Engaging U

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Engagement Spotlight

Once 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.

Art as a Catalyst for Environmental Change:
Associate Professor Christine Baeumler
University of Minnesota associate professor of art Christine Baeumler is a community and environmental
artist whose work addresses current ecological challenges. In addition to teaching, she serves as artist-in-residence for St. Paul's Capitol Region Watershed District (CRWD) in St. Paul. In this role, Baeumler coordinated the Hydropolis Boat Tour with Public Art Saint Paul as part of the International Low Impact Development conference held last August. The event brought together a large group of international water resource professionals and artists for an evening of conversation and interactive art performances on the Mississippi River.

Baeumler's work involves engaging communities in environmental projects focused on urban ecological restoration and water quality infrastructure. She is currently working on an Art Place funded project at Fargo's Plains Art Museum to design edible and native plantings that support pollinators on the museum's campus. She has also just begun a project in conjunction with CRWD staff, students, parents, and faculty at St. Paul Central High School to make their campus more sustainable and water friendly.

At a recent Weisman Art Museum event, Baeumler performed as an "Eco Oracle" basing her predictions for a sustainable future on a deck of cards she designed inspired by the Weisman's collection. Recently, she attended the Creative Time Summit in New York City entitled, Art, Place, and Dislocation in the 21st Century City. By using the arts as a community engagement tool, Baeumler and her community partners help citizens understand their role in achieving clean water and healthy ecology.

Announcements

**Postsecondary Teaching and Learning Offering Engaging Pedagogies Series**
The University of Minnesota College of Education and Human Development's Department of Post Secondary Teaching and Learning is hosting a monthly colloquium entitled "Engaging Pedagogies" designed to address the strategies and challenges of community-engaged teaching and scholarship. The series kicks off Nov. 14, with Heidi Barajas, the college's associate dean for engagement, diversity and undergraduate programs and executive director of the University's Urban Research and Outreach-Engagement Center, on the theme of building effective partnerships for multicultural learning.

**U of M Institute on the Environment Resident Fellows Competition**
The Institute on the Environment is recruiting a new cohort of resident fellows from across the University. The program supports creative faculty members from a range of backgrounds. Support includes $10,000 in flexible funding, plus ongoing support for collaborative research projects and international travel grants. Proposals due Dec. 15, 2013.

**Announcing U of M Public Engagement Expertise Resource System (PEERS)**
Having trouble navigating an aspect of your publicly engaged work? The Office for Public Engagement's Public Engagement Expertise Resource System (PEERS) provides short-term mentoring on public engagement challenges. The PEERS program can connect you with a peer mentor experienced in community-campus partnerships to advise you on activities like developing a memorandum of understanding, filling out an institutional review board application, and navigating questions about intellectual property.

Events

- Nov. 7  [2013 Midwest Mentoring Forum: Equipping and Supporting Mentors for Adults Who Are Reentering Community After Incarceration](#)
- Nov. 7  [CEED's 40th Anniversary](#)
- Nov. 6-8  [International Association for Research on Service-Learning and Community Engagement](#)
- Nov. 8  [Supporting College and Career Readiness for All Students](#)
- Nov. 14  [Engaging Pedagogies: Building Effective Partnerships for Multicultural Learning](#)
- Nov. 18,19  [The Distinguished Visiting Scholar Series On Health Disparities](#)
- Nov. 18-20  [Fifth Global Communique 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 11  Internationalizing the Curriculum and Campus Conference
• April 12,13  Global Health and Innovation Conference
• April 17  Engaging Pedagogies: Critical Community Engagement
• May 21, 22  Center for Transportation Studies Transportation Research Conference

Featured Resource

Research University Engaged Scholarship Toolkit
The Research Universities Civic Engagement Network has released the fourth edition of the Research University Engaged Scholarship Toolkit. The toolkit has sections defining and exploring engaged scholarship, the review, promotion, and tenure process, and additional resources for engaged scholars.

