The Community Engaged Scholars Network (CESN) serves faculty, researchers, and teaching staff at UWM who are committed to campus-community partnerships, community-based research, service-learning, and other forms of public scholarship and engagement. The network serves as a forum for information sharing regarding funding opportunities, colleague and community collaboration, recognition events, conference RFPs, and other pertinent items for members of the UWM community who play a key role in helping the institution fulfill its civic mission. Send questions to Laurie Marks at lmarks@uwm.edu.

Upcoming CESN Events

2nd Experiential Learning Gathering – April 4
On Wednesday, April 4th from 2-3pm in Union Rm 240, join faculty and staff who are champions, coordinators, and managers of experiential learning initiatives across campus as we gather to build upon the initial gathering in February. Hear about common challenges, best practices, benefits, and ideas for building a campus culture around experiential learning. Contribute ideas for how we can collaborate to make UWM a destination campus for this powerful practice. This gathering is co-coordinated by Paul Roebber (roebber@uwm.edu) from the Innovative Weather Center and Laurie Marks (lmarks@uwm.edu) from the Center for Community-Based Learning, Leadership, and Research (CCBLLR).

Story Festival & Community Partner Networking Event – April 24
Join UWM students, faculty, and community members as we celebrate our partnerships through storytelling. The 2nd Annual UWM Story Festival is being held on Tuesday, April 24th at 5:00pm in the Union Wisconsin Room, and will begin with a hour of networking between UWM faculty and non-profit agencies who are interested in exploring future partnerships. This event is co-sponsored by UWM Peck School of the Arts, the Wisconsin Humanities Council, The Milwaukee Rep Theater, MPS Arts & Humanities grant, and Ex Fabula. Food and beverages will be served, and the event is open to the public. For more information please contact Laurie at lmarks@uwm.edu.

Featured CESN Member

Our featured member this month is Tim Ehlinger, Associate Professor of Systems Ecology in the College of Nursing and Center for Global Health Equity. He is also the W.C. Kohler Director and Co-Founder of the Master of Sustainable Peacebuilding (MSP) at UWM, which focuses on trans-disciplinary systems-based approaches to change at the local, national, or international level. He is also the former Director of the Conservation and Environmental Sciences major, where he worked to incorporate service-learning and community-engaged education into core courses. Tim’s training is as an evolutionary ecologist, and his recent work focuses on human-environmental interactions and the implications of policy interventions on ecosystem services, conflict, and environmental health. He has also worked in cross-disciplinary, international collaborations in Romania and Costa Rica for the design and implementation of sustainable development strategies. He continues to support transdisciplinary learning efforts at UWM, and recently attended the inaugural Experiential Learning Gathering, along with many other CESN members.
Featured Resource

AAC&U is thrilled to share information about the recently published issue of Peer Review and a series of case studies highlighting Civic Learning in the Major by Design. Working in tandem, these two new resources provide conceptual frameworks and specific details about how to design departmental pathways to ensure civic learning and social responsibility are dimensions of a student's major.

Publishing & Funding Opportunities

Journals, Books, and Conference Papers

- Medical College of Wisconsin Community Engagement Conference, CFP poster abstracts deadline 4/12/18.
- Coalition of Urban and Metropolitan Universities Conference, CFP deadline 4/23/18.
- Journal of Community Engagement and Scholarship, ongoing.
- Journal of Higher Education Outreach and Engagement, ongoing.

Funding

- Advancing a Healthier Wisconsin HWPP Responsive Component, Call for Policy, Systems & Environmental Changes for Improved Health Proposals.
- Corporation for National and Community Service Research Grant Competition: Community Conversations (targeted to higher education institutions), due 04/10/18.

Conferences & Professional Development

- Global Service Learning Summit | April 15-17, 2018 | South Bend, IN
- Medical College of WI 4th Annual Community Engagement Conference | April 26-27, 2018 | Milwaukee, WI
- National Alliance for Broader Impacts Summit | April 25-27, 2018 | Providence, RI
- Summer Intensive on Community-Engaged Scholarship | June 4-8, 2018 | East Lansing, MI
- Civic Learning and Democratic Engagement Meeting | June 6-9, 2018 | Anaheim, CA
- International Association for Research on Service-learning and Community Engagement Annual Conference | July 19-20, 2018 | New Orleans, LA
- National Experiential Education Conference | Sept. 24-26, 2018 | Savannah, GA
- Engagement Scholarship Consortium Conference | Sept. 30-Oct. 3, 2018 | Minneapolis, MN
- Imagining America Conference | Oct. 19-21, 2018 | Chicago, IL
- Coalition of Urban & Metropolitan Universities Conference | Oct. 22-24, 2018 | Chicago, IL
- Assoc. for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action Conference | Nov. 15-17, 2018 | Austin, TX