



Director's Note

This year we recognize the great work of community-engaged scholars through two new funding mechanisms: the Pathways and Partnerships (P2) grant, and the Institute for Community and Economic Engagement (ICEE) Faculty Fellows program. We are pleased to be offering ways to support faculty working with community partners and students in ways that build capacity for deepened partnerships that benefit our communities, as well as our teaching and knowledge generation.

Additionally, we are thrilled to share that Collaboratory®, a database designed and licensed by ICEE to TreeTop Commons, LLC is now being used by UNCG and several other campuses including Portland State University, IUPUI, and other IU system campuses. Collaboratory was borne from UNCG's need to create a more efficient and effective centralized system for tracking, communicating, and connecting across a variety of community engagement and public service activities, and so, it is with much anticipation and excitement that we have started our "early adopter" phase of the system.

Please read more about these grants and Collaboratory in our newsletter below! And, happy 2018!

Sincerely,

Emily M. Janke, PhD
Director

Feature

ICEE Faculty Fellows



Congratulations to our four 2018 ICEE Faculty Fellows! Each faculty member will facilitate a learning community beginning Spring 2018, in an effort to bring faculty, staff, administrators, students, and community members together around community-engaged topics. Fellows and topics include:

Culturally Responsive Research and Evaluation Practice with Dr. Jill Chouinard (ERM)



The focus of this community of practice is to build awareness and understanding of culturally responsive research and evaluation practice both within and outside of UNCG, with a specific focus on methodology. I envision connecting with others at UNCG (and beyond), sharing ideas and readings, holding discussion groups and building capacity in culturally responsive research and evaluation across diverse program and community contexts.

Making Real-World Connections: Conversations with Local and Global Communities on World Issues and Their Impact on Families with Dr. Rachel Boit (HDFS)



Whether it's about the way we live; the way we talk; what we eat, wear, value, believe in etc., there definitely are similarities and differences in these aspects of our daily interactions. This learning community will focus on learning about global problems at the local level where participants benefit from opportunities to learn with and from diverse and culturally diverse people. Through experiential learning and open discussions, participants become invested in their local community while at the same time grappling with far reaching problems that impact families all over the world and in the process, see firsthand how personal experiences are connected to universal ones.

Community-Engaged Writing with Dr. Michael Hemphill (KIN)



This learning community focuses on connecting community-engaged scholars to explore opportunities and challenges related to writing for scholarly publication. The community aims to identify ways to support and enhance community-engaged writing through collaborating, networking, and supporting each other's ideas.

Circles of Pedagogy and Practice: Exploring Circle Process as a Process of Education and Restoration with Dr. Jeremy Rinker (PCS)



Over the last few years, there has been growing interest in restorative justice across the nation. Join in developing a community of practice around the many functions and dynamics of designing and implementing circle processes—a restorative practice—inside and outside the classroom. Our community of practice will organize regular meetings to explore the philosophy and pedagogy behind circle processes and the potential uses of this unique form of community building and engagement.

Featured Resources

Collaboratory®

UNCG will be using Collaboratory® this year as part of the annual data collection on community engagement and public service activities. Collaboratory is a publicly searchable web-based database that captures community-university activities. This data benefits UNCG by 1) attracting and recruiting competitive community-engaged students and faculty, 2) enhancing the opportunities to connect and convene across the institution and the community to move from individual to collective practices rooted in community-identified priorities and strengths, and 3) supporting avenues to honors and recognition like the Carnegie classification by showing the pervasiveness and depth of our engagement. Learn more about how you can showcase your community engagement work in Collaboratory.

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UNCG Referral Desk

The Referral Desk offers assistance to anyone who is looking to access resources and opportunities at UNCG. We help you find whom you need to know or where to go. Email communityengagement@uncg.edu or call [\(336\) 505-8994](tel:(336)505-8994).



Spotlight on Resources

Liquid Philosophy



UNCG professors Justin Harmon (CTR), Marianne LeGreco (CST), and Jeremy Rinker (PCS) have launched a new podcast called Liquid Philosophy where a "rag-tag bunch of academics have a few drinks and interview professors, deans, and other folks making strides in academia." The first two episodes feature long-time community engagement faculty Dr. Bob Wineburg (SWK).

