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Announcements

**U of M faculty contribute commentary to NEJM**

The New England Journal of Medicine has published “Stolen Breaths,” a commentary on the killing of George Floyd and the state of Black American health, authored by Rachel Hardeman, University of Minnesota School of Public Health associate professor; Eduardo Medina, Park Nicollet primary care physician and University of Minnesota Medical School adjunct assistant professor; and pediatrician Rhea Boyd.

**University of Minnesota Press announces ‘Reading for Racial Justice’ open access**

The University of Minnesota Press has collaborated with its authors to release an open access collection of antiracist books, available to read online at no charge through Aug. 31. The books and their authors included in the “Reading for Racial Justice” collection challenge white supremacy, police violence, and unequal access to criminal justice, education, and resources in Minnesota, the United States, and throughout the world.

**MNCC releases Social Change Wheel Toolkit**

Minnesota Campus Compact has introduced the Social Change Wheel 2.0 Toolkit, featuring an updated Social Change Wheel that includes an inner ring of campus-based strategies that align with larger efforts for social change. The toolkit also includes reflective activities to help put the wheel into action in community-engaged work.

**U of M Crookston Minnesota Monday**
University of Minnesota Extension and University of Minnesota Crookston's Office of Outreach and Engagement are hosting a five-week, virtual, on-demand weekly series that will touch on regional, agricultural-based content sharing basic concepts in science, agriculture, and nutrition.

**U of M Humphrey School offers new community-engaged courses**

The University's Humphrey School for Public Affairs will introduce two new public engagement courses for the fall semester. Public Input in Decision Making will explore how best to incorporate public input for maximum impact. Outreach Methods and Communication will provide an overview of outreach methods used in engagement practice and foundational communications skills critical to delivering successful engagement.

**OPE working to connect resources to communities**

University's Office for Public Engagement is connecting community-based agency requests to University resources, expertise, physical supplies, and equipment. Email ope@umn.edu to connect with an OPE program coordinator who will respond to your request via email. Monitor OPE's Twitter feed for updates on University and community drives and related activities in response to recent events.

**Ways to Contribute to Community Healing**

Want to make a difference? Visit the Office for Public Engagement’s Contribute to Community Healing webpage, which lists organized ways to donate, volunteer, and contribute to community healing in the aftermath of the killing of George Floyd. The list is updated periodically as new opportunities arise.

**Information and Resources Related to COVID-19**

**Matchmaking community and University resources and needs**

The University’s Office for Public Engagement's Making Connections—Making a Difference offers community members and internal stakeholders a way to ask questions and offers ideas about University-community collaborations focused on COVID-19.

**Resources, healthcare for COVID-19-impacted tribal communities**

Mary Owen, assistant professor and director of the University's Center of American Indian and Minority Health, is working with her team to provide resources and care to Native American communities during COVID-19. The partnership includes two Native American-owned locum companies that are helping to match physicians and healthcare professionals to tribal communities who are experiencing significant need during the pandemic.

**U of M Medical School offers COVID-related youth resources**

University of Minnesota Duluth Medical School's Dr. Anna Wirta Kosobuski and Dr. Richard Melvin have developed COVID-19-related informational resources for youth. "COVID-19? Answers for Kids" and "A Kid's Quick Guide to Stopping COVID-19" present easy ways to stop the spread of the coronavirus.
U of M CUHCC organizes food and product donations
The University's Community-University Health Care Center recently organized a second day of food and product donations in the Franklin/Hiawatha neighborhood. Staff, volunteers, and partners were able to distribute needed food and items to more than 300 community members.

U of M MRC seeks students to conduct contact tracing
The University's Medical Reserve Corps is deploying U of M MRC members to conduct case investigations and contact tracing. Interested third- and fourth-year School of Public Health students may apply.

U of M Libraries offer resources for students
The University Libraries website has created a page dedicated to student resources during COVID-19. Students can meet virtually with a librarian or chat with them 24/7.

U of M CTSI seeks novel solutions for patients and healthcare workers impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic
In response to the need for rapid and targeted innovation, CTSI's Office of Discovery and Translation is focusing its annual Request for Applications on the COVID-19 crisis and its impacts on the healthcare system.

Featured Resource
APLU's Rural Engagement for Resilient Communities Learning Exchange Forum
The Association of Public and Land-grant Universities' Rural Engagement for Resilient Communities Learning Exchange Forum is a web-based forum for members to exchange best practices, engage philanthropic, private sector, and government funders, and more. Sign up today and join the monthly discussion every third Tuesday at Noon Eastern Time.

