UW-Milwaukee Community Engaged Scholars Network (CESN)
Spring 2022 Newsletter

CESN serves faculty, researchers, teaching staff, and graduate students 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, 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

Photos from the Milwaukee-Centric Teaching, Neighborhoods, and Activists Field Trip
In Fall the CCBLLR office and CETL co-sponsored a 3-part series on Milwaukee-centric teaching, with a culminating field trip that took faculty to important sites throughout the city. Stops included the Sherman Phoenix, Alice’s Garden, the Hmong American Women’s Association, and the southside mural honoring UMOS and the history of migrant workers. At each stop a community expert told the group a brief story about the site as a community asset. Below are pictures from the event. Look for another field trip in late spring or early summer if you missed the chance to attend!

Advancing Graduate Students in Community Engaged Work Luncheon – March 11th Noon-1:30pm
UWM is uniquely positioned as an access institution in a diverse and dynamic urban environment with both R1 and community engagement Carnegie classifications. This unique positioning allows UWM to develop future scholars who can advance critical work which supports the growth and development of our city and region. Join CESN and the English Department’s Public Rhetorics and Community Engagement Program at a gathering to develop a community of support for graduate students interested in this work. This event will explore varying forms of engaged scholarship and practice and build comradery amongst those interested in community engagement, with a special focus on facilitating connections between graduate students, faculty, and staff. Attendees will have the opportunity to connect with each other and hear from a panel of faculty and staff regarding their experiences with community engagement in the context of UWM and Milwaukee. Please RSVP for the event by Monday, February 28th.

Story Experience (formerly the SAIR Program) in C21 is Seeking Student Applications
The Story Experience engages students in partnership with Milwaukee-based organizations to facilitate story-sharing in a range of forms over the course of a full academic year. This is a rare opportunity for deep experiential learning and relationship building, putting humanities and arts approaches into practice to build community. Students form life-long friendships and gain invaluable work/life skills and experiences. Please share this Story Experience video link created by Anne Basting about the program and encourage your students to apply! More information and a link to the application can be found here.

Free Membership for CESN to the International Association for Research on Service Learning and Community Engagement (IARSLCE)
The CCBLLR office has joined the IARSLCE Alliance for Engaged Universities and Colleges. IARSLCE is a professional association where you will find like-minded faculty and researchers whose work focuses on the public good and campus / community collaboration. As part of the membership all UWM faculty, researchers, and graduate students are eligible for a free IARSLCE membership. If you would like to access a complimentary membership, please contact Laurie Marks lmarks@uwm.edu for the instructions and code to forgo the fee.
Considering Incorporating Service Learning into a Future Class? Set Up a Consultation with CCBLLR!
The CCBLLR is here to help you with any needs you have related to building a service-learning course. We can provide guidance on building the syllabus, sample assignments and reflection journal prompts, and the community connections to match your students with great nonprofits for placements. To learn more simply contact Ben Trager at bwtrager@uwm.edu as a first step.

National Society of Experiential Education Conference, September 26th-28th, 2022 in Salt Lake City
If you are interested in learning and networking on topics of experiential learning, consider the 2022 Conference of the National Society of Experiential Education (NSEE). The conference will be held in Salt Lake City, Utah from September 26th-28th. This year’s conference theme is “Embracing Equity in a New Era of Experiential Education”.

Learn about the WaterMarks: An Atlas of Water for the City of Milwaukee Project
Congratulations to Ryan Holifield from the Geography Department on the NSF grant to support the WaterMarks project, a community engaged effort that marries informal science learning, the arts, and water activism. Read more about WaterMarks NSF Grant in this article by Urban Milwaukee.

The CCBLLR staff would like to welcome you back to campus for the Spring semester. Please stop by to say hello and receive a free CCBLLR t-shirt. We are here to support the work you do in the community and would love to hear about it, so please reach out or just stop by – our doors are open, no appointment needed!