Engagement Spotlight

Robert Karimi (right), aka The People's Cook, is partnering with the Hmong Elder Center to help tell the story of Hmong elders through theater and food.

CURA Names 2014 Artist and Neighborhood Partnership Initiative Grantees

The University of Minnesota Center for Urban and Regional Affairs’ Neighborhood Partnership Initiative (NPI) and Artist Neighborhood Partnership Initiative (ANPI) provide grants of up to $10,000 to community-based, neighborhood, or other place-based organizations and artists located in communities of color and low-income communities in Minneapolis and St. Paul and surrounding suburbs.

NPI supports partnerships that lead to increased engagement, power, and influence of community members affected by racial, social, and economic disparities. ANPI grants recognize the valuable role that the arts and artists can play in community revitalization efforts and are intended to support the involvement of artists as key actors and leaders of community development. The 2014 grantees include an open mic forum that fosters leadership and social change, an ethnic food shelf, and a project designed to challenge community perceptions of the sex trade. The deadline for submitting a letter of interest for the 2015 NPI/ANPI programs is January 15, 2015. Learn more.

Announcements

U of M Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Service Pledge Drive Kickoff—Monday, January 19

Inspired by the national Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service, this voluntary drive aims to promote service opportunities for faculty, staff, and students while advancing the University’s mission of public engagement for the common good.

Leveraging Research for Change: Engaged Scholar Community-Academic Research
Institute—Friday, February 6
The University's Clinical and Translational Science Institute and Office for Public Engagement are partnering with Minnesota Campus Compact to host a day-long workshop for faculty, staff, students, and community partners focused on themes of leveraging community-engaged research and knowledge production in engaged research processes.

Engaged Scholar Social—Thursday, February 12
An opportunity for University faculty involved in publicly-engaged teaching and research to share experiences, network in a happy-hour setting, and move an agenda forward for improving the environment for engaged scholarship. Register here.

U of M Events

- Jan. 7 Critical Community Engagement Roundtable: Where is Racial Equity in Asset-Based Community Development?
- Jan. 19 University of Minnesota Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Service Pledge Drive
- Jan. 20 College of Education and Human Development Policy Breakfast
- Feb. 6 Community-Academic Research Institute
- Feb. 6 College Readiness and Achievement Gaps Talk
- Feb. 12 Engaged Scholar Social
- March 4 Critical Community Engagement Roundtable: Building the Field of Community Engagement: Impacts of Community Engagement Model
- March 27 Engaged Scholar Workshop: Preparing Students for Engaging in Communities
- April 1 Critical Community Engagement Roundtable: Living Integrated Lives as Community Engagement Practitioners
- April 3 College Readiness and Achievement Gaps Talk
- April 9 Engaged Scholar Social
- April 10 Engaged Scholar Workshop: Assessing Students' Reflective Writing Assignments
- April 24 Engaged Teaching Roundtable
- June 2-4 Rural Arts and Culture Summit
- Oct 23, 24 Immigrant America: New Immigration and Immigration Histories from 1965 to the Present

Other Events

- Jan. 22 Webinar: Serve. Track. Report. Which Tracking Tool is Best for Your Campus?
- Feb. 11,12 Citizen Science 2015
- March 28, 29 Global Health and Innovation Conference
- April 8-10 Continuums of Service Conference
- April 8-11 National Service-Learning Conference
- June 2-4 National Service-Learning Conference
- June 2-4 Rural Arts and Culture Summit
- June 8-11 Engagement Academy for University Leaders
- June 9,10 Upper Midwest Civic Engagement Summit
- March 21-23 National Campus Compact 30th Anniversary Conference

Featured Resource

NIEHS Manual: Partnerships for Environmental Public Health Evaluation Metrics
The National Institute of Environmental Health Science's Partnerships for Environmental Public Health Evaluation Metrics manual provides a logic model and metrics for evaluating activities, outputs, and impacts of environmental public health research, and more than 80 narratives providing concrete examples of metrics in action.

Awards/Grants
OPE seeks nominations for 2015 U of M President's Community-Engaged Scholar Award (Deadline: February 27, 2015)
This annual, systemwide award recognizes one faculty member or one academic professional and administrative employee for exemplary community-engaged scholarship in his or her field of inquiry.

Call for Papers/Proposals

Call for Manuscripts: Journal of Public Scholarship in Higher Education (Deadline: February 1, 2015)
The editors of the Journal of Public Scholarship in Higher Education invite manuscript submissions aimed at stimulating dialogue about the ways community engagement impacts faculty work and transforms disciplines and institutions.

Call for Proposals: 2015 Upper Midwest Civic Engagement Summit (Deadline: February 13, 2015)
Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, and Wisconsin Campus Compacts invite session proposals for their upcoming summit themed “The Global is Local: Civic Engagement across Cultures, Communities, and Nations.”

Call for Submissions: Public—A Journal of Imagining America (Deadline: February 15, 2015)
Submissions welcome that consider resonances and differences between public scholarship and practice in engaged arts, humanities, and design.

Call for Papers: Community Engagement Compendium: Local is Global (Deadline: March 1, 2015)
The University of North Georgia is accepting submissions for their open access community engagement compendium. This compendium is focused on the linkage between local, regional, national, and international engagement. Submissions relating to outcomes of regional engagement initiatives, international impact of local and regional engagement projects, mandatory vs. volunteer engagement, how to measure scholarly engagement, and/or community engagement and P&T are encouraged.

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.

Call for Proposals: University of Iowa Press series on Public Engagement (Deadline: Ongoing)
This series spotlights the work of artists, scholars, and activists immersed in publicly-engaged projects in which the humanities, arts, and culture inspire community building and civic change. The goal is to capture significant publicly-engaged arts and humanities collaborations from the perspectives of faculty, students, community members, and organizational partners.

Opportunities

Apply to Host a College Health Corps AmeriCorps VISTA Member (Deadline: January 12, 2015)
Apply to host a VISTA member at either a campus or community organization site. For a year they will work on strategic projects focused on increasing access to healthcare services, providing health prevention services and health education, engaging campus students in their communities, and increasing organizational capacity building.

California Campus Compact, Campus of the Mountain West, and Minnesota Campus Compact will provide an overview of the volunteer tracking tools available for higher education service-learning and community service programs.
Academy of Community Engagement Scholarship Seeks Nominations (Deadline: Ongoing)
The Academy of Community Engagement Scholarship seeks nominations for membership from higher education and the community at large.

U of M Researchers Needed for Land O'Lakes' Farmer-to-Farmer Program (Deadline: Ongoing)
Land O' Lakes' John Ogonowski and Doug Bereuter Farmer-to-Farmer (F2F) Program sends volunteers who are U.S. citizens and green card holders on short-term assignments to address the needs of agribusinesses, farmers and support organizations.