Engagement Spotlight

Surfboards and Service Learning: U of M senior Katie Stoltmann

College of Education and Human Development senior Katie Stoltmann calls her National Student Exchange (NSE) program experience, “the most amazing I’ve ever had.” While studying at the University of Hawaii at Manoa (UH Manoa), Stoltmann immersed herself in the Hawaiian community and its culture. At UH Manoa, Stoltmann volunteered at the Honolulu River of Life Mission which aids Hawaii’s large homeless population. She also volunteered for the Malama Learning Center’s (MLC) Opportunities Program which is designed to inspire high school students to pursue higher education.

Stoltmann considers the friendships and connections she made at MLC among the program's greatest rewards. She recommends the NSE experience to all students, urging them to “take advantage of all opportunities [so] you'll have amazing memories to bring back home—try out surfing, go skydiving, and be adventurous.”

Announcements

U of M Issues Area Networks Initiative RFP (Deadline: Sept. 5, 2014)

The Office for Public Engagement announces the availability of funding to support the University's Issue Area Network (IAN) initiative to improve cross-unit alignment of existing public engagement work by strengthening the coordination of the Twin Cities campuses' community engagement efforts.
Events

- May 21, 22  U of M Center for Transportation Studies Transportation Research Conference
- May 27-June 13  U of M Summer Public Health Institute
- May 31-June 1  Top Coast Festival
- June 2-4  Diving In: Institute for New Community Service-Learning Professionals
- June 4, 5  U of M Morris 2014 Symposium on Small Towns
- June 12, 13  Upper Midwest Civic Engagement Summit
- June 12-14  NASPA Civic Learning and Democratic Engagement Conference
- June 20-22  Imagining America Summer Institute on Organizing
- July 11, 12  What Went Wrong?: Reflecting and Learning from Community-Engaged Research
- July 24, 25  Pen to Paper Writing Retreat
- July 31  Extension Reconsidered
- Aug. 28, 29  17th International Service-Learning Conference
- Sept. 28, 29  Realizing the Civic Mission of Minnesota State Colleges and Universities
- Sept. 29-Oct. 1  International Association for Research on Service-Learning and Community Engagement Annual Conference
- Oct. 5-7  Coalition of Urban and Metropolitan Universities
- Oct. 7, 8  15th Annual Conference of the Engagement Scholarship Consortium
- Oct. 9, 10  Intercultural Horizons Conference

Featured Resource

**Community Involvement in Research Training**

The University of Illinois, Chicago's CIRTification program provides training in human research protections and research ethics tailored to the roles of community research partners. This program not only teaches community research partners about the importance of protecting participants, but works to enhance the contribution of community partners to research teams.

Awards/Grants

**U of M Center for the Study of Politics and Governance Policy Fellows Program** (Deadline: May 30, 2014)

The University's Humphrey School of Public Affairs is accepting applications for the 2014-2015 Policy Fellows program. The program brings together 35 mid-career Minnesota leaders from business, nonprofit, and government sectors for a nine-month professional development experience.

**IARSLCE Distinguished Research Award** (Deadline: May 30, 2014)

Given by the International Association for Research on Service-Learning and Community Engagement, this award recognizes a researcher who has a distinguished record of research and scholarly contributions to service-learning and community engagement.

**IARSLCE Early Career Research Award** (Deadline: May 30, 2014)

Given by the International Association for Research on Service-Learning and Community Engagement, this award
recognizes outstanding early career contributions to scholarship on service-learning and community engagement.

**IARSLCE Dissertation Award** *(Deadline: May 30, 2014)*
Given by the International Association for Research on Service-Learning and Community Engagement, this award recognizes a dissertation that advances research on service-learning and/or community engagement through rigorous and innovative inquiry.

**IARSLCE Graduate Student Scholarships** *(Deadline: May 30, 2014)*
Given by the International Association for Research on Service-Learning and Community Engagement, ten $500 scholarships are provided on a competitive basis for support to attend the national conference.

