March 2020

Engagement Spotlight

U of M 2020 Outstanding Community Service Awardees honored

Congratulations to this year’s Outstanding Community Service Award recipients, who will be recognized on March 5 during the U of M’s systemwide public engagement conference, hosted by the Office for Public Engagement. The winners are: Abimbola Asojo, professor and associate dean, College of Design; David Wilsey, program director, Humphrey School of Public Affairs; Catherine Clark, graduate student, College of Science and Engineering; and Jess Bengtson, assistant editor, Crookston Times.

Featured Community-Engaged Scholars

Engaged scholars in the College of Education and Human Development enhance human learning and development at all stages of the life span. Learn about the impactful publicly-engaged scholarship of recently promoted faculty members Associate Professor Jason Wolffe and Professors Clayton Cook and Tabitha Grier-Reed in the University’s Community-Engaged Scholar Directory.

Announcements

Funding granted for U of M Rochester community garden

The University of Minnesota Rochester's Angie Mejia, assistant professor for civic engagement, and Kim Sin, network and media specialist, have received funding for a new grant proposal entitled "The Village Community Garden and Learning Center: Building Cross-Cultural Community Resilience through Increased Fresh-Food Access and Citizenship."

U of M Crookston students create marketing plan for area business

In partnership with agricultural business H & S Manufacturing, University of Minnesota Crookston Business Department Lecturer Courtney Bergman supervised students in a service-learning
project to improve the company's visibility in a rapidly changing farming sector.

**U of M Morris students serve Minnesota through Center for Small Towns**

This spring, 19 University of Minnesota Morris students are working on 14 community projects through the Center for Small Towns (CST). Acting as a doorway to the university, CST gives small towns access to UMN Morris talent and resources while providing students with opportunities to apply the skills they're learning in the classroom.

**McDonald Diouf elected new FUHN board chair**

Colleen McDonald Diouf, CEO of Community-University Health Care Center, has been elected Federally Qualified Urban Healthcare Network (FUHN) board chair. FUHN constitutes a group of ten community clinics serving as a safety net Accountable Care Organization that has saved the state of Minnesota over $22 million dollars in a Medicaid Demonstration project.

**Award Opportunities**

**U of M Graduate School Best Dissertation Award Program — Deadline: Friday, April 10**

Each year the University’s Graduate School recognizes the top recent PhD graduates by presenting Best Dissertation Awards. Current and former students who will have been awarded a PhD, or who will have successfully defended and officially submitted their dissertations to the Graduate Student Services and Progress office between July 1, 2018 and April 12, 2020, are eligible.

**U of M Faculty and Academic Affairs Distinguished Teaching Awards**

The University's Faculty and Academic Affairs seeks nominations for two Distinguished Teaching awards: the Horace T. Morse - University of Minnesota Alumni Association Award for Outstanding Contributions to Undergraduate Education, and the Award for Outstanding Contributions to Graduate and Professional Education.

**U of M Events**

- March 3 **OPE Review Committee on Community-Engaged Scholarship Orientation**
- March 4 **Engagement Academy Webinar**
- March 5 **U of M Biennial Systemwide Public Engagement Conference**
- March 5 **Institute for Advanced Study "Thursdays"**
- March 10 **Program in Health Disparities Research Health Equity Seminar**
- March 13 **CPT Bearing Witness: Traumatic Stress and the Helping Professional**
- March 17 **Promoting Your Research to Industry Audiences**
- March 19 **Labor vs. Labor: Working-Class Institutional Politics in Response to Amazon and Gentrification in Western Queens**
- March 20 **Introduction to Civic Leadership**
Other Events

