



## Office of Outreach and Engagement

### Your monthly news & updates



#### **Update on Newton Community Health Partnership**

Our collaborative, community-based engagement partnership between the University of Iowa, Grinnell College and Newton, Iowa, continues to make progress. Last month, our team of UI and Grinnell College students and faculty presented research findings to stakeholders in Newton, followed by roundtable discussions identifying potential priority

projects that can support health and wellness in the community. Next Monday, we will gather once again in Newton with former Iowa Governor and Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack to celebrate this partnership and present projects that have been selected to move forward.

These projects view health and obesity prevention holistically, with a focus on evidence-based approaches to community health solutions. The planning and project development will be complete by May, when we will present project opportunities to the entire community. We are proud to be part of this important partnership and to have the support of Tom Vilsack and the Rockefeller Foundation.

Linda Snetselaar,  
Associate Provost for Outreach and Engagement

### Showcasing Success in Rural Iowa



Journalism & Mass Communication students talk with city officials from Manning, Iowa, (pop. 1,568) about their project to develop a strategic communications plan for attracting new residents. "This was one of my favorite projects to work on at Iowa," said one Journalism and Mass Communication senior.

Manning, Iowa, is thriving. Located in the far southwestern corner of Carroll County in west central Iowa, and more than 80 miles from the nearest large metro area, this rural community offers residents a wealth of amenities and high quality of life. Its main street architecture reflects German heritage, the government, business community, and residents continue to invest and take pride in their community, and strong local leaders are working toward a shared vision, building partnerships with organizations across the state. All of these elements contribute to the success and vitality of this small community.

Last spring, Manning submitted a proposal for the Iowa Initiative for Sustainable Communities Partnership. Even though Manning was not selected as the IISC partner, the proposal became the source of numerous challenging and meaningful projects for UI students this year: a Civil & Environmental Engineering project to restore a dilapidated downtown building, a Journalism & Mass Communications project developing a communications plan for attracting new residents, a College of Law project exploring models for community impact investing, and a Sports & Recreation Management project to enhance Manning's recreation programming and infrastructure.

"Being able to work with a real-life client on a real-world problem was extremely beneficial as it motivated me to actually try to help someone. It made the class much more entertaining, and I engaged more... It also helped to get some experience that would be great to put on a resume," said one journalism student in an end-of-semester survey.

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## What Goes into an Artist's Process and Development?

We're proud to continue our rich tradition of collaborating with the Stanley Museum of Art, who will host our Grant Wood Fellow lectures this spring. The first talk "Paradigm Shift" is from Painting & Drawing Fellow Eleanna Anagnos on February 25, 7:30 p.m. in Art Building West. Anagnos will share developments in her processes that bridge the gap between the corporeal and intangible.

Anagnos is a Chicago-raised, New York-based artist and curator interested in phenomenon outside of our definable experience. Her work explores the



nature of human perception and elicits a physiological response where subjectivity, phenomenology, and the conscious act of seeing are addressed. Made from plaster or paper pulp, her work sits at the cusp between painting and sculpture and evokes a chain of associations: fossil, tablet, fragment, relic, mask, shield. The work is often read as simultaneously ancient and current, a similarity it shares with the cities of Rome and Athens, where Anagnos has lived. Learn more on the Stanley Museum of Art's [website](#).



Grant Wood Fellow in  
Painting & Drawing,  
Eleanna Anagnos

Photo by Todd Weinstein

## Performances for Community Audiences

**Theatre:** Last spring, University of Iowa grad students Decent Ndongwe and Nyaradzai Chisaka in the Department of History interviewed seven Iowa City residents from Sudan to document their personal stories and perspectives. UI alumna Margot Connolly then turned those oral histories - along with research by UI faculty Jim Giblin and content from the book *Modern Muslims: a Sudan Memoir* by Steve Howard - into a play. Join us for the premiere staged reading of:

*My Daughters are My Writings*  
Friday, February 15, 4:30 p.m.  
in Senate Chambers of the Old Capitol, Iowa City

The event will be followed by a talk by Mr. Howard and a reception at 6 p.m. Sponsored by the Office of Outreach and Engagement and the University of Iowa African Studies Program.



**Music:** Bring your family and friends to the free, family-friendly percussion concert featuring UI's percussion department. All are welcome at this annual event!

*Percussion Music Familiar and Fun*

Sunday, February 10, 3:00-4:00 pm  
in Voxman Music Building's Concert Hall

Sponsored by the Office of Outreach and Engagement.

## Like Us and Get Social

### Generation Wealth Screening

"Generation Wealth" examines materialism, celebrity culture, social status, & the desire to be wealthy at any cost. From UI Theme Semester "American Dream" & FilmScene.

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### University of Iowa Outreach & Engagement

Dancers in Company, the University of Iowa's touring dance company, is on the road! Here are a few of their upcoming dates. Message us for more details! Performance and Workshop at Indian Hills...

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## ACTIVITIES & DEADLINES...

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[My Daughters are My Writings](#), Feb. 15, 4:30 pm, in Senate Chambers of the Old Capitol, Iowa City

[Generation Wealth](#) screening, Feb. 18, 6:00-8:00 pm, Voxman Music Building

["Americanah" Book Discussion](#), Feb. 21, 7:00-9:00 pm, Coralville Public Library Board Room

"Paradigm Shift," lecture from Eleanna Anagnos, Feb. 25, 7:30 pm, Art Building West

Dancers in Company Performance and Workshop, Feb. 27, Indian Hills Community College, Ottumwa, Iowa

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