September 2017

Engagement Spotlight

U of M Twin Cities announces new public engagement plan
A 38-member work group composed of faculty, staff, and students has produced a detailed action plan that sets the strategic priorities for reciprocal, public engagement over the next five years. Aligned with the goals of the campuswide strategic plan, Driving Tomorrow, this newly recalibrated public engagement plan set the strategic priorities with an articulated vision and set of action steps to advance each priority area.

Announcements

CURA researcher speaks on congressional panel
Brittany Lewis, a research associate at the University’s Center for Urban and Regional Affairs, recently represented the University as a panelist for a congressional briefing entitled "Children and Families Facing Eviction." Lewis brought her expertise in community-engaged research, urban housing, community economic development, and race and gender studies to a conversation that examined cross-sector solutions for instability caused by eviction.

U of M OPE, Department of American Indian Studies co-sponsor roundtables beginning Tuesday, September 12
Co-sponsored by the University's Department of American Indian Studies and Office for Public Engagement, this year's Engaged Scholar Critical Community Engaged Roundtables will examine two themes: the colonial roots of disciplinary theories and knowledge and governance.

The impact of social media on modern elections topic of U of M Constitution Day event—Thursday,
Hosted by the Humphrey School of Public Affairs’ Center for the Study of Politics and Governance, the University's 2017 Constitution Day event and Minnesota Election Summit brings together Facebook leaders with Secretary of State Steve Simon to spotlight the breakthroughs in 2016 and lessons for 2018.

**OPE, Campus Compact offer eight issue-focused Communities of Practice**

The University’s Office for Public Engagement and Minnesota, Iowa and Wisconsin Campus Compacts are offering a series of issue-focused Communities of Practice (COP) ranging in topic from *Developing as Community Engagement Professionals* to *The Scholarship of Engagement Viewed From Community and Academic Lenses: Mirror Image or Distinctive Reflection?* Two sessions will be offered exclusively to University faculty, staff, and students.

**CURA receives national award for advancing neighborhood equity**

The University’s Center for Urban and Regional Affairs has received the National Neighborhood Indicators Partnership’s inaugural G. Thomas Kingsley Impact Award. The award recognizes partners who use data-driven research to effect policy change and development in the communities they serve.

**UMD students win Resilient Communities Project award**

Three University of Minnesota, Duluth (UMD) students have received the 2017 University of Minnesota Resilient Communities Project Outstanding Team Student Project award. The team, led by UMD Professor Ken Gilbertson, placed first out of 45 classes for a project that promoted nature-based play in Brooklyn Park, Minnesota.

**U of M professor awarded National Medal for Museum and Library Services**

University Librarian and McKnight Presidential Professor Wendy Pradt Lougee recently accepted the National Medal for Museum and Library Services on behalf of the University of Minnesota Libraries.

**U of M offers new Racial Justice in Urban Schooling minor**

The University’s Department of Curriculum and Instruction has launched a Racial Justice in Urban Schooling minor, a program that examines the intersections of race, social class, language status, gender, or sexual orientation, and how those impact educational equity and social justice.

**U of M’s IHRC releases new immigration curriculum**

The University’s Immigration History Research Center and the Advocates for Human Rights have released *Teaching Immigration*, a three-unit curriculum for grades 8 to adults that focuses on U.S. immigration through immigrants’ personal stories.
• Sept. 12 Engaged Scholar Roundtable: What is Decolonization?
• Sept. 14 U of M Constitution Day event: The Impact of Social Media on Modern Elections
• Sept. 14 Savage States: Settler Governance in an Age of Sorrow
• Sept. 15 Ambit Network Fall Conference
• Sept. 18-20 Conference on Native American Nutrition
• Sept. 21 Center for Community Vitality Leadership Series
• Oct. 5 UROC Community Day
• 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

• Sept. 13 MAISRC Research and Management Showcase
• Sept. 15, 16 Dialogue in Divided Societies
• Sept. 18-20 Conference on Native American Nutrition
• Sept. 26, 27 Engagement Scholarship Consortium Conference
• Sept. 27-29 Community Health Conference
• Oct. 8-11 Coalition of Urban and Metropolitan Universities Conference
• Oct. 12, 13 Student Engagement Conference
• Oct. 13 Communities of Practice Launch
• Oct. 18-20 Navigating the Future of Water
• Oct. 25-27 Food Access Summit
• Oct. 26, 27 Many Faces of Community Health
• March 25-28 Campus Compact National Conference

Featured Resource

*How Community Service Can Help Your Career*

The Chronicle of Higher Education's Audrey Williams June explores the challenges and benefits of community-engaged work for tenure-track faculty members at colleges and universities. June acknowledges the obstacles that new faculty face, but she also offers fresh perspective on the benefits of working with communities.

Award Opportunities

*U of M Josie R. Johnson Human Rights and Social Justice Award (Deadline: September 22, 2017)*

This University award honors faculty, staff, and students whose work exemplifies Josie R. Johnson's standard of excellence in creating respectful and inclusive living, learning, and working environments and commitment and passion in the areas of human rights and social justice.
**U of M Outstanding Community Service Awards** *(Deadline: December 15, 2017)*
The University's Outstanding Community Service Awards recognize faculty, staff, students, and University-affiliated community members who have made significant, demonstrable contributions to the public good through research, teaching, and/or public service.

**Call for Grant Applications**

**U of M HFHL Community-University Partnership Grant Program** *(Deadline: November 10, 2017)*
This University's Healthy Foods Healthy Lives Institute grant program funds innovative community and academic partnerships related to food, nutrition, and health. Projects supported 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 10, 2017)*
This University's Healthy Foods Healthy Lives Institute grant program supports the development of interdisciplinary and cross-disciplinary research teams related to food, nutrition, and health throughout the University.

**Call for Papers/Conference Proposals**

**Call for Proposals: Higher Education Innovation Summit 2018** *(Deadline: January 1, 2018)*
This summit is designed to connect creative educators and researchers seeking to transform higher education through innovations that enhance student learning.

**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**

**Apply to host the 2019 Midwest Campus Compact Conference**
Minnesota Campus Compact and its partners are seeking a Twin Cities campus to host the biannual
Midwest Campus Compact Conference. The host campus will assist in planning the event and will have an opportunity to showcase its own civic and community engagement efforts.

U of M IonE seeks nominations for affiliates program  (Deadline: September 18, 2017)
The University's Institute on the Environment (IonE) seeks nominations of early-career faculty, visiting scholars, sustainability educators, and established interdisciplinary scholars from across the University for its IonE Affiliates programs.

Apply for College Health Corps VISTA position
The Anoka-Ramsey Community College Mosaic Center is seeking a College Health Corps VISTA staffer to work toward increased access of community college opportunities for students of color and first-generation students.

U of M RSDP seeks executive director for southwest partnership
The University's Southwest Regional Sustainable Development Partnership seeks an executive director to support its board of directors and its research, education, and outreach projects that span four focus areas: sustainable agriculture and food systems, natural resources, clean energy, and resilient communities and sustainable tourism.

U of M's Health Equity Leadership and Mentoring Program seeks applications
The University's Program in Health Disparities Research seeks applications for its Health Equity Leadership and Mentoring Program. This opportunity is available to junior faculty members and postdoctoral fellows or trainees from minority and underserved groups and/or whose research is addressing health equity.

Register for IonE student retreat
The Institute on the Environment's "Be the Change" student retreat allows students to convene around sustainability, environment, and human rights issues for a day of inspiration, connection and skill development. All activities are geared towards inspiring, connecting, and teaching new techniques to students who want to make positive change in the world.

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