Engagement Spotlight

In the 13 years that Paul Soper has been the Internship Director in the Department of Political Science, he’s helped hundreds of undergraduates find public service internships in government, politics and the non-profit sector. All of the students share an interest in politics, but what they learn while interning in the community often influences the direction of their careers and lives. Learn more.

Announcements

OPE Names Five Public Engagement Issue Area Networks
Five Issue Area Networks (IAN) will bring together units and departments addressing important societal issues through community-engaged practices to build cross-unit synergies, leverage resources, and work toward achieving a more collective impact with the community.

2014-15 Engaged Scholar Workshops—Registration Opens
The 2014-15 Engaged Scholar Workshops will focus on preparing community-engaged faculty for the promotion and tenure process and enhancing the student experience through intercultural development and engagement with communities. The series kicks off on October 17 with Understanding and Enhancing Students' Intercultural Development.
Engaged Scholar Critical Community Engagement Roundtables Start Tomorrow, October 1
Created for faculty and staff on the front lines of the University's community-engaged work, Critical Community Engagement Roundtables offer challenging discussion, peer support, and a safe place to test new ideas. Tomorrow's roundtable will focus on intellectual property in community-campus partnerships.

Three Engaged Scholar Socials Planned for 2014-15
Engaged Scholar Socials are a way for U of M faculty involved in publicly-engaged teaching and research to share experiences, explore ways to improve the environment for engaged scholarship, and network in a relaxed, happy-hour setting.

Invitation to Campus-Community Coordinators Alliance (CCCA)
The CCCA is the professional association for Civil Service, Bargaining Unit and Professional/Administrative public engagement staff across the University. The organization supports public engagement staff professional development. The next meeting on October 8 will focus on the new UMTC Strategic Plan.

Review Period Open for U of M Safety of Minors Policy
Recent revisions of the Safety of Minors Policy are focused on the implementation of the policy. The policy is in the 30 day review phase and individuals are encouraged to respond if they have any questions or concerns.

U of M Events

- Oct. 2 Interdisciplinary Center for the Study of Global Change Distinguished Lecture
- Oct. 3 College Readiness and Achievement Gaps (CRAG) Talk
- Oct. 3 Interdisciplinary Center for the Study of Global Change Brown Bag
- Oct. 9 'Leftover' Women: The Resurgence of Gender Inequality in China
- Oct. 10 Interdisciplinary Center for the Study of Global Change Brown Bag
- Oct. 13 Interdisciplinary Center for the Study of Global Change Workshop
- Oct. 14 Interdisciplinary Center for the Study of Global Change Distinguished Lecture
- Oct. 17 Engaged Scholar Workshop: Understanding and Enhancing Students' Intercultural Development
- Oct. 17 Interdisciplinary Center for the Study of Global Change Brown Bag
- Oct. 21 Engaged Scholar Social
- Oct. 31 Interdisciplinary Center for the Study of Global Change Brown Bag
- Nov. 5 Critical Community Engagement Roundtable: Hidden Subjectives in Our Academic Disciplines
- Nov. 5 2014 Advancing Cancer Health Equity Conference
- Nov. 7 Engaged Scholar Workshop: Developing Effective Reflection Assignments
- Nov. 7 Interdisciplinary Center for the Study of Global Change Brown Bag
- Nov. 11 Engaged Scholar Workshop: Preparing for Promotion and Tenure-Part I
- Nov. 13 Interdisciplinary Center for the Study of Global Change Distinguished Lecture
- Nov. 14 College Readiness and Achievement Gaps (CRAG) Talk
- Nov. 18 Engaged Scholar Workshop: Preparing for Promotion and Tenure-Part II
- Nov. 21 Interdisciplinary Center for the Study of Global Change Brown Bag
- Dec. 2 Engaged Scholar Workshop: Preparing Your Dossier: A Hands-on Clinic-Part III
- Dec. 3 Critical Community Engagement Roundtable: Critical Service-Learning
- Dec. 5 Engaged Teaching Roundtable
- Jan. 7 Critical Community Engagement Roundtable: Where is Racial Equity in Asset-Based Community Development?
- Feb. 6 Community-Academic Research Institute
Other Events

