

THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA  Office of **Outreach & Engagement**

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We started off the academic year holding an event to celebrate the outreach and engagement efforts occurring on campus and throughout the state. Thank you to those who joined us for *Celebrating Outreach and Engagement at Iowa* on September 1st! We learned so much from our attendees at the community and campus workshops and enjoyed keynote Barbara Holland. Her lecture will be available online in the coming weeks. Additionally, thank you to the [Mobile Museum](#) for being a part of our day and giving a tour to Barbara!

We enjoy hearing from you! Hit "reply" and share your feedback, ideas, or simply introduce yourself!

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### Find us online at [outreach.uiowa.edu](http://outreach.uiowa.edu)



We are excited to announce our new website, [outreach.uiowa.edu](http://outreach.uiowa.edu). Our web presence includes a searchable database of outreach and engagement programs; a calendar of outreach and engagement activities; and a wealth of information about the university's impact on Iowa, the nation, and the world. The website will continue to grow and develop as feedback is provided on how it is being utilized. We will announce new features throughout the year, so stay tuned! In the meantime, [contact us](#) if you have any questions or comments.

## PROGRAM UPDATES

## Arts Share

The Arts Share graduate assistants have started work and are settling into their new office space in Van Allen. There are seven graduate assistants, including four returning from last year, who help coordinate programming across the state.

In addition, Leslie Finer, Arts Share director, is working with [Rossina Liu](#), faculty fellow for the Office, on her Iowa Writing Alliance workshops. Starting in October, Rossina and Leslie will meet with Writers' Workshop students to work with community writers at the Shelter House in Iowa City. In addition to serving as faculty fellow, Rossina is a clinical associate professor in the College of Education.



Rossina Liu is the Faculty Fellow for the Office of Outreach & Engagement

## Grant Wood Art Colony

Grant Wood Art Colony's Fellows have been settling into the routine on campus and becoming acquainted with Iowa City. Neal Rock (Painting and Drawing), Terry Conrad (Printmaking), and Christopher Jette (Music) arrived in August and were asked what they are enjoying most about Iowa City:

"The best part of being here really cannot be limited to any one thing but rather is a complex of several things. I think the relationship of the [Grant Wood Art Colony] to the Art School and the inclusive, intelligent and welcoming environment that has been provided by faculty, staff and students is the best thing for me in Iowa City presently."

-Neal Rock

"The best part so far is getting to know the other Fellows. It's been fun to hear about their paths as artists and hear about what they may do while being here."

-Terry Conrad

"The best part of Iowa City thus far has been the incredibly complex networks of sound that the cicadas create. Listening to this move throughout the canopy and reflect the relationship of the individuals to the multitude and the hyper-local temperature differences is fascinating."

-Christopher Jette



Dr. Helena Laroche will present in October

## Hawkeye Lunch & Learn

The 2015-16 Hawkeye Lunch & Learn lecture series begins this month with Mark McDermott, clinical associate professor and STEM coordinator in the College of Education, presenting *STEM at Iowa*. There is still time to RSVP for the lecture in Des Moines:

**Tuesday, September 20th** in Des Moines: [bitly.com/mcdermottDSM](http://bitly.com/mcdermottDSM)

In October, join Dr. Helena Laroche as she discusses the benefits and challenges that accompany university and community research partnerships. Laroche will focus on her ongoing research study on obesity prevention within low-income families in Des Moines. RSVP below to reserve your seat:

**Thursday, October 15th** in Iowa City: [bitly.com/larocheIC](http://bitly.com/larocheIC)

**Tuesday, October 20th** in Des Moines: [bitly.com/larocheDSM](http://bitly.com/larocheDSM)

For more information, and to view other fall lectures, visit [outreach.uiowa.edu/HawkeyeLL](http://outreach.uiowa.edu/HawkeyeLL)

## Iowa Initiative for Sustainable Communities

The IISC has been busy launching 15 projects in departments ranging from the School of Art & Art History to the College of Engineering. IISC staff presented to the classes partnering with the Initiative this semester to

introduce students to their projects and build excitement for the partnerships. Students from several projects have already visited their community partners in person. Notably, five groups of students from the School of Urban & Regional Planning traveled to Decorah, Iowa City, and the Siouxland area to meet their partners, tour their project site, and learn more about the issues they will be engaging with this academic year. Read about projects occurring in [Decorah/Winneshiek County](#), [Iowa City](#), and the [Siouxland area](#).



Urban and Regional Planning students met their community partners in Salix, IA.



**RC&D Partners in Action:** Pomerantz Career Center's Career Leadership Academy program partnered on leadership training and workshop.

## RC&D Partnership

The RC&D Partnership will be at the Iowa League of RC&Ds state-wide meeting on September 17-18th in Pella, Iowa, with RC&D staff, directors, and board members. There will be two presentations from the University of Iowa, including a session on strategic funding for non-profits by professor Jill Smith, Tippie College of Business.

In addition to preparing for the state-wide meeting, several service-learning projects kicked-off this month, including a flood management cost-benefit analysis project with Northeast Iowa RC&D, a strategic communications project with Pathfinders RC&D, an archiving and museum studies project with Prairie River of Iowa, and a non-profit grant-search project with all nine RC&Ds.

## Theme Semester

The Theme Semester kicked-off fall events with a town hall meeting on September 8th. The planning committee shared upcoming opportunities and ways to join in on the conversation surrounding social justice. Campus and community members are encouraged to take ideas and start crafting topics in the classroom, in research, or at an event. Throughout the next month, check out one of the upcoming community events:

- The Center for Human Rights is hosting *50 Years of the Convention of the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination* on **Wednesday, September 23rd**, from 4 - 5 p.m. at the Old Capitol Senate Chambers. Dr. David Keane from London's Middlesex University will deliver the lecture. The lecture is free and open to the public. [View event details](#) for more information.
- On **Friday, September 25th**, join Hancher at the Mill in Iowa City for *Las Cafeteras*. The seven piece ensemble hails from East Los Angeles, California, and was named "Best Latin Alternative Band" by *Los Angeles Weekly*. [Visit Hancher's website](#) for more information.
- One Community, One Book will welcome Bryan Stevenson on **Sunday, October 4th** at the Iowa Memorial Union for a lecture. Stevenson is the author of *Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption*. [Learn more](#) about Stevenson's visit.



Author Bryan Stevenson will visit campus on October 4th. Photo credit: Nina Subin

Learn more about the social justice Theme Semester by visiting [justliving.uiowa.edu](http://justliving.uiowa.edu).

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