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Partnership Highlights

I am thrilled this month to begin our third annual Theme Semester program titled Our Lives Online. This spring semester, our students, faculty, staff, and community partners will have the opportunity to examine how technology has changed our lives. Similar to other years, we bring many colleges and disciplines together to view the central theme in a number of ways. Ranging from technological changes in the medical field to the new digital perspective in the arts and humanities, Our Lives Online will

look at how these advances have impacted both our professional and personal lives. Some of the sub-topics to be discussed include social media, big data, and new and rapidly changing technology.

I invite you to join us for the first community event on Tuesday, January 17. UI International Programs' WorldCanvass will explore topics related to Our Lives Online with campus and community experts from 7:30 - 9 p.m. at the Voxman Music Building. A pre-show reception is from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. The event is free and open to the public. [Learn more and RSVP online.](#)

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PROGRAM UPDATES

Arts Share

Arts Share wrapped up a successful fall semester of over 50 graduate student artists teaching and performing throughout Iowa. A huge benefit of the Arts Share program is that in addition to filling in gaps in arts programming in schools and communities, it gives UI graduate student artists the chance to develop workshops and performances so that they can share their craft. Musicians Thiago Ancelmo and Gustavo do Carmo spent the fall semester rehearsing a program of Brazilian music that also explains the cultural relevance of the repertoire. Their "Andara Duo" performed at the Lisbon Public Library in December and will be performing at several other venues in the state in the next few months.

Grant Wood Art Colony

The [Grant Wood Fellow](#) application window for the 2017-18 academic year opens this month. The Grant Wood Fellowship program provides three one-year fellowships in painting and drawing, printmaking, and interdisciplinary performance. The university selects fellows through a national competition each January for the following academic year. The School of Art & Art History will post the painting and drawing and printmaking fellowships soon. The performing arts fellowship rotates between the three departments in the Division of Performing Arts: the Department of Dance, the Department of Theatre Arts, and the School of Music. The Department of Theatre Arts is currently seeking emerging mid-career actors and directors. Visit the [Grant Wood Art Colony website](#) for updates and more information.



The 2017-18 Interdisciplinary Performance Fellowship will be in the Department of Theatre Arts.



Tonya Peeples will present the first lecture of the semester in February.

Hawkeye Lunch & Learn

The Hawkeye Lunch & Learn lecture series is excited to announce the spring 2017 line-up! Learn about women in technology, online surveillance, the virtual soldier program, and student-athletes this semester. The full line-up is available at outreach.uiowa.edu/HawkeyeLL.

The first lecture, titled Women in Technology, will be presented by Tonya Peeples, Associate Dean for Diversity & Outreach at the UI College of Engineering. RSVP today:

Iowa City on Thursday, February 2: <https://bit.ly/peeplesIC>

Des Moines on Tuesday, February 7:

<https://bit.ly/peeplesDSM>

View the [2016-17 YouTube playlist](#) to watch past events online.

Iowa Initiative for Sustainable Communities (IISC)

Among their key roles and responsibilities, IISC Advisory Board members primarily serve to provide support and advice to help guide and evolve the program so that IISC can best fulfill its dual mission of "enhancing sustainability in Iowa while transforming teaching and learning at the University of Iowa". The IISC Advisory Board is comprised of influential faculty, staff, and administrative representatives from across campus whose experiences, connections, and expertise help connect IISC to a broader society. IISC is very excited that, at the December meeting, the board members recognized an opportunity to bring additional perspectives to the group by approving expansion of the Advisory Board to include student and community partner representatives. These new faces will further ensure that IISC projects and services have significant and relevant impacts that align with the ever-changing needs of both UI students and Iowa communities. This evolution of the IISC advisory leadership demonstrates IISC's continual pursuit of excellence and our proactive approach to strengthening relationships with community and campus partners. Stay tuned for announcements about new faces to the board!



The IISC Advisory Board hard at work during their December meeting. The advisory board helps support the vision and direction of the program. Thank you for your continued guidance!

RC&D Partnership

The RC&D Partnership spent the month of December developing projects for spring semester. The program is excited to announce at least nine student and faculty-led community engagement projects will take place in partnership with RC&Ds, spanning the state geographically.

- In southwest Iowa, students in a civil and environmental engineering capstone course will work in partnership with the City of Glenwood, Mills County, and Golden Hills RC&D to complete engineering analysis and design work for a new recreation trail and trailhead,

- including an earth lodge mini interpretive center.
- In central Iowa, students from the Department of Anthropology and Museum Studies Certificate Program will partner with the Boone County Historical Society and Prairie Rivers of Iowa RC&D to assist with historic house museum preservation and development.
- On the eastern side of the state, graduate students in the School of Urban & Regional Planning will complete a housing needs assessment in partnership with the City of Bloomfield and Pathfinders RC&D.

We look forward to highlighting these projects and many more in the months to come!



Our Lives Online, the spring 2017 Theme Semester about the Internet and technology, kicks-off this month!

Theme Semester

Our Lives Online officially begins this month and there are many opportunities to get involved throughout the spring semester! The [full line-up of marquee activities](#) has been released. Check out a few upcoming activities:

- [Jan. 18](#): Luvvie Ajayi will present a lecture on her intersection of comedy, technology, and activism as part of Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration of Human Rights Week.
- [Feb. 6](#): Patrisse Cullors will talk about her work as a social activist and co-creator of the #BlackLivesMatter movement.
- [Feb. 13](#): Oscar Salazar, co-founder of Uber, will share his telecommunications and engineering expertise.

[Download the Marquee Activities Poster](#) to share with your colleagues and friends!

For more information visit theme.uiowa.edu. Join the conversation online using #UITHEME.



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