Engagement Spotlight

Citizen science engages youth in authentic research
University of Minnesota Extension is getting kids outdoors with adult leaders on a mission to observe the natural world and solve mysteries. Driven to Discover: Enabling authentic inquiry through citizen science is a project of Extension, the University's Monarch Lab, National Science Foundation, Monarchs in the Classroom, and the Cornell Lab of Ornithology.

Announcements

U of M Resilient Communities Project recognized for excellence
The University's Resilient Communities Project has received the Excellence and Innovation in Graduate Education Award by the Midwestern Association of Graduate Schools and Educational Testing Service in recognition of outstanding contributions to domestic and international graduate education at both the graduate school and program level.

U of M Ford Lecture features Author, Activist Bryan Stevenson — April 7
The University's Guy Stanton Ford Lecture Series will feature Bryan Stevenson on "American Injustice: Mercy, Humanity and Making A Difference."

U of M Safety of Minors policy—register programs by April 15
The University recently updated its Safety of Minors policy for minors who visit campus or take part in University-sponsored programs. Under the policy, all programs that involve children under the age of 18 must meet several requirements including: programs must register with the University; program staff and volunteers must complete an online training course and background check; and programs must follow certain health and safety requirements. Under certain conditions, this policy applies to University-sponsored community-based activities that involve minors. Please refer to the full policy for specific conditions and exclusions. Programs should register by April 15.

U of M Public Engagement Leaders Retreat—May 20 and 21
Retreat highlights include a session on connecting the University's public engagement agenda to other key initiatives, a discussion of the University’s strategic plan, an update on the Issue Area Networks, and workshops on personal and professional leadership development.

**U of M Events**

- April 3 [College Readiness and Achievement Gaps Talk](#)
- April 8 [Citizen Science: Involving an Engaged Public in Your Research Projects with Zooniverse](#)
- April 9 [Engaged Scholar Social](#)
- April 10 [Engaged Scholar Workshop: Assessing Students’ Reflective Writing Assignments](#)
- April 12-14 [Sustainable City Year Conference](#)
- April 22 [23rd Annual Joel Labovitz Entrepreneurial Success Awards](#)
- April 24 [Engaged Teaching Roundtable](#)
- June 2-4 [Rural Arts and Culture Summit](#)
- July 20-24 [Upper Midwest Basic Economic Development Course](#)
- Oct. 23, 24 [Immigrant America: New Immigration and Immigration Histories from 1965 to the Present](#)

**Other Events**

- April 8-10 [Continuums of Service Conference](#)
- April 8-11 [National Service-Learning Conference](#)
- April 16 [Minnesota Campus Compact Summit](#)
- June 4-6 [Civic Learning and Democratic Engagement Meeting](#)
- June 8-11 [Engagement Academy for University Leaders](#)
- June 9, 10 [Upper Midwest Civic Engagement Summit](#)
- July 13-17 [Community-Based Participatory Research Partnership Academy](#)
- Oct. 14-16 [Eastern Region Campus Compact Conference](#)
- Oct. 16, 17 [Conference on Community Writing](#)

**Featured Resource**

**Realizing STEM Equity and Diversity through Higher Education-Community Engagement**

Published earlier this year by Ira Harkavy, Nancy Cantor, and Myra Burnett, this white paper presents an approach to advancing equity in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics through higher education-community engagement.

**Awards/Grants**

**U of M Healthy Foods, Healthy Lives Institute Planning Grant Program for Community-University Partnerships** *(Deadline: April 17, 2015)*

This program offers seed funding for the development of promising, authentic community-university research partnerships related to food, nutrition, and health.

**U of M Clinical and Translational Science Institute's Dissemination and Implementation Awards** *(Deadline: April 27, 2015)*

This program provides funding to research teams so they can apply research to real world issues related to human health. A total of $20,000 will be awarded to 6-12 collaborations between University researchers and Minnesota-based community organizations.

**State Farm Youth Advisory Board Service-Learning Grants** *(Deadline: May 1, 2015)*

Funding (between $25,000 and $100,000) available for service-learning projects that address the root causes of the following issue areas: access to higher education/achievement gap, economic empowerment, community safety and justice, health, environmental responsibility, and arts and culture.
Thomas Ehrlich Civically Engaged Faculty Award (Deadline: May 22, 2015)
This award recognizes senior, tenured faculty for exemplary leadership in advancing students' civic learning and higher education's contributions to the public good.

Call for Papers/Proposals

Call for Proposals: Eastern Regional Campus Compact Conference (Deadline: April 7, 2015)
This conference will highlight emerging theory and practice in place-based collective impact initiatives. The conference provides a forum to showcase the strategic engagement of faculty, students, and the wider higher education community by emphasizing engaged scholarship, cross-sector partnerships, and student research.

Call for Submissions: International Journal for Research on Service-Learning and Community Engagement (Deadline: April 25, 2015)
The International Journal for Research on Service-Learning and Community Engagement is a peer-reviewed online journal dedicated to the publication of research on service-learning, campus-community engagement, and the promotion of citizenship through education.

Call for Submissions: Undergraduate Journal of Service Learning and Community-Based Research (Deadline: June 1, 2015)
This journal is dedicated to publishing the intellectual and reflective work by undergraduates on service learning, community-based research, and all related curriculum- and/or research-based public community engagement activities.

Call for Manuscripts: Interdisciplinary Journal of Partnership Studies (Deadline: August 1, 2015)
Launched in November 2014, the Interdisciplinary Journal of Partnership Studies is dedicated to sharing knowledge and successful applications of Riane Eisler’s partnership paradigm.

Call for Papers: The Journal of Higher Education Outreach and Engagement (Deadline: Ongoing)
The Journal for 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 Proposals: U of Iowa Press Series on Public Engagement (Deadline: Ongoing)
The University of Iowa Press seeks content proposals for a series of books designed to capture significant publicly-engaged arts and humanities collaborations from the perspectives of faculty, students, community members, and organizational partners.

Opportunities

Job Posting: U of M Rochester Civic Engagement Scholar
University of Minnesota Rochester seeks a candidate with expertise in the scholarship of civic engagement. The successful candidate will take a leading role in coordinating and collaboratively teaching the primary civic engagement and capstone experience courses.

UMD Teen Enterprise opportunities
Offered by the University of Minnesota Duluth's Center for Economic Development, Teen Enterprise is a entrepreneurship-focused summer camp for high school students.

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