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Partnership Highlights

Our work in the Office of Outreach & Engagement takes us across the state. It takes us into communities, where we work alongside leaders and citizens alike to bring resources outside of campus. We are also fortunate to work with the university's satellite campuses, like the John and Mary Pappajohn Education Center (JMPEC) in Des Moines.

Beginning this month, our Hawkeye Lunch & Learn lecture series returns to Des Moines for the spring semester. We have four wonderful presenters beginning with Associate Professor Cary Covington and his lecture, *Emerging Keys to the 2016 Caucuses*. Our lecture series brings university experts to inform Iowa citizens of the role and impact our university has on our state and nation. In addition, we are beginning a new series in partnership with JMPEC, Atrium. [The first Atrium event](#) will be on Thursday, February 11 and our Grant Wood Fellow in Painting, [Neal Rock](#), will be present to help celebrate Grant Wood's 125th birthday. I encourage all Des Moines artists and friends to attend this first event!

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PROGRAM UPDATES

Arts Share

Dancers In Company (DIC) will be opening their season with an Arts Share performance at the Iowa City Public Library as part of ICPL's [Music is the Word](#) programming. DIC's show this year focuses on issues of water, with works that investigate personal, local, and global issues underlying the beauty, vitality, and necessity of water. With its connection to environmental justice, the performance is a part of the Just Living Theme Semester. Dancers In Company will tour March through April with performances at schools and formal venues in Des Moines, Dubuque, Davenport, Toledo, and Chicago!

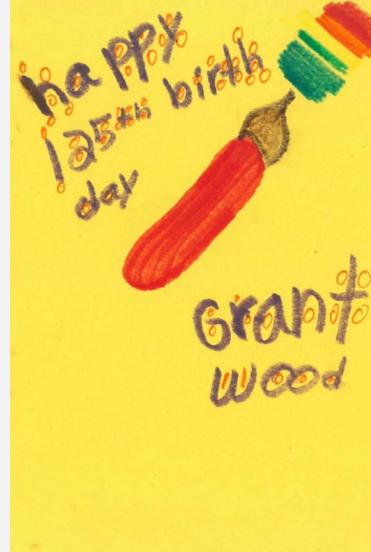
In collaboration with Hancher and Working Group Theatre's [Out of Bounds](#) tour in western Iowa, Arts Share offered follow-up workshops that related to the play's theme of cyber bullying. Three UI theatre graduate students traveled to Lewis Central Middle School in Council Bluffs over winter break to lead the first of these workshops.

Grant Wood Art Colony

Happy 125th Birthday, Grant Wood!

On February 13, Iowans are celebrating the 125th anniversary of Grant Wood's birth with a variety of activities, from look-alike contests to a soup smorgasbord. The Grant Wood Art Colony and the University of Iowa are joining in the festivities!

The Colony congratulates the inaugural winners of the [Grant Wood Legacy Prize](#): Thierry Habinshuti (Urbandale), Polyphony Bruna (Ames), and Natalie Jacobson (Spencer). These three outstanding, high-school visual artists were selected from a pool of nearly 700 entries for their demonstration of a Regional voice and skill. Judges reviewed entries from Iowa students in the media categories in which Grant Wood worked: jewelry, painting, drawing and illustration, printmaking, design, ceramics and glass, and mixed media.



The University of Iowa will be displaying some of Wood's work in the [Social \(In\)Justice](#) exhibition. The exhibition was conceived as the UIMA's contribution to Just Living, the University of Iowa's Spring 2016 Theme Semester. On Friday, February 12, the public can get a glimpse into what "Just Living" meant for Iowa's most famous artist, Grant Wood. UI Art History Professor Joni Kinsey will discuss Wood as a painter who both devoted his career to celebrating just living in his art, especially ordinary day-to-day life in midwestern farms, small towns, and cities, and responded in a variety of ways to issues of social justice during the era of the Great Depression. [View event details.](#)

Students from across the state have created birthday cards for Grant Wood!