- March 10 Campus Compact National Webinar Series
- March 20 Minnesota Public Health Association: Is there justice for all?
- March 29-April 1 Campus Compact 2020 National Conference
- April 16 Minnesota Campus Compact Network Gathering (Winona)
- April 22 2020 Health Equity Summit
- April 24 Coptic Canadian History Project Conference: Middle Eastern Migrants in Transnational Perspectives
- May 6-8 2020 Minneapolis Collective Impact Convening
- May 7 Campus Compact National Webinar Series
- May 7-9 Language and Migration: Experience and Memory
- June 3-6 NASPA Civic Learning and Democratic Engagement Meeting
- June 5-7 East Side Freedom Library Conference of Activist Scholars
- June 9-11 APLU Summer Meeting
- June 22-24 Community Engagement Professional Retreat

Featured Resource

U of M 2020 Public Engagement Impact Reports

The University's Office for Public Engagement has compiled a list of more than 100 powerful examples of the impact publicly-engaged teaching, research, and outreach is having on Minnesota. The examples
range from agricultural innovations to housing initiatives, environmental breakthroughs, and mentorship programs for youth.

**Call for Applications**

**U of M Human in the Data MnDRIVE Fellowship Program** — **Deadline: Friday, March 6**
The Institute for Advanced Study is seeking applications from graduate students for a summer fellowship to fund research on the humanistic implications of data.

**U of M CURA Housing Stability Grants** — **Deadline: Sunday, March 8**
The University’s Center for Urban and Regional Affairs and the Alliance for Metropolitan Stability seek applications for Housing Stability Grants to support BIPOC communities, people with disabilities, and low-wealth communities working to build power and advance systems and policy changes at the local level.

**Interdisciplinary Research Leaders Program** — **Deadline: Wednesday, March 11**
Interdisciplinary Research Leaders (IRL) seeks applications for the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation national leadership program for teams of two researchers and one community partner. IRL teams hone their leadership skills while using the power of applied research to improve health and equal access to opportunity.

**Resilient Communities Project seeks next partner community** — **Deadline: Monday, March 16**
Research and technical assistance provided on locally identified projects that advance community resiliency by students at faculty from a variety of departments and disciplines.

**Center for Urban and Regional Affairs Faculty Interactive Research Program** — **Deadline: Monday, March 16**
This program supports interactive public policy research between U of M faculty and community organizations or government agencies in Minnesota with up to $45,000 in funding.

**U of M Imagine Fund Grant Programs** — **Deadline: Monday, March 16**
The University’s Imagine Fund grant programs support projects in the arts, design, and humanities. The three Imagine Fund programs support leading-edge, innovative lines of research or scholarship that may not otherwise be possible.

**Mellon/ACLS Public Fellows Competition for Recent PhDs** — **Deadline: Wednesday, March 18**
The Mellon/American Council of Learned Societies Public Fellows competition invites applications from recent or soon-to-finish PhDs for two-year placements in the fields of policy, arts and culture, community development, media, and international affairs.

**U of M GPS Alliance Internationalizing Teaching and Learning Faculty Cohort Program** — **Deadline: Tuesday, March 31**
The University's Global Programs and Strategies Alliance seeks applications for the Internationalizing Teaching and Learning Faculty Cohort Program. As part of this multidisciplinary cohort, faculty will engage in a year-long process to design or redesign courses that prepare global-ready graduates.

**U of M Resilient Communities Project partnerships**—**Deadline: Ongoing**
The University of Minnesota’s Resilient Communities Project (RCP) is now accepting proposals from cities, counties, tribal governments, special districts, and regional government agencies or collaboratives in Minnesota for both Large-Scale and Small-Scale RCP partnerships for the 2020–2021 academic year. Proposals for Large-Scale partnerships (10–25 projects) are due March 16, 2020; proposals for Small-Scale partnerships (1–5 projects) are accepted on a rolling basis.

**U of M CTSI Community Health Connections funding**—**Deadline: Ongoing**
The University’s Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute seeks applications for Community Health Connections, which offers funding to identify community needs and generate ideas and opportunities to promote collaborative efforts to improve community health.

**U of M CTSI The 'U' is for You**—**Deadline: Ongoing**
The University's Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute seeks applications for The 'U' is for You, which offers funding to foster University-community research engagement and mutual learning to address community-identified needs for capacity building in areas such as project set-up, relationship building, research ethics, and community research roles.

