



Office of Outreach and Engagement

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Outreach and Engagement New Website Now Live!

The Office of Outreach and Engagement has been working to redesign our website since last spring, and we are pleased to announce the new site is now live. The new website integrates the Iowa Initiative for Sustainable Communities and Arts Share websites into outreach.uiowa.edu to better reflect the way we work and improve your experience of connecting with our

office. Whether you're a community partner interested in applying for projects, the IISC partnership, or a speaker, or you're a campus partner looking for grant funding, support for service-learning classes, or more, you'll find it all on our website. We have many different activities housed in one office, and we hope this website provides a central portal for accessing community outreach and engagement services and resources at Iowa. Please take a look and [send us](#) your feedback!

Linda Snetselaar,
Associate Provost for Outreach and Engagement

Grant Wood Public Art Residency

Spurred by increased interest from communities across Iowa for public art projects and the specific opportunity to work on a mural project with Cedar County, Iowa, the Office of Outreach and Engagement developed the new Grant Wood Public Art Residency at the University of Iowa. Participants in the week-long, intensive residency are selected through a competitive application process open to University of Iowa students. The Grant Wood Art Colony staff worked closely with the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and School of Art and Art History faculty to develop an immersive exploration of public art theory and community engagement best practices.

The 2019 Grant Wood Public Art Residency of the Office of Outreach and Engagement will take place March 18-21, 2019.

[Learn More](#)



Hip-Hop Performance

Come experience Grant Wood Fellow Brandon Alexander Williams in "[Griot](#), [a one-man show](#)." this Saturday, December 1, at 7:30 p.m. in the Voxman Recital Hall. The free

performance, hosted by the School of Music, is open to the public. Williams has been heralded as "...a lyrical

scientist" by "Andre 3000" Benjamin (of **OutKast** fame). He has a unique ability to craft rhythm and poetry with advanced wordplay, and encode phonetic puns and comedic timing within storytelling. The Grant Wood Fellow and visiting instructor of hip-hop studies and culture will be playing the greatest instrument known to man, the human voice. Accompanied with DJ turntables and a djimbe drum, this one-man experience will surely make your brain smile.



Brandon Alexander Williams emcees "rhythm and poetry: a spoken-word showcase and open mic" at the Trumpet Blossom.

Lectures, Workshops, & Performances

Dr. William Field, Department of Occupational and Environmental Health spoke to public audiences this fall at the Forest Avenue Library in Des Moines and the Myrtue Medical Center in Harlan, Iowa. His talk, "Radon: The Leading Environmental Cause of Cancer Mortality in Iowa," enabled Dr. Field to inform Iowans about the newest aspects of this important public health issue.

Although UI artists travel all over the state to share their talents, they also work with many local programs:

- VA medical center veterans for art and writing workshops
- Fifth Ward Saints, a new program working with at-risk youth, providing theatre workshops
- REACH participants (program on campus for students with intellectual disabilities) through ceramics workshops and an exhibit.

Graduate student artists enjoy the opportunity to hone their craft while connecting with people outside of their academic world.



How To Request UI Outreach

Our office connects faculty, staff, and students with opportunities throughout Iowa to share their expertise with off-campus audiences. Would you like to request a speaker, performer, or artist to work with your organization?

[Learn More](#)

Faculty Sign-Up

You can sign up to be part of the University of Iowa Speakers Bureau to share your expertise with groups outside of the university. Communities and organizations often look to the University of Iowa to provide lectures and workshops

We're Seeking Our 2019-20 IISC Partner

The Iowa Initiative for Sustainable Communities (IISC) Request for Proposals

is now open!

Download the IISC RFP



The magnitude and depth of an IISC partnership make it unlike any other resource or service we offer. The community chosen as an IISC partner will identify multiple projects to be completed over

the course of one academic year. Our office brings together faculty, staff, and students from across campus to complete a range of 10-20 projects. More than 100 students will work directly with individuals and groups in the community, contributing more than 10,000 hours of work. Whereas some partnerships might consist of single project, IISC partnerships tackle many projects at one time.

Focusing concurrent projects in one geographic area result in a profound, transformative impact, not only because of the number and quality of projects, but also because citizens coalesce around a shared vision and shared goals in order to make the partnership successful. Building sustainable communities requires a collaborative spirit and desire to partner with various populations within your community, including local governments, non-profit organizations, local businesses, and educational institutions. We believe these connections are the heart of this work.

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis until February 1st, 2019. Two conference calls are scheduled in December and January for communities to learn more about the program and application process. We encourage you to contact us if you are considering a partnership in your community!

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