Elementary students from across the state have sent Grant Wood birthday cards. A selection can be viewed on the Office of Outreach & Engagement Facebook page!



Professor Cary Covington presents *Emerging Keys to the 2016 Caucuses*.

Hawkeye Lunch & Learn

Join us this for our first Hawkeye Lunch & Learn of the semester! Cary Covington, Associate Professor of Political Science, will present a timely lecture focused on the 2016 presidential nominating process titled *Emerging Keys to the 2016 Caucuses*.

Thank you to those who attended Professor Covington's lecture in Iowa City! The video of his lecture will be available soon.

There is still time to RSVP for his lecture in **Des Moines** on Monday, February 15, <http://bit.ly/covingtonDSM>

View the complete schedule of Iowa City and Des Moines Hawkeye Lunch & Learn lectures at outreach.uiowa.edu/HawkeyeLL.

Iowa Initiative for Sustainable Communities

In the final semester of the IISC's two-year partnership with Winneshiek County, Iowa City, and Siouxland Interstate Metropolitan Planning Council, the IISC kicked off spring with 18 new and continuing projects. The projects span a number of departments, from the College of Engineering to the School of Art and Art History, and will take place across the state. In partnership with the community of Mapleton, the newest project will foster collaboration between University of Iowa and Iowa State University students around issues of long-term recovery in Mapleton following a tornado that devastated the town in 2011. To learn about this and the other exciting projects students are doing, visit iisc.uiowa.edu and [follow the IISC on social media!](#)



Project Highlight: Damage in Mapleton, IA following the 2011 tornado. Credit: NBC News.

RC&D Partnership



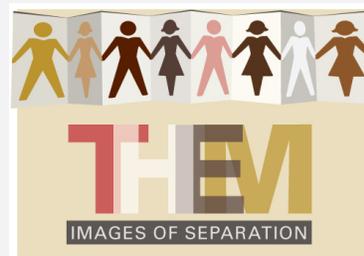
Project Highlight: Staff members Nick and Jade present to a class about their upcoming project with the RC&D Partnership.

The RC&D Partnership spent much of January continuing to develop spring semester student projects. Office staff members worked with faculty from engineering, journalism and mass communication, cinema and film studies, non-profit organizations, library and information sciences, and urban and regional planning to finalize student project details with five of the nine RC&Ds. A total of 18 student projects have been developed for the spring semester! In addition, Dr. Snetselaar and her staff worked to finalize the National Institutes of Health RO1 grant that will be submitted in early February. If awarded,

six of the RC&Ds will work with the University of Iowa and local school districts across the state to study the impacts of dietary changes on the health of middle school children.

Theme Semester

As development for the Just Living Theme Semester began in fall 2014, it has been a focus to build on topics of importance to the institution, state, and country. Nationwide events brought awareness to social justice discussions and the Planning Committee continued preparations to be accessible to a variety of stakeholders. The decision and priority continued to bring meaningful work, exhibits, and activities connected to social justice through teaching and learning. The Just Living spring 2016 Theme Semester on social justice started in January with courses and activities, including the opening reception of *THEM: Images of Separation* at the Old Capitol Museum. The semester continues with a number of opportunities:



Marquee Event Highlight: The Old Capitol Museum exhibit *THEM: Images of Separation* is open until May 15, and is appropriate for visitors age 13 and up.

- [*THEM: Images of Separation*](#)
Present - May 15, 2016 at the Old Capitol Museum Keyes Gallery
- [*Social \(In\)Justice*](#) exhibit curated by the University of Iowa Museum of Art
February 20 - May 15, 2016 at the Iowa Memorial Union Black Box Theater
- [*Angela Davis Lecture: Racial Equity at Iowa*](#)
Tuesday, March 8 at 7:30 p.m. at the Englert Theatre
Professor Angela Davis is the author of nine books, has lectured worldwide, and she has conducted extensive research on numerous issues related to race, gender and imprisonment.

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



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