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Partnership Highlights

The University of Iowa is honored to host the Fifth Annual Upper Midwest Civic Engagement Summit May 31 and June 1, 2016. This conference, titled *Beyond Service: Education, Research, and Work for a Just World*, ties into our social justice Theme Semester. The summit will feature keynote speakers, Zach Wahls and Dr. Georgina Dodge, as well as breakout sessions by individuals in higher education from across the Midwest.

The summit is an annual collaboration between the Campus Compact chapters in Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, and Wisconsin, and is designed to provide professional development for individuals working in higher education community engagement, civic engagement, and service-learning efforts. I encourage you to [visit their website](#) and register before the early registration deadline on April 1. A schedule of events and activities will be available later this month.

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PROGRAM UPDATES

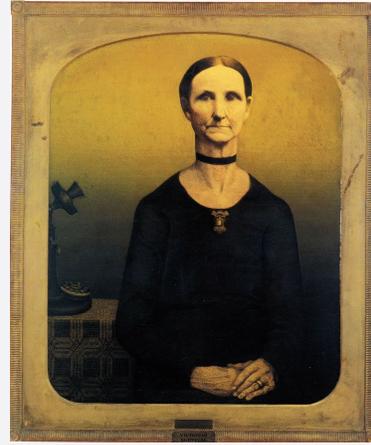
Arts Share

Registration is now open for Arts Share's Summer Arts Camp June 6 - 10! Arts Share and Grant Wood Art Colony will be teaming up this year for the camp, which offers workshops in music, theatre, movement, visual arts, and creative writing for children entering first through sixth grades. Workshops are taught by graduate students from the University of Iowa. Email artshare@uiowa.edu to learn more about the summer camp. Registration closes on May 6.

Close to 150 students will be on UI's campus March 25 to participate in the High School Theatre Workshop and Performance Day at the theatre building. Students will attend workshops in Acting, Improv, Playwriting, and Design. Their visit will end with the UI Theatre Department's production of *Baltimore*, a play by UI playwright alum Kirsten Greenidge. The play covers the timely issue of race on college campuses and will also be performed at Ankeny High School and the Creative Arts Academy in Davenport. *Baltimore* is part of the Big Ten Theatre Consortium's New Play Initiative, which is dedicated to commissioning works by female playwrights to be produced at universities across the country.

Grant Wood Art Colony

Grant Wood Fellow [Christopher Jette](#) performed the Iowa debut of his one-man opera, *cmetq*, on February 29 at Riverside Theatre. The result of three years' worth of work, Jette used his time as a Grant Wood Fellow to complete the piece. *cmetq* contains both singing accompanied by fixed electronics and singing with live electronic processing. The piece examines the etiquette that encompasses communication technology. In addition to this complex web of etiquette, *cmetq* addresses the human emotions tied to etiquette. Unbeknownst to Jette when he became a Grant Wood Fellow, Grant Wood used communication technology to depict similar paradoxes in his *Victorian Survival*. In this 1931 painting, Wood illustrated the tension between modern communication (the advent of the candlestick telephone) and Victorian tradition (represented by the subject's dress and presentation).



Grant Wood, *Victorian Survival*, 1931.
Dubuque Museum of Art.



Dean Sarah Fisher
Gradual, Dean of the
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Business and Professor
of Marketing

Hawkeye Lunch & Learn

Join Hawkeye Lunch & Learn in celebrating Women's History Month by attending the lecture with Dean Sarah Fisher Gardial. Her lecture, titled *Lean In, Lean On, Lean Together*, will focus on articulating the interdependent roles of individuals, institutions, and society in supporting women's leadership.

In April, there is the opportunity to learn about the Grant Wood Art Colony from Jim Hayes and Maura Pilcher, for their lectured titled Grant Wood: *Myth, Memories, and the Midwest*.

RSVP TODAY!

