Engagement Spotlight

U of M student partners with sellers, buyers in Minnesota's hazelnut industry
With assistance from the Mary J. Page Community-University Partnership Fund, Amanda Sames, a PhD student at the University's College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences, will undertake a community research project on developing markets for Minnesota-grown hazelnuts. "There is growing interest in hazelnuts as a perennial crop that can help farmers' bottom line while also conserving top soil, contributing to cleaner lakes, rivers and streams," said Jeff Jensen, president of the Minnesota Hazelnut Foundation. "We are excited to have Amanda on board to do critical research about the opportunities and challenges of hazelnuts as a Minnesota crop. Learn more.

Announcements

Call for nominations: Community-University Engagement Awards
The Office for Public Engagement seeks applications for the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities' Community-University Engagement Awards Programs, which recognizes outstanding community-university engagement scholarship at four-year public universities.

U of M Humphrey School Professor Receives National Economic Association Award
Samuel Myers, Jr., the Roy Wilkins Professor of Human Relations and Social Justice at the University's Humphrey School of Public Affairs, has received the Samuel Z. Westerfield, Jr., Award by the National Economic Association.

U of M Morris Students Provide Research, Administrative Help to Local Organizations
The University of Minnesota, Morris Center for Small Towns and the University's Southwest Regional Sustainable Development Partnership provide research and project administration assistance to local units of government, K-12 schools, and community-based organizations.

Pregnancy Intervention Program Developed and Evaluated by U of M Nursing Faculty Recognized as Model
An intervention program for young women developed and evaluated by a team led by U of M School of Nursing associate professor Renee Sieving was recognized by the Centers for Disease Control and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services as a model for teen pregnancy prevention.

U of M Events
- 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 12-14 Sustainable City Year Conference
- 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

- March 28, 29 Global Health and Innovation Conference
- 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. 16, 17 Conference on Community Writing
- March 21-23 National Campus Compact 30th Anniversary Conference
- May 11-14 Community-Campus Partnerships for Health International Conference

Featured Resource

Diversity & Democracy Winter 2015 Issue
The winter 2015 issue of Diversity & Democracy examines the levers for and barriers to faculty and student participation in publicly-engaged scholarship and teaching, particularly in the arts, humanities, and design fields.

Awards/Grants

U of M FY2016 Global Food Ventures Pre-proposal (Deadline: March 9, 2015)
Global Food Ventures is seeking pre-proposals for new and innovative research, commercialization, or workforce development that promotes a safe, sustainable, affordable, and nutritious food supply. Support for these grants comes from the University's MnDRIVE funding program.

U of M Community Assistantship Program (Deadline: March 15, 2015)
The University's Center for Urban and Regional Affair's Community Assistantship Program provides 200+ hours of student time to work on a project defined by a community organization or government agency in Greater Minnesota.

U of M CURA Fesler-Lampert Chair in Urban and Regional Affairs (Deadline: March 16, 2015)
Based in the University's Center for Urban and Regional Affairs, this chair recognizes faculty members with a distinguished record of research and teaching related to matters of urban and regional significance.

U of M CURA Faculty Interactive Research Program (Deadline: March 16, 2015)
The University's Center for Urban and Regional Affairs invites proposals for research projects that include active engagement with groups, agencies, or organizations in the state on significant policy issues.
American Council of Learned Societies Public Fellows (Deadline: March 17, 2015)
This program places up to 22 recent doctoral graduates from the humanities and humanistic social sciences in two-year positions at partnering organizations in government and the nonprofit sector.

U of M Outstanding Community Service Awards (Deadline: March 27, 2015)
The University's Outstanding Community Service Awards recognize faculty, staff, students, and University-affiliated community members who, by devoting their time, talents, and expertise to serve the public good, have made significant, demonstrable, and direct contributions to society's well-being.

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.

Call for Papers/Proposals

Call for Proposals: Handbook of Research on Community Engagement in 21st Century Education (Deadline: March 15, 2015)
The book provides teachers and administrators, university faculty and administrators, and community volunteers with the research, information, and ideas they need to implement community-engagement in their classrooms, both face-to-face and online.

Call for Proposals: Engagement Scholarship Consortium Conference (Deadline: March 20, 2015)
Proposals are sought for posters, papers and paper symposia, and workshops that inform and advance research on and the practice of engaged scholarship and community-university partnerships.

Call for Proposals: IARSLCE International Conference (Deadline: March 27, 2015)
The International Association for Research on Service-Learning and Community Engagement's annual research conference is targeted to scholars, practitioners, students, and community partners interested in research on service-learning, community-based research, campus-community partnerships, and civic learning outcomes in education.

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

VISTA Health Equity Service Opportunities
Minnesota Campus Compacts seeks applicants for the 2015 College Health Corps, an AmeriCorps VISTA national service program.

Clinical and Translational Science Institute Community Research Van—Now Available
University researchers can access the Clinical and Translational Science Institute's Community Research Van, a new mobile health lab designed to help research teams conduct health studies in the five-state area.

**American Council of Learned Societies' Public Fellows Competition** (Deadline: March 17, 2015)
American Council of Learned Societies' Public Fellows participate in the substantive work of government and non-profit organizations while receiving professional mentoring.

**Job Posting: U of M Morris Community Program Coordinator**
The Community Program Coordinator will work as a member of University of Minnesota, Morris Center for Small Towns on student involvement programs, contracts and grants management, communications, publicity, and event coordination.

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