associate professor of pediatrics, has co-authored an article in the July/August 2013 issue of *Change: The Magazine for Higher Learning*.
Awards/Grants

**IonE Mini Grants Competition** *(Deadline: Oct. 15, 2013)*

Sponsored by the Institute on the Environment (IonE), the grants help spur new collaborations by providing a small amount of funding plus in-kind administrative and logistical support to interdisciplinary groups across the University of Minnesota.

**NIH Grant: Academic-Community Partnership Conference Series** *(Deadline: Oct. 18, 2013)*

National Institutes of Health's Academic-Community Partnership Conference Series promotes opportunities for addressing health disparities through the use of community-based participatory research.

**Global Spotlight Initiative Grant Competition** *(Deadline: Oct. 19, 2013)*

The Global Spotlight Initiative is seeking proposals for its 2014 grants competition to support international research by faculty and graduate students with a focus on the region of South Asia and/or the issue of global food security. Global Spotlight is the Global Programs and Strategy Alliance’s biennial focus on a region of the world and a pressing global issue.

**U of M Imagine Fund Grants** *(Deadline: Oct. 29, 2013)*

The University of Minnesota's Imagine Fund Grant programs support projects in the arts, humanities, and design at the University of Minnesota. Deadlines are Oct. 29 for individual faculty research awards and Nov. 29 for the special events award.

**Healthy Foods, Healthy Lives (HFHL) Institute Planning Grant Program** *(Deadline: Nov. 11, 2013)*

Healthy Foods, Healthy Lives seeks letters of interest for the Planning Grant Program, designed to fund the development of food, nutrition and health-related interdisciplinary faculty research teams.

**Healthy Foods, Healthy Lives (HFHL) Institute Community-University Partnership Grant Program** *(Deadline: Nov. 15, 2013)*

This grant program seeks to fund innovative community-university partnerships related to food, nutrition, and health.

**Food Policy Research Center** *(Deadline: Jan. 25, 2014)*

The Food Policy Research Center is seeking proposals from University faculty for innovative food and nutrition policy briefs. For more information on requirements and examples, visit www.foodpolicy.umn.edu/news/index.htm.

**Jack Kent Cooke Dissertation Fellowship Award** *(Deadline: Feb. 4, 2013)*

This fellowship supports advanced doctoral students who are completing dissertations that further the understanding of the educational pathways and experiences of high-achieving, low-income students.

Call for Papers/Proposals

**Call for Proposals: Continuums of Service Conference** *(Deadline: Oct. 14, 2013)*

The Continuums of Service Conference’s theme is Civic Engagement: Bridging Gaps in Education, in Communities, and Across the Globe. The conference will explore current issues and disparities in educational access and success, health, wealth, and environmental sustainability.

**Request for Applications: Pilot Studies Using Community-Based Participatory Research (CBPR) to Address Cancer Health Equity** *(Deadline: Oct. 15, 2013)*

The American Cancer Society’s (ACS’s) Extramural Grants Department has announced a request for
applications (RFA) for community-based participatory research projects focused on reducing the cancer disparities found in vulnerable and medically underserved populations across the entire cancer continuum. This RFA is for pilot or exploratory projects aimed at gathering data that will be used to develop an independently funded study. Researchers located in Iowa, Minnesota, South Dakota, and Wisconsin are invited to apply for this award.

**Call for Proposals: Gulf-Coast Summit (Deadline: Oct. 15, 2013)**
The Gulf-Coast Summit's theme is "Creating Capacity Collaboratively: Connecting Learning and Civic Outcomes."

**Call for Proposals: Center for Urban and Regional Affairs community-based research assistance (Deadline: Oct. 30, 2013)**
The Center for Urban and Regional Affairs (CURA) is inviting proposals for the spring 2013 semester for the Kris Nelson Community-Based Research Program and the Community Assistantship Program (CAP). The programs provide applied research assistance to community-based groups. The Kris Nelson Community-Based Research Program works with organizations in the seven-county metro area, and the Community Assistantship Program works with groups in greater Minnesota.

**Call for Proposals: Pathways to Achieving Civic Engagement Conference (Deadline: Nov. 4, 2013)**
Conference proposals are being sought for presentations that will inform or advance the research and practice of community engagement through research findings, innovative program design and partnership models, proven community/institutional impacts, effective curriculum or co-curricular models, institutional capacity building and institutionalization, or successful community engagement practices.

**Call for Proposals: Gates Foundation Invites Proposals for Round 12 of Grand Challenges Explorations (Deadline: Nov. 12, 2013)**
The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation is accepting applications for the Grand Challenges Explorations initiative, a ground-breaking grant program encouraging approaches toward bettering the lives of the world's poorest people.

**Call for Proposals: Socially Engaged Art (Deadline: Dec. 2, 2013)**
A Blade of Grass provides financial resources to artists who demonstrate artistic excellence and serve as innovative conduits for social change.

**Call for Papers: Journal on Global Social Welfare (Deadline: Dec. 31, 2013)**
Premiering in 2014, Global Social Welfare will highlight research that informs the fields of global social development, social welfare policy and practice. Research that recognizes the significant link between individuals, families, and communities and their extended environments, as well as the interrelatedness of race, cultural context and poverty, are particularly welcome.

**Call for Papers: International Undergraduate Journal for Service Learning, Leadership, and Social Change (Deadline: Ongoing)**
The International Undergraduate Journal for Service Learning, Leadership, and Social Change is accepting articles from undergraduate students on the development of service-learning projects and their impact on the community, case studies on service-learning projects, and reflections on service-learning and leadership.

**Call for Papers: eJournal of Public Affairs on Public Scholarship (Deadline: Ongoing)**
The journal is focused on scholarship related to engagement in the public arena and, in particular, in the considerations of citizenship, scholarship of teaching and learning, assessment of civic-engagement projects and relationship between engagement and social media.

**Call for Papers: The Journal of Higher Education Outreach and Engagement (Deadline: Ongoing)**
The journal highlights innovative endeavors, critically examines emerging issues, trends, challenges and opportunities, and reports on the studies of impact in the areas of public service, outreach, engagement, extension, engaged research, community-based participatory research, action research, public scholarship, service-learning and community-service.

Opportunities

**University of Minnesota Extension's Children, Youth, and Family Consortium**
University of Minnesota Extension's Children, Youth, and Family Consortium (CYFC) is seeking applicants for the CYFC Scholars Program. The program supports a cohort of University faculty, research staff, and Extension personnel from diverse disciplines to participate in a four-year learning community about community-engaged research and scholarship and to conduct research responsive to CYFC's interests in education and health disparities. Scholars receive $15,000 each year for the four years to support their involvement and expenses. Contact Cathy Jordan.

**New England Resource Center for Higher Education's Virtual Think Tank Series**
The New England Resource Center for Higher Education (NERCHE) is offering a virtual think tank series titled, "Assessing and Rewarding Civic Engagement." The webinars and virtual discussions are designed to engage higher education practitioners in the exploration of collaborative change processes which address social justice in a diverse democracy.

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