Dean Gardial, Des Moines: Tuesday, March 15, <http://bit.ly/gardialDSM>

Dean Gardial, Iowa City: Monday, March 21, <http://bit.ly/gardialIC>

Jim Hayes & Maura Pilcher, Iowa City: Thursday, April 7, <http://bit.ly/hayesIC>

Jim Hayes & Maura Pilcher, Des Moines: Tuesday, April 12,
<http://bit.ly/hayesDSM>

For guidance on how to register for Hawkeye Lunch & Learn events, read through the [online instructions](#). View the complete schedule of Iowa City and Des Moines Hawkeye Lunch & Learn lectures at <http://outreach.uiowa.edu/HawkeyeLL>. Missed a lecture? View past Hawkeye Lunch & Learn lectures on the [YouTube Playlist](#).

Help improve the Hawkeye Lunch & Learn experience by filling out the [online feedback survey](#). Suggest future Hawkeye Lunch & Learn presenters and topics through the [online suggestion survey](#).

Iowa Initiative for Sustainable Communities

Last month, the IISC Advisory Board chose Mason City and the East Central Iowa Council of Governments as the new community partners that the IISC will partner with in the 2016-17 academic year. IISC staff are excited to begin these partnerships, and will begin developing projects with the new partners in the early spring. [Read more](#) about the partnership.



Project Highlight: Graduate students in the School of Urban and Regional Planning hold a public meeting in Salix, IA in February.

Until May, the IISC will continue its current partnerships with Winneshiek County, the City of Iowa City, and the Siouxland Interstate Metropolitan Planning Council. The current projects being pursued by faculty, staff, and students in these communities continue to

meet with great success and to draw high community interest. In Woodbury County, two recent public meetings drew large crowds to discuss comprehensive planning and greenspace development in Salix and in Sioux City.



Project Highlight: Students in civil and environmental engineering meet with Golden Hills RC&D Executive Director, Michelle Franks, and other community partners in Macedonia, IA as part of a folk art center site plan design project.

RC&D Partnership

Students in 20 different RC&D projects conducted their initial site visits during the month of February, traveling as far as Macedonia, IA in southwest part of the state. The site visits give the students a chance to experience the community they are working with this semester and meet with their community partners. In addition, several RC&D staff visited the classes they are working with on campus, providing the chance to see how community engagement courses operate at the University of Iowa. Planning is underway for the Motivational Interviewing Workshop on March 16, where at least six RC&Ds will be visiting campus to learn about communication techniques for being an "agent of change."

Theme Semester

Just Living is underway with numerous events and activities taking place on campus in the coming weeks!

On March 28, join the Interfaith Cooperation conversation with workshops for students, faculty, staff, and community partners. Guest speaker Eboo Patel will lead a conversation on the concept of interfaith cooperation, as well as the vision, knowledge base, and skill-set needed to be an interfaith leader. Workshops are open to all religious and non-religious world views. For more information and to sign-up for the workshops visit <http://bit.ly/ebooworkshop>. Space is limited. After the workshops, Eboo Patel will give a public lecture titled Sacred Ground: Interfaith Leadership in the 21st Century from 7 - 8 p.m. in the Iowa Memorial Union Main Lounge. [View event details.](#)

Are U a Good Neighbor? will take place on April 1 from 10:30 a.m. to noon at the Iowa City Public Library. Learn how low and moderate-income households in Iowa City and Coralville are finding it difficult to afford a place to rent or own. [Registration is encouraged](#) for the event.

Sister Helen Prejean will be on campus on April 8 at 6:30 p.m. Sister Helen Prejean has been instrumental in sparking national dialogue on the death penalty. She considers herself a southern storyteller, and travels around the world giving talks about her ministry. This event is free and open to the public, and is in sponsorship with the 2016 Iowa Human Rights Research Conference. [View event details.](#)

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



Just Living Event Spotlight:
Students packed the Old Capitol Senate Chambers to listen to Dr. Angela Davis during her classroom discussion.



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