In the Office of Outreach & Engagement we work towards creating partnerships on and off-campus that support the efforts of our office-wide initiatives, our featured programs, and the university. It's important to emphasize our relationship with our campus partners. Those in our office who work on our featured programs have had the pleasure of collaborating with departments in each of the university's 11 colleges, as well as numerous units.

As you read our program updates this month you will notice how our partners act as a foundation to our work. For example, our Hawkeye Lunch & Learn lectures would not be possible without the support from the colleges; Theme Semester fall preview events are in partnership with multiple units and departments; and the Iowa Initiative for Sustainable Communities and RC&D Partnership develop projects with students, faculty, and staff across several disciplines.

As we move into this semester and beyond, we look forward to creating new partnerships and strengthening our current ones.

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 is excited to have re-launched their website complete with a new look, artshare.uiowa.edu. The site will continue to be updated with events and opportunities in the coming weeks.

The Arts Share graduate assistants started back up the first week of class and are already busy scheduling workshops and performances. Returning from last year are Rob Hillman and Christine Burke from Music, Tempestt Farrar and Alysha Oravetz from Theatre, and Billy Cho from Art. The new graduate assistants are Arianna Russ (Dance) and Tony Flesher (Writers' Workshop).
The year kicked-off with an event at the American Gothic House in Eldon, Iowa on August 21 in partnership with the Grant Wood Art Colony. Scott Bradley, a Masters in Fine Arts candidate, presented an excerpt of his The Wood Problem, a play about Grant Wood.

**Grant Wood Art Colony**

The Grant Wood Art Colony celebrates upcoming artists through its fellowship program as well as historic artists with its biennial symposium.

The Grant Wood Art Colony has partnered with the University of Iowa Museum of Art for another series of artist lectures this year. Painting & Drawing Fellow Tameka Norris presented on September 14. Printmaking Fellow Colin Lyons will provide his lecture on Wednesday, September 21, and Interdisciplinary Performance Fellow Christopher Rasheem-McMillan will speak on Tuesday, September 27. This artist lecture series takes place in room 116 in Art Building West and begins at 7:30 p.m.

The fifth biennial Grant Wood Symposium will take place on October 28 - 29 on the University of Iowa campus. More information, including speakers and paper abstracts, can be found online. This event is free and open to the public, but participants are encouraged to register.

**Hawkeye Lunch & Learn**

The Hawkeye Lunch & Learn lecture series will host the first lectures later this month. Professor Anita Jung will present The Fine Art Print, discussing the evolving art practice of fine art printmaking and highlighting her collaboration with students across the state to create an art piece for Hancher Auditorium. Visit outreach.uiowa.edu/HawkeyeLL to view upcoming lectures and RSVP today!

*September: Anita Jung, The Fine Art Print*


**Iowa Initiative for Sustainable Communities (IISC)**

Regionalism has gained a lot of traction in recent years, particularly as communities better understand how collaboration across jurisdictional boundaries can lead to innovation and efficiency. Regional marketing, for example, can broaden the reach of economic development and tourism efforts for the area, which in turn strengthens individual communities.

Building off the success of its partnership with Siouxland Interstate Metropolitan Planning Council, IISC has entered into its second partnership with a regional organization - East Central Intergovernmental Association (ECIA) - for the 2016-2017 academic year. ECIA’s mission to “work with member governments, their citizens and others to empower communities and enhance the quality of life throughout the region” parallels the efforts of IISC to, through the vast pool of talent in the University of Iowa, build partnerships and complete projects that enhance the sustainability of communities throughout the state. IISC is excited that the ECIA partnership will help make an impact in more communities by serving a five-county region!

**RC&D Partnership**

The RC&D Partnership spent the month of August planning new and exciting projects this upcoming academic year, as well as wrapping up final projects from the summer. A video promoting local farmer’s markets and farmers in Creston, IA, in collaboration with Southern Iowa RC&D, is close to completion by Anna Swanson, recent graduate of the Department of Cinematic Arts. Projects that are currently in development include an oral histories project with the Lincoln Highway Heritage Byway in partnership with the Digital Scholarship & Publishing Studio, civil and environmental engineering projects with Northeast Iowa RC&D, and a housing needs assessment of a rural Iowa community in the Pathfinders RC&D region. More information about these projects will be available
Theme Semester

Current UI students are encouraged to apply to be a Theme Semester Student Ambassador! The application deadline has been extended to Friday, September 23. Learn more and apply today.

Join us for the first fall preview event for Our Lives Online! On Tuesday, September 20 at 3:30 p.m. in the Iowa Memorial Union Main Ballroom, Senator Tom Harkin will give a lecture about the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the inclusive society it seeks to create for people living with disabilities (view event details). Immediately following the lecture in the Iowa Memorial Union Main Ballroom, the University of Iowa IT Accessibility Group and Our Lives Online Theme Semester program will host an Accessible Technology Panel Discussion.

For more information on all the fall previews visit theme.uiowa.edu.