Building Your Community Asset Map Using ArcGIS Online



The Center for Housing and Community Studies created a training manual for assisting communities in building an online asset map using free ArcGIS software is now available. This step-by-step guide provides background on asset mapping, how to create a map online, the kinds of information that should be included, resources for adding data layers, and images depicting each step of building the map. You may download the [Training Manual](#) and [Excel Tool](#).

Sharing UNCG Scholarship and Leadership

Community-Engaged Pathways and Partnerships (P2): A Grant Program for Departments and Units

ICEE, with the support of the Office of Research and Engagement, is supporting community and economic engagement through a new grant-funded program. This three-year grant supports the development of structures and relationships that move from individual to collective community-engagement practices. ICEE awarded the inaugural P2 grants to two interdisciplinary and multi-sector teams. Both teams met in December 2017 for a launch meeting with the ICEE staff and campus partners. [Click to see the grant teams and projects!](#)



UNCG Research Magazine

Now available in an online format, the UNCG magazine highlights stories of UNCG research activities. Several community-engaged research stories are featured, including [Safe Harbor](#), which features the Center for New North Carolinians, and [The Harvest at Home](#), which features Dr. Marianne LeGreco (CST) and her faculty and community partners.



Upcoming Events at UNCG

Community Engagement Speaker Series

ICEE and the Office of Leadership and Service-Learning are hosting Dr. Nick Longo on February 15 and 16 as part of the Community Engagement Speaker Series. Nick is the chair of Public and Community Service Studies and professor of Global Studies at Providence College. He is author of books, articles, and reports on issues of youth civic education, community-based leadership, global citizenship, and service-learning. His talks will focus primarily on his most recent book, *Deliberative Pedagogy: Teaching and Learning for Democratic Engagement*, including a session on community-engaged narrative methodologies.

Read more about [Nick's visit to campus!](#) He will also be a keynote speaker at two civic engagement conferences that week, the [Civic Engagement Institute](#) and the [Pathways to Achieving Civic Engagement](#) both held at Elon University.

The Community Engagement Speaker Series is partnering with the [Harriet Elliott Lecture Series](#) to host a keynote "The Power of History: Memory and Representation" by Dr. Lonnie Bunch on March 27 & 28.

Be Here Club

Come connect with community-engaged scholars at UNCG through an informal meet-up. The Be Here Club gathers once a month off-campus for community building and scholarly support. For more information, contact Justin Harmon, jtharmo3@uncg.edu. Food and drink are sponsored by the Deans of the College of Arts & Sciences and the School of Health and Human Sciences.

Connecting to and Documenting Community-Engaged Scholarship

UNCG supports community-engaged teaching, research, and service. This brown bag workshop will provide a brief overview of community engagement at UNCG. We will focus on best practices for identifying collaborators within the community, how to get the word

out about your community engagement, and how to plan for documenting your community engagement for promotion, tenure, and/or annual reviews. Attend April 18 from 12-1pm, by registering at <https://workshops.uncg.edu>.

5th Annual Novem Mason Symposium

The 5th Annual Novem Mason Symposium, "Design4Health: Towards a Healthy Built Environment for All," will be on March 13-14. This event is sponsored by the Center for Community-Engaged Design, an interdisciplinary research center that fosters community/university partnerships for meaningful research and design of the built and natural environments. For additional information, contact Travis Hicks, tlhicks@uncg.edu, or Kristen Raizada, kbraizad@uncg.edu.

Upcoming Deadlines

"Deadlines from the Field" Calendar

Keeping track of conference dates, call for proposals, award deadlines, etc. can be overwhelming. ICEE has designed a resource to help you keep track of these deadlines from the community engagement field. This sharable [calendar](#) is updated regularly to make local, regional, national, and international opportunities more accessible to you. You can view the calendar by visiting our website or add it to your google calendar list for more immediate access.

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