May 2017

Engagement Spotlight

Matching graduate students with business community needs

The University's Economic Development Fellows Consulting Program is connecting groups of graduate students with opportunities to develop area businesses. Past participants help manage the projects by building connections with new clients. Sponsored by the Office of University Economic Development with support from the Graduate School, the program provides students with real-world experience in diverse business environments, using University resources to make tangible impacts on local economies.

Announcements

OPE announces 2017 U of M Outstanding Community Service Award recipients

The University’s Office for Public Engagement has announced the winners of the 2017 University of Minnesota Outstanding Community Service Awards which recognize faculty, staff, students and community partners who have made significant, demonstrable, and direct contribution to society’s well-being. The 2017 recipients are: Outstanding Community Service Faculty Award—Brian Sick, associate professor, Department of Medicine, Medical School; Outstanding Community Service Staff Award—Linus Chan, director, Detainee Rights Clinic, Law School; Outstanding Community Service Student Award—Beth Fallon, PhD candidate, Department of Plant and Microbial Biology, College of Biological Sciences; and Outstanding Community Service Community Partner Award—Lisa Thornquist, research and project evaluation coordinator, Office to End Homelessness, Hennepin County.

U of M Public Engagement Leaders Retreat—Register by Wednesday, May 3

Public engagement leaders—including managers and directors of units, centers, and initiatives from across the University's system—are invited to attend the seventh annual University of Minnesota Public
Engagement Leaders Retreat. Highlights will include a review and discussion of the recently developed Public Engagement Action Plans for the University's Crookston, Morris, Rochester, and Twin Cities campuses; a conversation focused on the System-wide Strategic Planning effort; an update on key public engagement developments and upcoming initiatives from Associate Vice President for Public Engagement Andy Furco; an exploration of artistic initiatives and University-community partnerships in St. Paul's District Del Sol neighborhood; and opportunities to engage in professional development and network with other leaders in public engagement throughout the University system.

**UROC Critical Conversation: Sanctuary Through The Eyes of Women and Girls—Monday, May 22**

University faculty and advocacy leaders from the Twin Cities' communities of color will lead a public discussion about the physical and mental toll on women, girls, and families of color surrounding executive decisions and recent actions by the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency. Participants will be invited to share testimony, engage in small group conversations, and explore how University researchers can better partner with communities on the issues of immigration and deportation.

**2017-18 Communities of Practice (Deadline: September 8, 2017)**

Together with Minnesota Campus Compact, the Office for Public Engagement, is excited to announce six Communities of Practice for 2017-18. Communities of Practice will focus on themes such as equity and empowerment, developing community engagement professional, promoting understanding and listening through storytelling, examining the scholarship of engagement, and reflective practice.

**U of M Events**

- May 3 The Other Side of Poverty in Schools
- May 9 Founder's Day
- May 10 Fulbright information session
- May 11 Teacher Education Pedagogies
- May 12 Strategic Networking for Junior Faculty
- May 15 Community Symposium: The Importance of Play for Learning
- May 16 Public Engagement Leaders Retreat
- May 16 Fulbright Information Session
- May 17 Create Together Day: Citizen Science Hackathon
- May 18 Fulbright Information Session
- May 18 Research in Child Health dinner
- May 22 UROC Critical Conversation
- May 22-24 Public Health Institute: Community-Based Participatory Research
- June 6-8 Rural Arts and Culture Summit
- June 8,9 Symposium on the Ethics of Help: Creating Global Ambassadors for Patient Safety
- June 19-21 Engaging Young Leaders Training
- June 20, 21 Educational Equity in Action
- Sept. 18-20 Second Annual Conference on Native American Nutrition
- Oct. 12, 13 Student Engagement: Connection to School, Motivation to Learn
- Oct. 17, 18 Minnesota Water Resources Conference
- Oct. 25-27 2017 Food Access Summit

