

Week of October 3, 2011

WNYSLC News and Updates

SAVE THE DATE! The WNYSLC and Hilbert College are pleased to present, “Reflection 101: The Meaning Behind the Service” on November 1st from 3:30 – 5:00pm. Stay tuned for more information!

Congratulations to Buffalo State College, Canisius College and Daemen College who all received mini grants for new service-learning projects from the WNYSLC!

The WNYSLC is now on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#). Be sure to like and follow us to keep on top of all coalition news and service-learning related news on the local and national level!

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Local News and Events

1. Sponsored by Lexington Cooperative Market and Edible Buffalo, the Second [“Food Matters”](#) Film Series offers films with inspiring stories about local communities. Urban

Roots will be shown on **October 12th**. Films will be shown at 7pm at Hallwalls Contemporary Art Center, 341 Delaware; tickets are \$8 (\$6 for Co-op members) available at the market or [online](#).

2. Engaging Students Through Integrating Classroom and Community: *How service-learning experiences can increase learning in any discipline* presented by NYCC on **October 18th**, 4:00 to 6:00 (networking and refreshments at 3:30 pm) at the University at Albany. Featuring Dr. Edward Zlotkowski, from Bentley University. RSVP [online](#).
3. An HR forum on Health Care Reform will be taking place on **October 20th** from 8:30am – 10:00 at Buffalo Niagara Riverkeeper. The program will address the benefit implications of New York's Marriage Equality Act and its interactions with the federal Defense of Marriage Act; and other related topics. The program will also feature a discussion on teasing and bullying. RSVP [here](#).
4. The Mobile Safety Net Teams, funded by the John R. Oishei Foundation are looking to reach out to individuals in Tonawanda, Lackawanna and the Niagara District of Buffalo to assist with filling out a survey on gaps in service. If you work with individuals and families in these areas please encourage them to fill out the [survey](#). Participants are eligible to win a \$10 Tim Horton's gift card. Questions or concerns may be sent to [Alecia Zimmerman](#) at the WNY Homeless Alliance.

National Conferences and Workshops

1. [How to Craft a Proposal to a Foundation](#), a webinar on **October 13th** will provide invaluable tips on developing a compelling proposal narrative, what a proposal package should include, how to let the funder take the lead, and advice on writing and submission techniques that get a proposal noticed by foundation decision makers.
2. [Recognition of Engaged Scholarship: Strategies, Resources and Dissemination](#), **November 2nd** in Chicago is a pre-conference workshop at the 2011 conference of the International Association of Research on Service-Learning and Community Engagement. For more information about the session, visit <http://bit.ly/rrWeJt>.
3. [Inquiry into Service Learning](#), a webinar on **November 4th** will assist individuals in learning how to ask good questions about practice and students' learning that get at the big ideas and goals of community-based work. Developing the capacity to embed assessment that is ongoing, actively engages students, and provides documentation for future reflection. Gaining practical strategies for systematic and critical reflection on success and failures. And finally, learning how to share new knowledge from inquiry in publications and other scholarly products to advance the field. This webinar is appropriate for faculty who engage in service-learning or community based learning, or plan to engage in these pedagogies, and for staff and administrators who work with faculty.
4. The Center for Public Scholarship presents the 26th conference, ["The Future of Higher Education"](#) from the Social Research journal at The New School on **December 8th- 9th** in NYC. This public conference aims to engage both experts and the public in discussions that will deepen our understandings of the ways in which higher education is changing while many universities enter into global collaborations and the U.S. education model is exported abroad. We aim to outline the ways in which U.S. university leadership can work to ensure that U.S. universities can continue to adapt and thrive as their contexts change.

Call for Proposals and Papers

1. The 2012 National Health Promotion Summit is seeking abstracts on innovative prevention and health promotion programs that address the Summit's theme, "Prevention. Promotion. Progress." Abstracts are due on **October 24th** and may be submitted [here](#).

New Resources

1. The Coalition for Community Schools has released [Scaling Up School and Community Partnerships: The Community Schools Strategy](#). Built on the experience of the growing number of local community schools initiatives across the country, the guide will help school districts and their public and private community partners organize and mobilize the resources of the entire community to support student success.
2. An article from Inside Higher Ed: "[Measuring Engagement](#)," specifically about the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE) and the Community College Survey of Student Engagement (CCSSE) but addressing an important set of issues for service-learning, engaged scholarship, and other forms of academic outreach and engagement.
3. [Media & Social Justice](#) is an anthology of work by critical media scholars, media makers, and activists who are committed to advancing social justice. Topics addressed include but are not limited to international media activist projects such as the Right to Communication movement and its corollaries; the importance of listening and enacting policies that advance democratic media; regional and local media justice projects; and others.
4. [Volunteering in America](#), a new report from the US Corporation for National and Community Service, says that while the number of Americans who volunteer dropped slightly in 2010, nearly 63 million Americans, slightly more than a quarter of the population, volunteered for charities last year, providing services valued at nearly \$173-billion.
5. [Foundation Growth a Giving Estimates](#), a survey of 75 foundation leaders across the country showed that almost all of them (95 percent) said some of their grantees had been affected by federal, state and local funding cuts, and 58 percent said most or all of them had. One-quarter said some grantees had been forced to suspend operations either temporarily or permanently.

