Information and resources for those involved in service-learning at the University of South Carolina.

You are receiving this email because you have expressed interest in information about service-learning at the University of South Carolina. If you no longer wish to receive these updates, please respond to this email.

Updates & Announcements

Campus Compact Revised Online Toolkit for Research University Engaged Scholarship
To do community-engaged research well requires new understanding, practice, and epistemology that is qualitatively different than that prioritized in traditional scholarship. To gain recognition and reward for community engaged scholarship at research universities requires new ways of documenting and evaluating this work. This online toolkit, produced by the Research University Community Engagement Network (TRUCEN) provides a number of helpful resources and information to advance engaged scholarship at research universities. To access the toolkit, click here.

Two Service-Learning Courses featured in Local Media
Two of the University’s service-learning courses have recently been featured in local media stories, highlighting the innovative practices employed in both courses and the benefits of service-learning for those involved. Stephen Sheehi’s service-learning Arabic Food and Culture course was highlighted on WIS News last week. To see the video click here. Karen Heid’s service-learning Art Evaluation course was a cover story in The State Newspaper last week as well. Click here to read the story. Congratulations to both of these courses!

Campus-based Civic and Community Engagement Consulting Corp
Campus Compact’s newly expanded Consulting Corps includes individual leaders whose valuable knowledge and diverse perspectives can inform efforts to deepen civic and community engagement in higher education. The original Consulting Corps was established in 2002, with support from a Learn and Serve America grant and in collaboration with the American Association for Higher Education. To check out the resources available via the Corps, click here.

New Publication: Looking In Reaching Out
Campus Compact recently released "Looking In Reaching Out: A Reflective Guide for Community Service-Learning Professionals" an essential hands-on guide packed with tools, worksheets, and insights designed to provide you with the skills, confidence, support, and balance you need to be successful in your professional and personal lives. Order your copy today!

Register YOUR Fall Service-Learning Courses TODAY!
It is now easier than ever to register your service-learning courses online. Registration ensures that your courses are publicized online and through annual marketing materials. Registered courses receive free course support and consultation services as well as customized course assessment. To add a course to the service-learning database please visit here.

Service-Learning Syllabi Examples
For a database of service-learning course syllabi from institutions across the United States from a variety of disciplines visit the Campus Compact’s database at this link.

**2010-2011 NC and SC Campus Compact VISTA Recruitment!**
Both South Carolina and North Carolina Campus Compact organizations are currently recruiting rising college seniors to serve as AmeriCorps*VISTAs at member campuses for a full year. If you have a student who has shown exemplary leadership, heart for service, and a passion to fight poverty, please encourage them to apply today. For more information about the VISTA program, please visit here.

For questions regarding SC Campus Compact’s AmeriCorps* VISTA Program, please contact Ellin McDonough.
For questions regarding NC Campus Compact’s AmeriCorps*VISTA Program, please contact Jonathan Romm.

**USC/Local Engaged Scholarship Opportunities:**

**Community Internship Program**
The Career Center is pleased to introduce the Community Internship Program (CIP). This program gives students the ability to earn a minimum of $10/hr with a summer internship in South Carolina. Our goal is to help students gain necessary work experience so that they will be more marketable to future employers. Please encourage students in your service-learning courses to continue work with community agencies over the summer through this program.

For students to be eligible for CIP, students must have a 2.0 GPA, have their resume reviewed by a career counselor, obtain full access on JobMate, have a minimum of 12 hours and attend a CIP Orientation. For more information, see here. For questions or to book an outreach presentation for your student group, please contact Emelie Holm at (803) 777-1988.

**Faculty/Staff Conferences or Professional Development Events:**

**NC Campus Compact Civic Engagement Administrator Conference (CEAC)**
Wednesday, May 26, 2010
Barton College, Wilson, NC

**Registration Deadline: May 7, 2010**
Registration Fees: $50 for NC Campus Compact members/$65 for non-members (this includes continental breakfast, lunch, materials and technology fees)

Join NC Campus Compact on May 26, 2010 for the 8th annual Civic Engagement Administrator Conference hosted at Barton College in Wilson, NC. This is the annual gathering of staff and faculty who administer civic engagement efforts on their campus and will include informal networking and formal presentations. Civic engagement administrators will share best practices, challenges and successes. The 2010 guest speaker is Dr. Talmage Stanley, Director of the Appalachian Center for Community Service at Emory and Henry College in Virginia.

Visit this link to learn more and register.

**Connecting Campuses with Communities Conference**
May 17th-21st, 2010
Indianapolis, IN
The IUPUI Center for Service and Learning and Indiana Campus Compact will be hosting Connecting Campuses with Communities from Monday, May 17th through Friday, May 21st on the IUPUI campus, located in downtown Indianapolis. The Service Learning Institute will begin at 1:00 pm May 17th and conclude by 11:30 am on May 19th. The 2nd Annual Research Academy begins at 1:00 pm May 19th and conclude by 11:30 am on May 21st. For more information visit here.