- Oct. 2, 3 Campus Compact Heartland Conference
- Oct. 5-7 Coalition of Urban and Metropolitan Universities Annual Conference
- Oct. 7, 8 15th Annual Conference of the Engagement Scholarship Consortium
- Oct. 9, 10 Intercultural Horizons Conference
- Oct. 9-11 Imagining America National Conference
- Oct. 15-17 Eastern Region Campus Compact Conference
- Oct. 16-18 AAC&U Global Learning in College: Cross-Cutting Capacities for 21st-Century College Students
- Oct. 24-26 Midwest Service Leaders Conference
- Oct. 28-30 Food Access Summit 2014
- Oct. 30 Minnesota Campus Compact: Campus-Community Engagement as a Strategy for Health
- Nov. 7 Minnesota Campus Compact: Deepening Engagement by Mobilizing Assets at Your Institution
- Feb. 11,12 Citizen Science 2015
- March 28, 29 Global Health and Innovation Conference
- April 8-10 Continuums of Service Conference
- June 9,10 Upper Midwest Civic Engagement Summit

Featured Resource

**Effective Governance of a University as an Anchor Institution: University of Pennsylvania as a Case Study**
This article explores the role of colleges and universities as anchor institutions, the type of governance needed to infuse local engagement into all aspects of the institution, the specific evolution of the University of Pennsylvania as an anchor, and lessons learned along the way.

Awards/Grants

**K. Patricia Cross Future Leaders Award** (Deadline: October 1, 2014)
This award recognizes graduate students who show exemplary promise as future leaders of higher education.

**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.
**Center for Urban and Regional Affairs Community Assistantship Program (CAP)**  
(Deadline: October 30, 2014)  
The CAP provides applied research assistance to community-based groups outside the Twin Cities Metro Area.

**Center for Urban and Regional Affairs Kris Nelson Community-Based Research Program**  
(Deadline: October 30, 2014)  
The Nelson program provides community organizations and suburban government agencies with community-driven, applied student-based research and technical assistance and creates opportunities for shared understanding and action based on the results.

**Healthy Foods, Healthy Lives (HFHL) Institute Community-University Research Grant**  
(Deadline: November 14, 2014)  
The HFHL Institute has released its Fall RFP for the Community-University Partnership Grant to fund innovative, community-University partnerships that utilize community-engaged research strategies.

**Healthy Foods, Healthy Lives (HFHL) Institute Faculty Research Planning Grant**  
(Deadline: November 14, 2014)  
The HFHL Institute is calling for letters of interest for the Faculty Planning Grant Program, designed to fund the development of food, nutrition and health-related interdisciplinary faculty research teams.

**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 Proposals: Continuums of Service Conference**  
(Deadline: October 13, 2014)  
This conference focuses on the critical processes of inquiry and engagement in shaping how higher education and communities identify and respond to the complexities of the 21st century.

**Call for Proposals: Citizen Science Association Inaugural Conference**  
(Deadline: October 23, 2014)  
Organized by the Citizen Science Association, this inaugural conference will bring together individuals from a wide spectrum of disciplines and experiences to build the field of public participation in scientific research.

**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**

**Mary J. Page Community-University Partnership Fund**  
Mary J. Page (1934-2013) was a voice for rural Minnesota. As a commissioner for Renville County, as a Regent for the University of Minnesota, and in many dozens of other leadership roles in the community and in the state, she carried the concerns of outstate Minnesota to important policy making circles. An endowed fund has been created to support University of Minnesota’s Regional Sustainable Development Partnerships and students working on community-based sustainability projects in Greater Minnesota.

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