Awards/Grants

U of M 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.

U of M 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.

Homegrown Minneapolis Food Council Homegrown Heroes Award (Deadline: Nov. 15, 2013)
Homegrown Minneapolis Food Council is honoring the accomplishments of community partners who help expand the community's ability to grow, process, distribute, eat, and compost more healthy, sustainable, locally grown foods.

Open Streets/Play Streets 2014 Funding Opportunity (Deadline: Nov. 27, 2013)
Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota's Center for Prevention is awarding up to $10,000 for the planning and execution of health-related events in Minnesota in 2014.

U of M Global Spotlight Grants for students (Deadline: Dec. 4, 2013)
The University of Minnesota Global Programs and Strategy Alliance's Global Spotlight Grants are available for faculty, graduate, and professional degree students to support innovative research related to one of two themes: South Asia and global food security.

John W. Gardner Leadership Award (Deadline: Jan. 31, 2014)
Independent Sector's John W. Gardner Leadership Award recognizes visionaries working in or with the nonprofit community whose leadership has been transformative and who have empowered constituencies, strengthened participation, and inspired movements.

Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Dissertation Fellowship Award (Deadline: Feb. 4, 2014)
This Jack Kent Cooke Foundation fellowship supports advanced doctoral students completing dissertations that further the understanding of the educational pathways and experiences of high-achieving, low-income
students.

**Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Cultural Exchange Fund** *(Deadline: Feb. 13, 2014)*

Supported by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, this fund assists U.S.-based presenting professionals and their organizations and companies in building partnerships and collaborations with international touring artists, companies and their collaborators and to experience the work of artists from around the world in its cultural context.


Sponsored by the Howard G. Buffett Foundation and University of Wisconsin-Madison, this competition is open to U.S. undergraduate and graduate students across all academic disciplines involved in the development of solutions to social and agricultural challenges within the world's food systems.

**Call for Papers/Proposals**

**Call for Proposals: U of M Center for Transportation Studies Transportation Research Conference** *(Deadline: Nov. 12, 2013)*

The conference acts as a forum for researchers and practitioners from Minnesota and the Upper Midwest to share their research findings in a variety of transportation-related areas. Concurrent sessions are focused in the categories of transportation safety and traffic flow, transportation infrastructure, transportation and the economy, and transportation planning and the environment, with a fifth category covering education and outreach issues.

**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 in Global Health Explorations, a ground-breaking grant program encouraging approaches toward bettering the lives of the world’s poorest people.

**Call for Proposals: U of M Obesity Prevention Center Working Interest Groups** *(Deadline: Nov. 22, 2013)*

The University of Minnesota's Obesity Prevention Center announces the availability of funding for Working Interest Groups to foster new configurations of faculty in a working group format to develop creative ideas for research around particular research topics.

**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 Proposals: U of M Food Policy Research Center** *(Deadline: Jan. 25, 2014)*

The University of Minnesota Food Policy Research Center is seeking proposals from faculty for innovative food and nutrition policy briefs.

**Call for Proposals: Loyola Colloquium on Academic Libraries and Service Learning** *(Deadline: Jan. 31, 2014)*

Loyola Marymount University and Loyola Law School's Colloquium on Academic Libraries and Service Learning, is accepting conference proposals from individuals who are interested in community/library partnerships via service learning.
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)
This 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)
This 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, engaged research, community-based participatory research, action research, public scholarship, service-learning and community-service.

Opportunities

U of M Institute for Advanced Study to Convene Interdisciplinary Seminar on Water
The University of Minnesota Institute for Advanced Study will convene an interdisciplinary faculty seminar and parallel public lecture series to develop a new intellectual framework and supporting narratives to theorize new ways of thinking about water systems. The seminar will provide funding for the participation of one postdoc fellow and two graduate fellows. A planning session will be held at 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 14 in 235 Nolte.

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