2010 University of South Carolina Community Partnership Breakfast
Wednesday, September 22nd, 2010
7:30 – 9:00 a.m.
MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
With great anticipation, the University of South Carolina will once again host our highly successful Community Partnership Breakfast this fall. This event is designed to provide space for University faculty and staff, students, and local community organizations to interact and develop innovative educational partnerships. Participants from last year’s event reported increased knowledge about community partnership opportunities, University resources to support community-based research or service-learning, and significant connections with local community representatives.

While enjoying a complimentary hot breakfast, participants will not only hear service-learning success stories, but will have the opportunity to engage in an extended networking session to facilitate beneficial campus-community alliances for the remainder of the event. Information about the event will be posted here as details become available.

Facing the Divides: Diversity, Learning, and Pathways to Inclusive Excellence
Association of American Colleges and Universities
October 21-23, 2010, Houston, Texas

Facing the Divides: Diversity, Learning, and Pathways to Inclusive Excellence will address the deep divides that frequently exist on campus—diversity, global, and civic engagement efforts that exist in isolation from one another; academic affairs and student affairs occupying different "sides of the house;" and divided structures that steer some students toward a horizon-expanding liberal education and other students toward narrow training. AAC&U’s Network for Academic Renewal invites faculty, administrators, student affairs educators, students, and others to submit proposals that highlight research, promising practices, and innovative institutional structures related to five key areas:

- Framing Goals for Diversity and Inclusive Excellence
- Ensuring Access and Essential Learning
- Developing and Assessing Curricular and Co-curricular Programs
- Fostering Identity, Civility, and Democratic Classrooms
- Building Institutional Capacity to Make Excellence Inclusive

Learn more about this conference at this link. For more information, please call 202-387-3760 or write to network@aacu.org.

10th International Research Conference on Service-Learning and Community Engagement:
"International Perspectives: Crossing Boundaries Through Research"
October 28-31, 2010, Indianapolis, IN
This conference will feature research on service-learning, campus-community partnerships, and civic outcomes of education. Presenters will include faculty and administrators in higher education, educators in K-12, and scholars and practitioners in educational policy and community development. Scholars and attendees from outside of the United States are encouraged to attend and present, to advance understanding of this work from multiple perspectives. For more information visit here.

This conference is co-sponsored by the International Association for Research on Service-learning and Community Engagement, the Center for Service and Learning at IUPUI, and Indiana Campus Compact.

**Seeking Qualified Professionals for the Central/Southern Regional Campus Compact Speakers Bureau**

If you are interested in leading professional development as a speaker or facilitator on community engagement and scholarship please visit this link.

Interested persons should select "Add Your Speaker Information". Following this submission, the state Campus Compact office will receive an email prompting its approval for the speaker, which will then generate notice to the Speakers Bureau administration at Oklahoma Campus Compact to add the person to the availability list. Please consider becoming a part of this cadre of professionals across the southeast.

**Other Professional Development Opportunities**

For other relevant events, please visit this interactive calendar.

**Funding/Publication Opportunities:**

**U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development’s Office of University Partnerships**

Recognizing the crucial role that America’s institutions of higher education can play in rebuilding communities large and small, HUD established the Office of University Partnerships (OUP) in 1994 to encourage and expand the efforts of institutions of higher education that are striving to make a difference in their communities through funding opportunities. The Office is responsible for running nine grant programs, including doctoral research grants and other student research grant programs. For more information click here.

**Youth Service American Service-Learning Grants**

Youth Service America supports and motivates youth, educators, and service-learning coordinators by distributing over 400 micro grants each year for service and service-learning initiatives. While most of the grants support projects that culminate on Global Youth Service Day in April, funding is also available for projects in the fall. For more information click here.

**International Journal for Service Learning in Engineering: Humanitarian Engineering and Social Entrepreneurship (IJSLE)**

**Call for Papers**

**Submission Deadline: May 30, 2010**

The IJSLE is a peer-reviewed electronic journal offered free, semi-annually, on the internet. To view the Journal, please log on to: www.ijsle.org. The Journal welcomes manuscripts based on original work of students and researchers with a specific focus on projects related to humanitarian engineering and social entrepreneurship. The faculty-reviewed articles in each issue provide readers with timely information related to:
Community Works Journal

Community Works Journal is published online by Community Works Institute, in support of teaching practices that build community. CWJ is now in its fourteenth year of publication and continues to serve a crucial need for models and resources that inspire by example. The publication has an international audience of educators from schools, community-based programs, and networks. They are looking for articles that address or relate to innovative educational strategies and practices that involve teachers and students in meaningful work within their communities. Articles may feature curriculum or program examples, tools and teaching resources. They are especially interested in reflections on learning and the experience of community. View the journal online. To discuss your idea for an article contact Joe Brooks at 909-480-3966.

Awards (Consider nominating your colleagues or students for one of the following awards)

Frank Newman Student Leadership Award

The Frank Newman Leadership Award provides financial support and mentorship to assist students achieve their civic and academic goals. Two $5,000 awards are available to undergraduate students at Campus Compact member colleges and universities (USC is a member of the S.C. Campus Compact). To learn more about the award or to nominate a student today visit here.

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To submit an announcement to U-Serve Carolina, e-mail servicelearning@sc.edu. For current information about service-learning at the University of South Carolina, please visit our website at http://www.sc.edu/servicelearning