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Partnership Highlights

One of the pillars of the Office of Outreach & Engagement is to cultivate connections between faculty, staff, students, and communities across the state. Our office strives to provide infrastructure that can facilitate these connections into long lasting partnerships that benefit our Iowa citizens. From engaged learning in the classrooms to applied field research to outreach activities, and more, the University of Iowa's impact on our state and beyond is wide reaching. To that end, the Office

has announced the opening of grant applications for the 2016-17 academic year. The three grant opportunities, Community Impact Grants, Micro Grants, and Theme Semester Supplemental Grants, provide the opportunity to enhance outreach and engagement efforts that shape teaching and learning on campus and serve our state. I encourage you to learn more and apply today at outreach.uiowa.edu/about-us/grants. Email us by replying to this newsletter with any questions or comments.

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PROGRAM UPDATES



UI graduate student Alvon Reed leads second graders at Kirkwood Elementary in a tap dance workshop.

Art Share

Arts Share has partnered with [Any Given Child](#) this year to help provide dance experiences to every elementary school in the Iowa City School District. Any Given Child, a program of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C., is designed to assist a community in planning strategically to provide an equitable arts education for all students in grades K-8. Iowa City was selected in 2012 as the eighth Any Given Child site joining other cities including Portland, Austin, Sacramento, Tulsa, Springfield, Las Vegas, and Sarasota. The Any Given Child Iowa City initiative focuses on the Iowa City Community School District

serving students in North Liberty, Coralville, and Iowa City. Arts Share provided tap dance workshops led by UI graduate student Alvon Reed, hip-hop classes taught by Chuy Renteria, adjunct instructor in the Department of Dance, and lecture demonstrations by Dancers In Company.

Grant Wood Art Colony

The Grant Wood Art Colony and Arts Share collaborated to send Grant Wood Printmaking Fellow Terry Conrad to the [American Gothic House Center](#) on March 19. Conrad hosted a woodblock printmaking class for 10 participants. Arts Share assisted with this event by making the workshop a free opportunity for participants. Attendees came from as far as Memphis, Tennessee, and as close as a farm outside of Eldon, Iowa, and possessed skill levels ranging from crafter to Center for the Book student. Everyone left the four-hour workshop with a greater understanding of the printmaking process. After having such success with this event, the American Gothic House Center intends to use the house for more workshops and lectures, especially in coordination with Arts Share and the Grant Wood Art Colony.



Grant Wood Fellow Terry Conrad conducts workshop at the American Gothic House Center on March 19, 2016.

Additionally, Grant Wood Art Colony congratulates Fellow Neal Rock! He is one of seven finalists for the [XL Catlin Art](#) Prize 2016. Work made during his Fellowship will be exhibited in London from May 5 - 22.



Angela Onwuachi-Willig, Charles and Marion Kirsch Professor of Law.

Hawkeye Lunch & Learn

The Hawkeye Lunch & Learn lecture series is excited to host College of Law Professor Angela Onwuachi-Willig in May for her lecture *Continuing a Tradition of Civil Rights in Iowa*. Professor Onwuachi-Willig will discuss the history of social justice and civil rights in Iowa, including the social justice work that individuals at the University of Iowa College of Law have accomplished and are currently pursuing.

RSVP today!

Angela Onwuachi-Willig, Iowa City: Monday, May 2, <http://bit.ly/onwuachiwilligIC>
Angela Onwuachi-Willig, Des Moines: Tuesday, May 3, <http://bit.ly/onwuachiwilligDSM>

For guidance on how to register for Hawkeye Lunch & Learn events, [view the online instructions](#). See upcoming Iowa City and Des Moines Hawkeye Lunch & Learn lectures at outreach.uiowa.edu/HawkeyeLL. Missed a lecture? View past Hawkeye Lunch & Learn lectures on the [Hawkeye Lunch & Learn YouTube playlist](#).

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

Iowa Initiative for Sustainable Communities

As projects are wrapping up for the 2015-16 partnership, IISC staff will be working to identify faculty, staff, and students to partner to complete projects with the City of Mason City and the East Central Council of Governments, IISC's new community partners for 2016-17. To learn how to get involved in these partnerships, contact IISC Program Coordinator Sarah Sangiovanni at sarah-sangiovanni@uiowa.edu.



RC&D Project Highlight:

Department of Cinematic Art student Olivia Sun interviews Kris Johnston about his personal farming background as part of a video project in Van Buren County.

RC&D Partnership

RC&D staff from around the state attended a Motivational Interviewing workshop in Iowa City on March 16. This workshop engaged participants in Motivational Interviewing, a communication style that research shows enhances a person's ability to be impact change. RC&D staff learned about the techniques of Motivational Interviewing and spent time practicing the communication technique.

Student projects continued to progress, with several groups traveling around the state for their work. A sampling of these trips includes a community partner visit by civil and environmental engineering students to Sully, IA, where students are working on designing a new recreational trail between Sully and Lynnville, and a trip to

Van Buren County by non-fiction film students who are creating a video about a public art project in partnership with Pathfinders RC&D.

The National Endowment of the Arts (NEA) Creativity Connects grant was submitted March 24 in partnership with Pathfinders RC&D. This grant seeks to establish arts-based writing workshops in six communities in the Pathfinders region over the next two years.

Theme Semester

The Just Living Theme Semester rolls into April with a number of opportunities related to social justice.

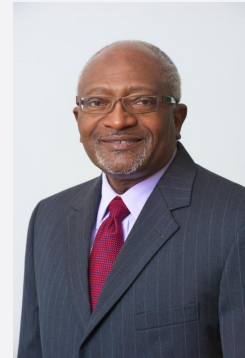
Jay Walljasper, author and editor of *All That We Share: A Field Guide to the Commons* (New Press, 2010), will visit Iowa City and the University of Iowa on Wednesday, April 13. At 5:30, he will present a workshop entitled [25 Ways You Can Create a Strong Community](#) in the Assembly Room of the Iowa City/Johnson County Senior Center. The event is free and open to the public, however attendees are encouraged to bring an [item to donate](#) for the Just Living Student Ambassador initiative [Operation Care Package for Veterans](#).

Join the Just Living Theme Semester, the University Lecture Committee, and Public Policy Center for a lecture presented by Robert Bullard on April 19 at 7:30 p.m. at the Englert Theatre. Bullard is often described as the father of environmental justice. During this talk Bullard will speak about [The Wrong Complexion for Protection: Flint Water Crisis](#). Doors open at 7 p.m. and the event is free and open to the public.

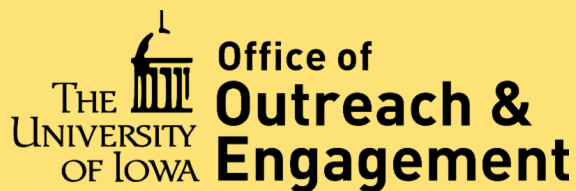
Students: pick up a Just Living Student Event Passport today! The Just Living Student Ambassadors developed a passport to incentivize student attendance at Just Living Theme Semester events. All University of Iowa students are eligible to participate and must attend at least two of the approved events to be eligible to win giveaways. [Learn more about the passport](#) and find a listing of upcoming events!

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

Share your experience with the Theme Semester program by completing the [brief survey](#)!



Just Living Event Spotlight: Robert Bullard will give a lecture on Tuesday, April 19. Photo credit: Jodi F. Solomon Speakers Bureau.



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