Call for Applications

U of M SPH Robert L. Kane Graduate Scholarship of Excellence in Long-Term Care—Deadline: Wednesday, July 15
The University's School of Public Health seeks applications for the Robert L. Kane Graduate Scholarship of Excellence in Long-Term Care. The scholarship provides $40,000 during the academic year for Master’s-level or professional doctorate students who are fully committed to pursuing a professional career in long-term care following the completion of their degrees.

U of M Rural Health Equity Postdoctoral Program—Deadline: Monday, July 20
The University's Rural Health Research Center seeks applicants for its new Rural Health Equity Postdoctoral Program. The postdoctoral position will focus on health policy that impacts health equity,
social determinants of health, and access to health care services in rural U.S. communities, with special attention to Black and Indigenous rural communities.

**Minnesota Obesity Prevention Training Postdoctoral Program**—**Deadline: Monday, July 20**
The University's Healthy Weight Research Center Obesity Prevention Training fellowship program (MnOPT) seeks applications for a postdoctoral fellowship. MnOPT is dedicated to providing innovative interdisciplinary training for biologic, behavioral, and clinical obesity prevention scientists.

**Fulbright Fellowship**—**Deadline: Wednesday, August 26**
The Fulbright U.S. Student Program seeks applications for the 2020-21 Fulbright Fellowship. The goal of the Fulbright program is to increase mutual understanding between people of the United States and other countries through the exchange of persons, knowledge, and skills.

**U of M Graduate School Banting Fellowship**—**Deadline: September 9, 2020**
The University's Graduate School seeks applications for the Banting Postdoctoral Fellowships Program, which provides funding to postdoctoral applicants, both nationally and internationally, who positively contribute to the country’s economic, social, and research-based growth.

**U of M CTSI Community Health Connections funding**—**Deadline: Ongoing**
The University's Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute seeks applications for Community Health Connections program, which offers funding to identify community needs and generate ideas and opportunities to promote collaborative efforts to improve community health.

**U of M CTSI The 'U' is for You**—**Deadline: Ongoing**
The University's Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute seeks applications for The 'U' is for You, which offers funding to foster University-community research engagement and mutual learning to address community-identified needs for capacity-building in areas such as project set-up, relationship building, research ethics, and community research roles.

**Call for Papers/Conference Proposals**

**IUJSL**—**Deadline: Ongoing**
The *International Undergraduate Journal for Service-Learning, Leadership, and Social Change* seeks papers by undergraduate students that address service-learning projects and experiences.

**Opportunities**

**Mentoring Excellence Training Academy**—**Deadline: Monday, August 31**
The University's Clinical and Translational Science Institute seeks participants for the Mentoring
Excellence Training Academy (META). META is open to faculty investigators who hold appointments in any of the University's health sciences colleges/schools (Dentistry, Medical School, Nursing, Pharmacy, Public Health, Veterinary Medicine) and College of Biological Sciences. Faculty in other colleges can participate if they are engaged in clinical and translational research.

U of M Speech-Language-Hearing-Sciences seeks research participants
The University's Speech-Language-Hearing Sciences department seeks research participants for a study on how viewing faces impacts people's understanding of speech.

U of M IonE's ECOLAB experiential education scholarships
The University's Institute on the Environment seeks applications from undergraduate students on the Twin Cities campus interested in transformational sustainability experiences are invited to apply for one of three Ecolab-supported opportunities: study abroad experiences; sustainability-related internships; and student-initiated sustainability leadership projects.

Campus Compact Community Engagement Professional Credentialing Program
Campus Compact seeks applications for training providers for the Community Engagement Professional Credentialing Program. The program seeks to identify, encourage, and publicize relevant training opportunities that align with the program's identified competency areas.

Award Opportunities

U of M Faculty and Academic Affairs distinguished teaching awards
The University's Faculty and Academic Affairs seeks nominations for two distinguished teaching awards: the Horace T. Morse - University of Minnesota Alumni Association Award for Outstanding Contributions to Undergraduate Education, and the Award for Outstanding Contributions to Graduate and Professional Education.

U of M Events

Please visit event webpages for information on alternative meeting methods.

July 6 U of M Crookston Minnesota Mondays
July 10 SPH Integrated Food Systems Leadership Info Session
July 17 CSH Mindfulness at Work Webinar
Aug. 14 Improving Mental Health Services for Refugee and Immigrant Children and Families

Other Events

July 23 CEPH Webinar: Diversity
July 30-Aug. 2 SENCER Summer Institute
Sept. 15,16 MPH A Annual Conference
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