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Partnership Highlights

Our second annual Theme Semester, Just Living, which will focus on social justice, begins later this month. Grounded in the university's missions of teaching, research, and service, the Theme Semester aims to bring together our academics and communities in a conversation of importance. This semester's topic of social justice will address many related subjects, such as race, identity, environmental justice, and more, and allow for a space of discussion and reflection. As we celebrate Dr.

Martin Luther King Jr. today, I'm reminded of one of his quotes that illustrates our purpose at the University of Iowa:

"Intelligence plus character—that is the goal of true education. The complete education gives one not only power of concentration, but worthy objectives upon which to concentrate."

I look forward to the opportunities that are planned and that will come out of this semester. I encourage you to visit justliving.uiowa.edu to learn more about events, activities, and our partners.

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 had an amazing semester with over 100 events that took place across the state! The spring semester will be even busier with the programming of over 200 events, and ensemble tours that include Dancers In Company, the PanAmerican Steel Band, and the theatre production *Baltimore*.

Six different writers from the Writers' Workshop and UI's Nonfiction Writing Program participated in the Community Stories Writing Workshop this past fall. This is a program started several years ago by the Office's Faculty Fellow, Rossina Liu. Workshops take place weekly at the Shelter House in Iowa City. Delaney Nolan, one of the UI writers who led workshops, said "Teaching workshops at the Shelter House has been a great experience. In our workshops we read a story and the participants gave thoughtful input on it, then wrote and shared some of their own work. One participant shared an excellent essay that related her own experience dealing with mental illness, and on another day, a

participant read a story inspired by her childhood in New York. I've learned a lot from them, and I'm glad we're able to create this space." The workshops will continue during the spring semester and will expand to include the VA Medical Center.

Grant Wood Art Colony

The Grant Wood Art Colony has posted a call for papers and for applications to its Fellowships!

5th Biennial Grant Wood Symposium

Grant Wood Art Colony [seeks paper proposals](#) that address the topic for the 5th Biennial Grant Wood Symposium, *Myth, Memories, and the Midwest: Grant Wood and Beyond*, October 28-29, 2016. This symposium will celebrate the 125th anniversary of Grant Wood's birth by considering a wide array of issues he regarded as important. Proposals are due March 1, 2016.

2016-17 Fellowships

The School of Art and Art History and the Division of Performing Arts has opened the application window for the Grant Wood Fellowships. Early to mid-career artists are encouraged to apply for this generous Fellowship in Printmaking, Painting & Drawing, and Interdisciplinary Performance (Dance). Interested artists can learn more at grantwood.uiowa.edu/fellowship. While this is a rolling application process, artists are encouraged to submit their materials by February 15, 2016.



Hancher Executive Director Chuck Swanson presented in December.

Hawkeye Lunch & Learn

The Hawkeye Lunch & Learn lecture series is pleased to announce its spring 2016 presenters! Learn about the Iowa caucuses, gender equality, Grant Wood, and civil rights in Iowa this semester. View the complete schedule of Iowa City and Des Moines lectures at outreach.uiowa.edu/HawkeyeLL and RSVP today!

February: Cary Covington will present *Emerging Keys to the 2016 Caucuses*

March: Dean Sarah Fisher Gardial will present *Lean In, Lean On, Lean Together*

April: Jim Hayes and Maura Pilcher will present *Grant Wood: Myth, Memories, and the Midwest*

May: Professor Angela Onwuachi-Willig will present *Continuing a Tradition of Civil Rights in Iowa*

Iowa Initiative for Sustainable Communities

During the fall 2015 semester, 10 projects were completed for community partners in Winneshiek County, Iowa City, and Sioux City! 15 additional projects will begin at the start of the spring semester on January 19th. Throughout the month, final reports, presentations, and updates related to the current projects will be added to the [IISC's website](#).



Project Spotlight: A sample of deliverables from a fall 2015 project. Credit: Eric Hawkinson



Project Spotlight: Students in Strategic Communications Campaign present their final project to their community partner, Pathfinders RC&D.

RC&D Partnership

During the fall 2015 semester, three RC&D projects were completed by students, including one which worked with all nine RC&Ds. This past month, these projects wrapped up with final presentations and reports. In addition, project development continued for the spring 2016 semester, as well as identification of new workshop topics. All RC&Ds submitted annual reports, and contracts for the second year of the partnership were completed!

Theme Semester

The spring 2016 Theme Semester, Just Living, begins with an [opening reception](#) on Thursday, January 28th at 5 p.m. in the Old Capitol Museum's newest exhibit, *THEM: Images of Separation*. This exhibit will bring the consequences of injustice to light, featuring historical pop culture depictions of prejudice and stereotypes based on race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, culture, and more.

Before the reception, join the [Just Living Theme Semester at the One Button Studio](#) in Hardin Library on Friday, January 22nd to reflect on social justice. Throughout the semester students, faculty, staff, and community members are encouraged to visit the One Button Studio at the Hardin Library and Main Library to record a brief video and submit it to featured in a semester-long video project.



Just Living Spotlight: *Them: Images of Separation* exhibit opens at the Old Capitol Museum Keyes Gallery on January 28th. Photo courtesy of Old Capitol Museum.

View a full listing of events, activities, and partners at justliving.uiowa.edu.
Can't make an event? Join the conversation online using #Uljustliving.



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