**U of M System-Wide Engagement Program** *(Deadline: May 31, 2014)*
This program provides funding designed to support engagement and leadership of faculty members within the greater U of M Health community and, through interdisciplinary collaboration, drive health outcomes.

**William E. Bennett Award for Extraordinary Contributions to Citizen Science** *(Deadline: June 2, 2014)*
This award from the National Center for Science and Civic Engagement recognizes lifetime contributions to citizen science.

**Bush Prize for Community Innovation** *(Deadline: June 5, 2014)*
Given by the Bush Foundation, the Bush Prize honors and supports organizations with a track record of making great ideas happen. Winners receive a flexible grant equal to 25 percent of their last fiscal year budget, up to $500,000.

**U of M CURA Kris Nelson Community-Based Research Program** *(Deadline: June 30, 2014)*
The Kris Nelson Community-Based Research Program builds partnerships between community-based organizations and suburban government agencies and local colleges and universities. The research needs of organizations are matched with students to carry out community-defined and guided projects.

**AAAS Early Career Award for Public Engagement with Science** *(Deadline: October 15, 2014)*
Given by the American Association for the Advancement of Science, this award recognizes early-career scientists and engineers who demonstrate excellence in their contribution to public engagement with science activities.

**U of M Clinical and Translational Science Institute Mini Pilot Award** *(Deadline: Ongoing)*
This program aims to assist University faculty in developing preliminary data for promising and innovative research projects.

**Call for Papers/Proposals**

**Call for Journal Manuscripts: International Journal of Research on Service-Learning and Community Engagement** *(Deadline: May 23, 2014)*
The International Journal of Research on Service-Learning and Community Engagement is a peer-reviewed online journal dedicated to the publication of research focused on service-learning, campus-community engagement, and the promotion of active and effective citizenship through education.
Call for Proposals: Fourth Annual Intercultural Horizons Conference  (Deadline: May 31, 2014)
State University of New York System's Geneseo College and Siena Italian Studies seek session presenters for the fourth annual Intercultural Horizons Conference on October 9-10, 2014. The conference committee is requesting that presentations offer diverse, engaging experiences, as well as resources for academics and professionals interested in advancing intercultural competence in their institutions and beyond.

Call for Papers: Undergraduate Journal of Service Learning and Community-Based Research  (Deadline: June 15, 2014)
This journal invites undergrads to pursue their own intellectual projects and advance knowledge in service learning, community-based research, and all related curriculum- and/or research-based community partnerships.

Call for Papers: eJournal of Public Affairs on Public Scholarship  (Deadline: Ongoing)
This journal is focused on scholarship related to engagement in the public arena and, in particular, on considerations of citizenship, scholarship of teaching and learning, assessment of civic-engagement projects, and relationships between engagement and social media.

Call for Papers: International Undergraduate Journal for Service-Learning, Leadership, and Social Change  (Deadline: Ongoing)
The International Undergraduate Journal for Service-Learning, Leadership, and Social Change is accepting articles from undergraduate students on the development of service-learning projects and their impact on the community, case studies on service-learning projects, and reflections on service-learning and leadership.

Call for Papers: The Journal of Higher Education Outreach and Engagement  (Deadline: Ongoing)
The Journal for Higher Education Outreach and Engagement highlights innovative endeavors, critically examines emerging issues, trends, challenges and opportunities, and reports on the studies of impact in the areas of public service, outreach, engaged research, community-based participatory research, action research, public scholarship, service-learning, and community-service.

Opportunities

U of M Public Health Community-Based Participatory Research Course
A School of Public Health course offered May 27-30 for individuals interested in adding community-based participatory research to their repertoire of effective approaches to understanding and addressing social and health disparities.

Minnesota Campus Compact Seeks Health Equity VISTA Program Leader  (Deadline: May 30, 2014)
Minnesota Campus Compact seeks a VISTA program leader to coordinate the member development components of a health equity focused VISTA program. Candidates must have already served one full year as an AmeriCorps VISTA member prior to serving as a VISTA leader.

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