**Call for Papers/Conference Proposals**

**The International Undergraduate Journal for Service-Learning, Leadership, and Social Change**—**Deadline: Ongoing**
The *International Undergraduate Journal for Service-Learning, Leadership, and Social Change* seeks papers by undergraduate students that address service-learning projects and experiences.

**U of M CURA Faculty Interactive Research Program** — **Deadline: Monday, March 16**
The University's Center for Urban and Regional Affairs invites proposals for the Faculty Interactive Research Program. This program supports interactive public policy research between University of Minnesota faculty and community organizations or government agencies in Minnesota with up to $45,000 in funding per award.

**U of M SPH Research Day** — **Deadline: Friday, March 20**
The University's School of Public Health seeks abstract and poster submissions for its annual Research Day. Presentations will aim to support this year’s theme: *Health is a Human Right*, which will focus on a commitment to social change and the belief that everyone has the right to live a healthy life.
Opportunities

**U of M OED Step-Up Program Interns**
The University's Office for Equity and Diversity Step Up program, provides summer internship opportunities for youth ages 14-21 from Minneapolis who have not yet enrolled in a post-secondary opportunity. To hire a Step Up intern, applicants must submit an online job description by Friday, March 27.

**U of M SPH Summer Public Health Institute**
The University's School of Public Health Summer Public Health Institute offers courses for students and practicing professionals in public health and related fields. Participants can build or expand their professional expertise, learn best practices, broaden career options, network with other professionals, or explore a new area of interest.

**U of M OPE Collaboration Wednesdays**
The University's Office for Public Engagement Coordinator for Community Partnerships Merrie Benasutti hosts Collaboration Wednesdays through 2020. These meetings are informal weekly gatherings at local coffee shops for community members and University faculty and staff seeking information about partnerships.

**U of M UROC’s 2020 Summer Resource Fair—Saturday, March 28**
Learn about summer activities and opportunities for youth and adults at UROC’s 2020 Summer Resource Fair. Staff from organizations representing such activities as sports, performing arts, and small business and career ventures, will be on hand to answer questions about scholarships, applications, and registration.

**U of M National Summer Transportation Institute seeks 7th-9th graders for summer camp—Deadline: Tuesday, March 18**
Applications are now available for the Center for Transportation Studies' summer camp designed for 7th to 9th graders. The summer camp is a free, two-week long day camp for middle-school aged youth to learn about careers in transportation and STEM.

**U of Michigan Detroit URC study seeks CBPR partnerships**
The University of Michigan's Detroit Community-Academic Urban Research Center seeks long-standing community-based participatory research partnerships to participate in a survey questionnaire to better understand CBPR partnership success. Participation will contribute to the federally funded Measurement Approaches to Partnership Success (MAPS) study.

**Lead For Minnesota Fellowship—Deadline: Sunday, March 15**
Lead For Minnesota seeks applications for its public service fellowship that places dynamic, recently-
graduated leaders in underserved communities across Minnesota. The fellowship is a two-year, full-time, paid program in which young talent is recruited, trained by leading faculty across the University of Minnesota system, and equipped to catalyze change in their hometown (or home state) rural, tribal, and economically distressed communities.

Schochet Interdisciplinary Dissertation Fellowship—Deadline: Friday, March 27
The Schochet Interdisciplinary Dissertation Fellowship in Queer, Trans, and Sexuality Studies provides $22,000 to a Ph.D. candidate who is pursuing research in the areas of queer, trans, and sexuality studies.

Community Engagement Studios
A structured discussion session that enables community experts to provide feedback on a particular health research topic. Investigators can receive input on specific research from patients, community members, and other stakeholders.

U of M CSEARCH Community Research Van
The CSEARCH van is available year-round for University of Minnesota research teams and community partners to conduct health studies in the community or disseminate community-based research.

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