January Updates from Civic Engagement and Service Learning!

CESL Opportunities

Holyoke Bound is coming up! Holyoke Bound is a day-long orientation to the Paper City that will take place from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on February 9th. It is strongly suggested that faculty require Holyoke Bound for any students doing service in Holyoke this semester. Registration is required and seats are limited, so register today!

The Service-Learning Bus to Holyoke will resume shuttling five college students back and forth to community partner sites on February 11. Click here for the detailed schedule!

Boltwood Project Info
Sessions January 28-30th. The Boltwood Project is

Are you teaching a service-learning course?

If your course qualifies as a community service-learning course but hasn't been featured on our website or received one of the two CESL course designations on SPIRE, apply here!
a 43 year-old program that recently joined CESL. The project works to provide opportunities for skill development and recreation activities for individuals living with disability and to provide university students with the opportunity to gain experiential education within organizations working with these populations. Students interested in becoming a part of this program must attend an Info and Interview session this January in order to enroll in the 2-credit Service-Learning Practicum course. Click here for more info.

Lee Mun Wah at UMass on February 12th

A nationally-acclaimed lecturer and Master Diversity and Communications Trainer, Lee Mun Wah is Director of StirFry Seminars and Consulting, which works to facilitate diversity issues through healthy and authentic cross cultural relationships. Join him and other Five Colleges staff and students for a day that promises community and relationship building. Seats are limited, so register now.

Join Us For the Launch of Teaching Matters

Teaching Matters Launch Friday, January 25th 3:00-5:00 pm University Club (Appetizers provided, cash bar)

What is Teaching Matters?

In Spring, 2012, CESL invited faculty and graduate students involved in engaged teaching to meet and talk about how to do this work. The group that responded took on the name Teaching Matters and a mission: to bring together other people who care about an approach to education that enables us and our students to understand the world and to act purposefully and effectively within it. Click here to learn more!

New Vision Project Faculty Fellows

Faculty from departments across the campus have been meeting together with

Do Your Students Have a Story to Share?
CESL staff to explore how they can design or re-design their courses to use principles of best practice in service-learning. The faculty below have been selected for the Spring 2013 Faculty Fellows program and will develop a Service-Learning component in a current or new course or a group of courses and share in designing and conducting assessment of the outcomes for students and for the community.

Allison Butler  
(Communication)  
Martha Fuentes-Bautista  
(Communication)  
Krista Harper  
(Anthropology)  
MaryAnn Hogan (Nursing)  
Laura Lovett (History)  
Catherine Sands  
(Stockbridge School)  
Bonnie Strickland  
(Psychology)  

Learn more about the Faculty Fellows program.

The CESL blog features reflections and updates from students involved in the many service-learning programs throughout the valley. Please add the blog to your syllabus and encourage your students to submit their thoughts by sending an email containing their story with the subject line "Blog Post" to cesl@umass.edu. See what's already been written!