Other Events

- May 15 Liberating Service Learning Webinar
- May 16 Opioid and Heroin Community Forum
- May 18 Minnesota River Congress
- May 24 Bringing Theory to Practice Conference
- June 1-2 Engaging Patients & Other Stakeholders in Translational Research
- June 6, 7 Midwest Campus Compact Conference
- June 6-8 Rural Arts and Culture Summit
- June 7-10 Civic Learning and Democratic Engagement Meeting
- July 30-Aug. 2 Soil and Water Conservation Society Annual Conference
- Aug. 9-10 Secondary Math Teachers and Social Justice

Featured Resource

Compact Nation Podcast

Minnesota Campus Compact is facilitating monthly conversations about innovation in the field of public engagement, with topics ranging from professional development to systematic inequality. The latest episode features the University of Minnesota's Associate Vice President for Public Engagement Andrew Furco and Associate Professor Cathy Jordan.

Award Opportunities

Thomas Ehrlich Civically Engaged Faculty Award (Deadline: May 16, 2016)

Coordinated by Campus Compact, this award recognizes one faculty member each year for achievements in engaged scholarship and community engaged research. The award targets senior faculty members with a background in civic engagement.

U of M GPS Alliance Award for Global Engagement (Deadline: May 26, 2017)

The University's Global Programs and Strategy Alliance's Award for Global Engagement is given to faculty and staff members in recognition of outstanding contributions to global education and international programs at the University or in their field or discipline. In addition to honoring individual faculty and staff members, the award serves as a resource and inspiration to other faculty and staff.

Imagining America's PAGE Fellowship (Deadline: June 1, 2017)
Imagining America's PAGE Fellowship offers graduate students opportunities to enhance their theoretical and practical frameworks for public engagement through a national, interdisciplinary community of peers and opportunities for collaborative knowledge production.

**Call for Grant Applications**

**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 Women's Center Gender Equity Grants** *(Deadline: June 1, 2017)*

The University's Women's Center offers grants that support initiatives by employees or campus groups that will lead to a University that reflects the values of inclusiveness, fairness, diversity, excellence, and opportunity for all—with a focus on impacting the campus climate for women faculty, staff, and students.

**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 Papers: U of M Minnesota Water Resources Conference** *(Deadline: May 5, 2017)*

Sponsored by the University's Water Resources Center and the College of Continuing Education, Minnesota Water Resources Conference organizers seek abstracts for oral presentations, posters, and special sessions focusing on innovative, practical, and applied water resource engineering solutions, management techniques, and current research about Minnesota's water resources.

**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

**Clinton Foundation's Global Initiative University** *(Deadline: May 10, 2017)*

More than $750,000 in funding will be awarded to chosen applicants at this year's Clinton Foundation Global Initiative University meeting. Students interested in social entrepreneurship and innovation are invited to submit a proposal in the areas of education, environment and climate change, peace and human rights, poverty alleviation, and public health.

**Leadership Twin Cities accepting applications** *(Deadline: June 16, 2017)*

Offered by the Minneapolis Regional Area Chamber of Commerce, Leadership Twin Cities focuses on critical community issues to inform and inspire future leaders and challenges them to make a difference through personal commitment and involvement.

**U of M CIL seeks social science researcher**

The University's Center for Integrative Leadership is seeking a PhD social scientist researcher to join the new Shared Leadership Lab initiative. The research associate's work will focus on designing, implementing, coordinating, and communicating the results of research for the lab.

**One-to-one services for financially distressed farmers**

University of Minnesota Extension will begin offering one-to-one financial counseling to farmers in serious financial stress. The new program offers distressed farmers help in understanding their financial situation and exploring options to keep their farms functioning as a viable enterprise.

**YouLead: Leadership for you and your community program**

University of Minnesota Extension's YouLead program runs from September 2017 to April 2018 and will be held in five Minnesota communities and in Washington, D.C. Participants will expand their leadership skills through discussions, site visits, speakers, active lessons, application of learning and reflection, and positive psychology practices.

**U of M Humphrey Policy Fellows Program** *(Deadline: June 1, 2017)*

Approximately 35 leaders from government, business and industry, and nonprofit organizations from around the state participate in the University's Humphrey School of Public Affairs Policy Fellows Program which offers interaction with public officials, leadership training, diversity of participants and perspectives,
and opportunities to undertake projects that benefit the broader community.

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