March 2017

Engagement Spotlight

**U of M researchers seek equality in birth outcomes**

Recognizing the role of socioeconomic factors in birth inequities, School of Public Health Assistant Professor Rachel Hardeman and Associate Professor Katy Kozhimannil are studying the birthing process and documenting best practices at the Roots Community Birth Center, where they explore community-based, culturally-centered care that can improve outcomes for African-American infants.

Announcements

**Research and Changemaking: Publicly Engaged Scholarship in Action—March 2**

Sponsored by the University's Office for Public Engagement and Graduate School, the symposium's keynote speaker will be John Wallace, professor with the University of Pittsburgh's School of Social Work, Katz School of Business, and Department of Sociology, Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences.

**OPE offers free space for engaged research projects at Minnesota State Fair's D2D Research Facility**

The University of Minnesota Office for Public Engagement is sponsoring free space in the University's Driven to Discover Research Facility at the 2017 Minnesota State Fair for researchers undertaking community-engaged research projects. Due to limited availability, interested researchers should call OPE Associate Director for Public Engagement Initiatives Amber Cameron at 612-624-1706 by Friday, March 3.

**OPE to host U of M Public Engagement Action Plan review feedback forums—March 8, 21 and 24**

The University's Office for Public Engagement will host open review feedback forums for faculty, staff, students, and community members to review and discuss the Twin Cities' campus proposed Public Engagement Action Plan. Produced by a 38-member campus work group, this re-calibrated public engagement agenda identifies the proposed action steps that will guide the advancement and further
institutionalization of reciprocal public engagement over the next five years.

**OPE seeks nominations for APLU Engagement Scholarship Awards**
The University's Office for Public Engagement seeks nominations for the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities' W. K. Kellogg Foundation Community Engagement Scholarship Awards and the C. Peter Magrath Community Engagement Scholarship Award, which recognize outstanding community-university engagement scholarship at four-year public universities. Internal nominations are due March 8.

**Apply to co-chair a 2017-2018 Community of Practice**
Minnesota Campus Compact, in partnership with the University of Minnesota's Office for Public Engagement, will again offer communities of practice (CoPs) in 2017-18 to enhance individuals' capacity to do community engagement work in higher education. Applications to co-chair a CoP are due April 17.

**Open Rivers: Networks and Collaboration**
The fifth issue of the University's River Life program's online journal Open Rivers: Rethinking the Mississippi highlights local and regional interdisciplinary collaborations that change the University community's relationship with water.

**First Annual U of M Research Ethics Day—March 9**
The Research Ethics Day will include a morning session on the challenges of informed consent followed by afternoon workshops on a range of topics, including partnering with community members and managing conflicts of interest. The event is sponsored by the Consortium on Law and Values in Health, Environment & the Life Sciences, Office of the Vice President for Research, Human Research Protection Program, and the Masonic Cancer Center, University of Minnesota.

**U of M Events**

- March 7 [Provost's Conversation Series: Yaa Gyasi](#)
- March 7 [Engaged Scholar Critical Community Engagement Roundtable](#)
- March 7 [Engaged Scholar Workshop: Promotion and Tenure](#)
- March 8 [Frontiers in the Environment](#)
- March 8-9 [Frontier Issues in Research Ethics](#)
- March 9 [Immigrant Stories Launch Party](#)
- March 10 [Through an Engaged Lens Book Club: Homegoing](#)
- March 21 [Engaged Scholar Workshop: Promotion and Tenure](#)
- March 23 [Frontiers in the Environment](#)
- March 23 [Teacher Education Pedagogies](#)
- March 23 [Shared Water Shared Responsibility](#)
- March 28 [Guy Stanton Ford Memorial Lecture: Nicholas Kristof](#)
March 28  CEHD Research Day
April 4  Engaged Scholar Critical Community Engagement Roundtable
April 5  Frontiers in the Environment
April 19  Spring Child Welfare Conference
April 20  Frontiers in the Environment
April 20  Teacher Education Pedagogies
May 2  Engaged Scholar Critical Community Engagement Roundtable
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

Other Events

- March 2  The Activist Scholar: A Symposium on Publicly-Engaged Scholarship and Changemaking
- March 7  Facing our Stories, Strengthening our Communities Webinar
- March 19-22  5th Annual Diversity Abroad Conference
- April 5  MNCC Annual Summit and Awards Ceremony
- May 1-5  C2U Expo
- May 15  Liberating Service Learning Webinar
- May 24  Bringing Theory to Practice Conference
- June 5-7  Midwest Campus Compact Conference
- June 8-10  Civic Learning and Democratic Engagement Meeting
- July 30-Aug. 2  Soil and Water Conservation Society Annual Conference

Featured Resource

U of M IHRC Immigration Syllabus

This Immigration History Research Center publication seeks to provide historical context to current debates over immigration reform, integration, and citizenship. The syllabus follows a chronological overview of U.S. immigration history, but it also includes themes that cover salient issues in political discourse today such as xenophobia, deportation policy, and border policing.

