

THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA  Office of
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Partnership Highlights

The Office of Outreach & Engagement is elated to be a supporter of several national grants serving Iowa communities. Funding from federal sources leverage our existing ties throughout the state and connect us with new community partners and resources. It allows us to identify experts across campus in the arts and humanities, health sciences, business, and more, working collaboratively to better serve the needs of Iowa citizens.

This month, I encourage you to [learn about our partnership](#) with the RC&D regions. Our work continues to grow by applying for grants, like one with the National Institute for Health. All the while, our office is providing assistance for the non-profit organizations to meet their needs by strengthening their grant writing skills for future applications.

Stay connected with us on social media! You can [like us](#) on Facebook, [follow us](#) on Twitter, and [view us](#) on Instagram.

PROGRAM UPDATES

Arts Share

Arts Share traveled to Keosauqua, Iowa to visit with the Villages Folk School team on their Arts Build Communities grant project. This grant is a collaboration between Iowa Arts Council, Iowa State University, and the University of Iowa. Villages Folk School is developing a public art project that celebrates the family farm, and Arts Share will help with the implementation.

The Villages Folk School specializes in providing learning experiences in traditional arts and skills, while drawing upon the uniqueness of each of the scenic and historic Villages of Van Buren County Iowa.



Community Partner Highlight:
[Learn more](#) about Villages Folk School.

Grant Wood Art Colony

Through a collaboration with Arts Share, Terry Conrad hosted a two-day workshop at the Creative Arts Academy in Davenport on October 8th and 19th. He led high school students in creating polyester plate lithography.

Painting and Drawing Fellow Neal Rock and Printmaking Fellow Terry Conrad will hold their Shop Talks on October 26th and 29th, respectively. This is an excellent opportunity to learn more about their processes and see their work. The School of Art and Art History is hosting these talks in Art Building West. Learn more about [Neal's Shop Talk](#) and [Terry's Shop Talk](#).



Hawkeye Lunch & Learn

You are invited to the upcoming Hawkeye Lunch & Learn lecture presented by Nate Kaeding, Iowa City Downtown District Retail Development Director and UI alumnus, titled *Food and Community*. Restaurants focused on the local community and agriculture are vehicles for connecting people to the origins and importance of their food. Nate Kaeding will speak from his perspective as an Iowa City resident and entrepreneur on the role that meals play in bringing people together and instilling a sense of belonging and unity. Kaeding will be joined by business partners Doug Goetsch and Benjamin Smart. RSVP today for November's lectures!

Food and Community: Nate Kaeding will present in November.

Thursday, November 5th in Iowa City: bitly.com/kaedingIC
Tuesday, November 10th in Des Moines: bitly.com/kaedingDSM

For more information, and to view other fall lectures, visit outreach.uiowa.edu/HawkeyeLL

Iowa Initiative for Sustainable Communities

This month, the IISC awarded the first Faculty Service Award to Rachel Young, professor in the School of Journalism & Mass Communication. The award recognizes her commitment to and excellence in community engaged scholarship. Each fall and spring semester, the IISC will select one faculty member to receive the award. Congratulations, Rachel!

As the semester continues, students in departments ranging from Urban Planning to Communications have been traveling to and meeting with their community partners across Iowa. A new project for the City of Iowa City concerning the conversion of City streetlights to LED fixtures has also been developed.

Stay connected with updates happening in Decorah/Winneshiek County, Iowa City, and the Siouxland area by reading the [IISC's community newsletters](#).



Project Spotlight: Students in the School of Urban & Regional Planning will enhance existing greenspace in Sioux City, Iowa.
Photo credit: Greenspace Group



RC&D Partners in Action: Jill Smith presents on strategic funding at the Iowa League of RC&Ds fall meeting in Pella.
Photo Credit: Jessica Rilling

RC&D Partnership

The Iowa League of RC&Ds held their state-wide meeting in Pella, Iowa on September 17-18th. Both Nick Benson and Professor Jill Smith from the Tippie College of Business presented on behalf of the University of Iowa.

In addition, the first collaborative project involving University of Iowa students wrapped up last month, with several more beginning. In partnership with the Office of Outreach & Engagement, student interns with UI Partners in the Office for the Vice President for Research & Economic Development created a website

for IC Kitchen Connect, a new local foods entrepreneurial hub associated with the Iowa Valley RC&D. [Read more](#) about the project from local press.

Additionally, 7 of the 9 RC&D regions continue to work hard on a public health National Institute for Health grant application with local school districts in their regions. This Research Project Grant

(R01) application seeks to partner the University of Iowa and RC&Ds with schools to work with Hispanic children diagnosed with hypertension and pre-hypertension on the effect of incorporate healthy eating habits into their diets. The multi-year effort would work with multiple schools throughout the state of Iowa.

Theme Semester

On October 15-16th, the Gender, Women's & Sexuality Studies department held a symposium titled *Social Justice After Ferguson* with partners across campus. The symposium included workshops, lectures, panel discussions, and more. View upcoming events and activities by visiting justliving.uiowa.edu.

Did you miss the announcement on social media?

During spring 2016, the Just Living Theme Semester, in partnership with the [University Lecture Committee](#), will feature three lecturers in different areas of social justice. Make sure to [follow us on social media](#) to stay up-to-date on the latest event details and announcements!

- [Laverne Cox](#), Monday, February 1st at 5 p.m.
 - This is the University Lecture Committee's Eighth Annual Dr. Cassandra S. Foens M.D. Lecture
- [Angela Davis](#), Tuesday, March 8th at 7:30 p.m.
- [Robert Bullard](#), Tuesday, April 19th at 7:30 p.m.
 - This lecture is also in partnership with the Public Policy Center

Get involved!

Students, faculty, staff, and community partners have the opportunity to get involved with the Just Living Theme Semester. [Learn about the opportunities](#) that await throughout the semester.



Just Living Event Spotlight: World Canvass was a part of the two day social justice symposium with various events and activities.



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