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Engagement Spotlight

**U of M's Olaf Kuhlke receives NSF grant for research on Arctic cultural entrepreneurship**

University of Minnesota Duluth's Olaf Kuhlke, associate dean of the school's College of Liberal Arts, has received funding from the National Science Foundation to work with Arctic populations on implementing strategies and programs to boost entrepreneurship in remote communities. The college is home to the nation's only undergraduate program in cultural entrepreneurship, which trains students to become entrepreneurs in the creative and cultural industries.

Announcements

**Engaged Scholar Publicly-Engaged Methodology Bootcamps kick off October 19**

University of Minnesota faculty and staff from a range of disciplines will offer four publicly-engaged bootcamps in an exploration of how particular methodologies can be incorporated into teaching and research and how publicly-engaged scholarship can be applied to individual scholars' work.

**U of M network of community-engaged scholars in arts, humanities, and design**

A group of 25 community-engaged scholars from the arts, humanities, and design disciplines on the Twin Cities campus met on September 13 to share their work and to build a campus-wide faculty network to advance community-engaged research, teaching, and outreach. The network is proposing a set of recommendations for strengthening rewards for engaged scholarship at the University as well as sending a delegation to participate in Imagining America's national gathering for public scholars in the arts. To join the network, send a note of interest to avp-ope@umn.edu.

**U of M Events**
- Oct. 4 Climate Change in Our Own Backyards
- Oct. 10 UROC Critical Conversation: Mapping Prejudice—Racism, Rent, and Real Estate in Minneapolis
- Oct. 11-13 Global Engagement and Spaces of Practice
- Oct. 12 We Are Water MN Opening Ceremony
- Oct. 16-17 Minnesota Water Resources Conference
- Oct. 18 Hennepin-University Partnership: Breaking into the Public Sector
- Oct. 27 Minnesota Symposium on Civic Renewal
- Nov. 1 CTS Transportation Research Conference
- Nov. 1 Food Matters for Health Professionals
- Nov. 2 Food Matters for Health Professionals
- Nov. 9 Food Matters for Health Professionals
- Nov. 16 Wellbeing Experience
- Nov. 28 CitSciMN 2018

Other Events

- Oct. 2-5 Third Annual Conference on Native American Nutrition
- Oct. 19, 21 Imagining America National Gathering
- Oct. 23-24 Minnesota Toward Zero Deaths Conference
- Nov. 2-4 National Coalition for Dialogue and Deliberation's National Conference
- Nov. 9, 10 Iowa Civic Action Academy
- Nov. 13 Minnesota Campus Compact Webinar
- Nov. 15 SE MN Together: Building Thriving Communities
- April 10 Summit and Presidents Awards Luncheon
- May 30, 31 Midwest Campus Compact Conference

Featured Resource

MNCC launches community engagement communications tool kit
Minnesota Campus Compact has produced an online toolkit—Communicating Effectively about Community Engagement in Higher Education—offering tips on how to effectively communicate the value of community engagement to internal and external stakeholders.

Featured Community-Engaged Scholars

University of Minnesota Associate Professor of Horticultural Science Changbin Chen and Associate Professor of Forest Resources Matthew Russell recently received promotion to full professor with tenure. As part of their work, Chen works with local crop growers and Russell works with Minnesota woodland...
owners. Both believe their community-engaged scholarship played a significant role in their recent professional advancement. View Changbin and Russell’s profile and find other engaged scholars at the University of Minnesota by using the Community-Engaged Scholar Directory.

Call for Applications

**U of M CIT's Common Grounds (Deadline: October 7, 2018)**
The University's Center for Integrative Leadership seeks applications for Common Grounds, an interdisciplinary organization that brings together graduate students from all programs at the University to deliver consulting solutions to complex community or organizational issues facing the Twin Cities.

**U of M HFHL Community-University Partnership Grant Program (Deadline: October 10, 2018)**
The University's Healthy Food, Healthy Lives Institute's Community-University Partnership Grant Program funds innovative community and academic partnerships related to food, nutrition, and health. Projects supported through this program employ participatory action research or other creative strategies for addressing community-identified problems by bringing together University and community partners.

**U of M HFHL Faculty Planning Grant Program (Deadline: November 21, 2018)**
The University's Healthy Food, Healthy Lives Institute's Faculty Planning Grant Program supports the development of University interdisciplinary and cross-disciplinary research teams related to food, nutrition, and health.

**U of M Humphrey School seeks capstone projects**
The University's Humphrey School of Public Affairs seeks student-community partnership capstone projects in which teams of graduate students serve as consultants for public or nonprofit organizations.

Call for Papers/Conference Proposals

**Call for Abstracts: Michigan Journal of Community Service Learning (Deadline: December 20, 2018)**
The *Michigan Journal of Community Service Learning* seeks abstracts for a special section in the fall issue entitled "Community Impacts of Engaged Research, Teaching and Practice." The section will explore community-university partnerships as tools for research and teaching.

**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 focusing on theories and practices that 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**

*NMF's Communities Thrive Program* *(Deadline: October 10, 2018)*

The Northwest Minnesota Foundation's Communities Thrive Program seeks applicants for funding to support rural Minnesota communities in projects that advance revitalization, resilience, and sustainability.

*U of M Acara Changemakers Lab* *(Deadline: October 10, 2018)*

The University's Institute on the Environment seeks applications for this new course, in which students will receive skills training, networking opportunities, access to funding, and coaching on how to successfully pilot ideas their ideas addressing environmental or social problems.

*U of M Connecting Students and Communities Program* *(Deadline: October 31, 2018)*

The University of Minnesota Morris's Center for Small Towns and the University's Regional Sustainable Development Partnerships seek proposals for projects that partner undergraduate students with small communities to address locally identified sustainability needs.

*U of M Acara Changemakers Workshop* *(Deadline: December 14, 2018)*

This University's Institute on the Environment course is designed to help aspiring social entrepreneurs from all disciplines develop a viable proposal for social change.

*Student help in counting absentee ballots*

The University's Hennepin-University Partnership seeks students to help process absentee ballots from October 31 through November 6 for the 2018 mid-term elections. This opportunity includes an educational module on the role of absentee balloting in the U.S. and Minnesota.

*U of M hosts *We Are Water MN* October 12 through November 26*

The University's Institute on the Environment and River Life Program are hosting *We Are Water MN*, a traveling exhibit that explores the connections between the humanities and water through an exhibit, public events and educator resources.

*America Reads*

The University's College of Education and Human Development's America Reads Program is hiring undergraduate work-study students as literacy mentors for kindergarten through 8th grade students in the Twin Cities.
The **Office for Public Engagement** is a unit of the University of Minnesota Office of the Executive Vice President and Provost.