Award Opportunities


The Center for Advanced Studies in Child Welfare is accepting nominations for the Exemplary Services Award to recognize Minnesota child welfare supervisors and front-line workers in public, tribal, and private child-serving agencies for exemplary service to children and families.

APLU Engagement Scholarship Awards (Deadline: March 8, 2017)

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grant Universities' W. K. Kellogg Foundation Community Engagement Scholarship Awards and the C. Peter Magrath Community Engagement Scholarship Award, which recognize outstanding community-university engagement scholarship at four-year public universities. Internal nominations are due March 8.

Call for Grant Applications

NSF Innovations at the Nexus of Food, Energy, and Water Systems (Deadline: March 6, 2017)
The National Science Foundation’s Innovation at the Nexus of Food, Energy, and Water Systems program aims to catalyze well-integrated interdisciplinary and convergent research to transform scientific understanding of the food, energy, and water nexus in order to improve system function and management, address system stress, increase resilience, and ensure sustainability.

Call for Proposals: Summer Community-Based Research (Deadline: March 6, 2017)
CURA is seeking proposals for the Nelson Program, which builds partnerships between community-based organizations or government agencies and the University of Minnesota. The research needs of organizations are matched with students to carry out community-defined and guided projects.

Clinical Scholars National Leadership Program (Deadline: March 8, 2017)
This Robert Wood Johnson-funded grant program is accepting applications from health-care practitioners seeking a three-year fellowship. Grantee organizations will work toward building a Culture of Health in their communities.

Fesler-Lampert Chair in Urban and Regional Affairs Competition (Deadline: March 10, 2017)
CURA is seeking faculty members with a distinguished record of research and teaching for the Fesler-Lampert Chair. An award of $40,000 will support a faculty member in a year-long research project related to matters of urban and regional significance.

Call for Proposals: Faculty Interactive Research Program (Deadline: March 10, 2017)
CURA is accepting applications for projects that involve a significant urban-related public policy issue for the state or its communities, and that include active engagement with groups, agencies, or organizations in Minnesota involved with the issue.

MN LEND Fellowship (Deadline: March 15, 2017)
The Minnesota Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities Program is accepting applications for Predoctoral, Post Doctoral, and Community Fellows who hope to facilitate development of health care focused on neurodevelopmental disabilities.

Grand Challenges Research (GCR) Proposals (Deadline: March 20, 2017)
The GCR selection committee is seeking interdisciplinary research projects that will distinguish University
of Minnesota scholars as leaders in addressing two of the Grand Challenges identified through a campuswide process: Assuring Clean Water and Sustainable Ecosystems or Fostering Just and Equitable Communities.

**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 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**

**Call for Proposals: IARSLCE Annual Conference** *(Deadline: March 10, 2017)*
IARSLCE seeks proposals for its annual conference, which will be held in NUI Galway, Ireland. The theme of this year's conference is Gateways - Charting New Territories & Forging Authentic Relationships.

**Call for Submissions: Journal for Public Scholarship in Higher Education** *(Deadline: March 10, 2017)*
The Journal for Public Scholarship in Higher Education is calling for manuscripts that critically address community engagement in teaching, research, and learning at colleges and Universities.

**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: 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 of M BCED accepting applications for Community Internships (Deadline: March 17, 2017)**

The Office for Business & Community Economic Development is offering summer internships for the Community Health Initiative (CHI). Interns will provide resources that help community-based nonprofit organizations or small businesses that work in communities of color.

**CHI accepting applications for summer internships (Deadline: March 20, 2017)**

The Community Health Initiative's community interns will assist nonprofits and businesses that focus directly on addressing public health issues or health disparities in underserved, socially and economically challenged communities.

**Volunteers needed for Minnesota History Day**

As part of the College of Liberal Art's (CLA) partnership with the Minnesota Historical Society, CLA is helping to recruit judges for Minnesota History Day. Judges can select from a variety of History Day categories and only need an interest in history and an ability to interact with middle school and high school students to participate.

**U-Spatial offers free geospatial workshops**

U-Spatial is a nationally recognized model that serves and drives a fast-growing need for expertise in Geographic Information Systems (GIS), remote sensing, and spatial computing across the University.
During the spring semester, U-Spatial is offering a variety of instructor-led workshops focusing on different geospatial tools and technologies.

**Map biodiversity with Zooniverse**

The Bell Museum of Natural History is calling for volunteers to transcribe specimen labels from museums throughout the Midwest. Results will become part of the Minnesota Biodiversity Atlas.

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