



Office of Outreach and Engagement

Your monthly news & updates



2017-18 Annual Report Available Online

As 2018 comes to a close, the Office of Outreach and Engagement invites you to look back on the wonderful community engagement and outreach work completed during the past academic year in the [2017-18 Annual Report](#). We are pleased to share stories of student success, innovative faculty research and teaching, and positive community impacts across Iowa that highlight the thousands of

hours of work completed by campus and community partners. I encourage you to review our grants section to see the listing of our 2017-18 grant recipients and their impressive community engagement projects, which we are proud to support. You will also find examples of student work and details about the topic areas we cover. Communities across the state are seeking to collaborate with the University of Iowa to address challenges and opportunities in these areas, and we are privileged to connect them with University of Iowa resources and expertise. We look forward to continuing this work with all of you as we enter the New Year. Best wishes for Happy Holidays!

Linda Snetselaar,
Associate Provost for Outreach and Engagement

Newton Community Health Project

Community-Engaged Research

Learn how we support faculty through [community-engaged research](#) with the duo purpose of serving the public and advancing scholarship.

Our office is proud to announce our collaboration with the UI College of Public Health, Grinnell College, and the city of Newton on a community-based health-promotion and obesity-prevention research project supported by former Iowa Governor and Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack and the Rockefeller Foundation.

Eight students from the University of Iowa and five students Grinnell College, led by faculty and staff from both institutions, are working to identify evidence-based strategies that rural communities can implement to help them promote health and prevent obesity in their citizens. Students will work on the pilot phase of the project from now until May 2019.

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Community Impact Grant Recipients

The Office of Outreach and Engagement awarded three Community Impact Grants for the Spring 2019 semester. Aiden M. Bettine, a graduate student in History and Library and Information Science, received \$7,000 for his Transgender Oral History Project of Iowa. Lucas J. Carr, faculty in the Department of Health and Human Physiology, received \$8,000 for the development of a Service-Learning Program to Increase Physical Activity in Iowans. Jennifer Sherer, of the Labor Center, received \$10,000 for the Iowa Worker Rights Project.

The Summer 2019 Community Impact Grant application window is currently open.

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Grant Wood Public Art Residency

We are accepting applications for the Grant Wood Public Art Residency! Participants will have the opportunity to be commissioned for public art projects ranging up to \$4,000!

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Interested in public art commissions?

Apply for the Grant Wood Public Art Residency program. This intensive, week-long course prepares you for future public art projects. Open to 12 UI undergraduate and graduate students. Receive 1 hour of course credit as well as a chance to complete a mural in a partner community.

Course Date: March 18-21, 2019, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm each day.

Information Session: January 18, 9:00 am, Office of Outreach and Engagement, 756 Van Allen Hall.

Applications due: Friday, February 1, 2019, at 5:00 pm. Apply at outreach.uiowa.edu/residency.



UI art students join current and former Grant Wood Fellows on a tour of Chicago galleries and museums. Credit: Eleanna Anagnos

Field Trip with a Fellow

On November 30, Grant Wood Fellow Eleanna Anagnos led nine students to Chicago to engage them in the life of a working artist.

The students spent two days exploring 15 galleries, two museums, and the School of the Art Institute of Chicago (SAIC). While Anagnos had planned to take her Topics: Professional Practices in Painting class to Chicago, a visit from SAIC faculty Jefferson Pinder last October piqued her students' interest. They initiated a connection that Anagnos solidified.

UI students met with SAIC students, exchanged ideas, and toured their studios. They also met with gallery directors and toured the Museum of Contemporary Art and the Art Institute of Chicago. Next semester, Anagnos hopes to take her class to another Midwestern city.

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Students Making an Impact

Students in **Translation Workshop: English to Spanish** class worked on translating documents for the Webster City library. Their work will enable library staff to better serve their Spanish-speaking patrons, many of whom are elementary and middle-school youth who drop by the library after school.

Students in the translation class worked in small groups and were mentored by **Pilar Marce**, lecturer in the Department of Spanish & Portuguese.

~ We are always looking to expand our arts and cultural offerings by partnering with more departments on campus. We recently worked with the [Center for the Book](#) to find an artist to teach bookbinding workshops. MFA candidate Krista Narciso taught the workshops at Mt. Mercy University in Cedar Rapids. To work with our office or learn more, [email us](#) today. ~



Students work together to translate materials for Kendall Young Library in Webster City.



Community and Economic Development with IISC

Students in the University of Iowa College of Law's Community Empowerment Law Project program visit Webster City to meet with stakeholders.

[Learn more about the students' models for community impact investment.](#)

In their proposals for the Iowa Initiative for Sustainable Communities, two cities – Webster City and Manning – both sought to identify and better understand models for community-driven investment vehicles.

Webster City successfully created and renovated a nonprofit movie theater using crowdfunding and is in the nascent stages of establishing a cooperative brewery in the city. Similarly, Manning successfully secured \$790,000 from local investors to build the city's first and only hotel. However, these impressive successes did not create a sustainable framework to effectively channel local investment for future projects.

Their shared interests in community-impact investing spurred a multicity collaboration with the Office of Outreach and Engagement, which matched them with clinic law students (second- or third-year students at the University of Iowa College of Law participating in the Community Empowerment Law Project). Throughout the fall semester, the four law students explored a variety of models to promote community-driven economic growth through harnessing the capital of small, local investors that can ultimately support local entrepreneurs. Their research included

dozens of interviews from experts in this emerging field from across the country and **resulted in a comprehensive study of community-based investment vehicles, with recommendations tailored to both Webster City and Manning.**

We are wrapping up 20 community engagement projects this semester. [Read about them](#) on our website and follow us on social media to see photos and receive updates throughout the semester!

Off the Field and on the Course

University of Iowa Outreach & Engagement

Hawkeye defensive lineman turned disc golf planner ☐>☐ Parker Hesse is teaming up with Boone County Conservation to plan for an 18 hole disc golf course!

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ACTIVITIES & DEADLINES...

IISC Partner Application Informational Conference Call, Jan. 11, 2019, 10-11 am
(sign up by 3 pm, Jan. 14, by emailing travis-kraus@uiowa.edu)

[2019 Civic Action Planning and Implementation Institute](#), Jan. 17, 2019, 9 am - 4 pm, IMU

Grant Wood Public Art Residency Information Session, Jan. 18, 2019, 9 am, 756 Van Allen Hall

[IISC Request for Proposals Due](#), Feb. 1, 2019

[Summer Community Impact Grant Applications Due](#), Feb. 1, 2019

[Grant Wood Public Art Residency Applications Due](#), Feb. 1, 2019

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