Grant Opportunities

1. [International Reading Association Teacher as Researcher](#) grants support classroom teachers who undertake action research inquiries about literacy and instruction. Maximum award: \$4,000. Eligibility: All applicants must be members of the International Reading Association (IRA) and practicing PreK-12 teachers with full time or permanent half time teaching responsibilities (includes librarians, Title I teachers, classroom teachers, and resource teachers). Classroom teachers will be given preference. Applicants may apply as a collaborative group or individually. Application Deadline: **November 1st**.

2. [The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health Policy Fellows](#) program is designed to provide a comprehensive fellowship experience at the nexus of health science, policy, and politics in Washington, D.C. The year-long program provides an opportunity for exceptional midcareer health professionals and behavioral and social scientists with an interest in health and healthcare policy. Fellows participate in the policy process at the federal level and use that leadership experience to improve health, healthcare, and health policy. Up to six grants of up to \$165,000 each will be made in 2012. Each fellow will receive up to \$94,000 for the Washington stay (September 1, 2012, through August 31, 2013) in salary, plus fringe benefits or fellowship stipend. Continued pre-approved leadership development activities may be conducted with any remaining funds within twelve months following the Washington year. Fellows will receive an additional allowance for relocation. Reference Letter Deadline: **November 2nd**. Application Deadline: **November 9th**.

3. A program of the National Academy of Education and the Spencer Foundation, the [National Academy of Education/Spencer Postdoctoral Fellowship Program](#) supports early career scholars working in critical areas of education research. This nonresidential postdoctoral fellowship funds proposals that make significant scholarly contributions to the field of education. The program also develops the careers of its recipients through professional development activities involving National Academy of Education members. Up to twenty postdoctoral fellowships will be awarded in 2012. Fellows will receive \$55,000 for one academic year of research, or \$27,500 for each of two contiguous years, working half-time. Fellowships must begin during the 2012-13 academic year. Application Deadline: **November 4th**.

4. State Farm and Youth Service America are offering grants of up to \$1,000 for the promotion of service-learning projects in K-12 public schools. Each grant will engage participating youth in service-learning, a teaching and learning strategy that helps to promote student learning, academic achievement, workplace readiness, and stronger communities. [The State Farm Good Neighbor Service-Learning Grants](#) encourage semester-long projects — a “Semester of Service” — that launch on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service (January 16, 2012) and culminate on Global Youth Service Day (April 20-22, 2012). Application Deadline: **November 9th**.

5. [National Gardening Association Youth Garden Grants](#) provide support to schools and community organizations with child-centered garden programs. In evaluating grant applications, priority will be given to programs that emphasize one or more of these elements: educational focus or curricular/program integration; nutrition or plant-to-food connections; environmental awareness/education; entrepreneurship; and social aspects of gardening such as leadership development, team building, community support, or service-learning. Maximum award: a \$500 gift card to The Home Depot and a \$500 gift card to the Gardening with Kids catalog and educational materials from NGA. Eligibility: schools, youth groups, community centers, camps, clubs, treatment facilities, and intergenerational groups throughout the United States. Application Deadline: **November 28th**.

6. AVANCE, Inc. provides innovative education and family support services to predominantly Hispanic families in low-income, at-risk communities throughout the United States. AVANCE created the [Unlocking America's Potential Project](#) (UAPP) to expand its evidence-based Parent-Child Education Program across the country. Through the current Request for Proposals (RFP), nonprofit organizations serving low-income Hispanic families may apply for assistance in adopting the AVANCE Parent-Child Education Program model. The UAPP grant allows for a one-time payment of \$50,000 to selected organizations to help with initial setup costs. Along with the cash grants, AVANCE will also provide staff, technical assistance, and networking opportunities. Application Deadline: **December 15th**.

7. The American Federation for Aging Research provides financial support to early and mid-career scientists whose research can increase knowledge of the fundamental mechanisms of aging. The [AFAR Research Grants Program](#) provides up to \$100,000 for a one- to two-year award to junior faculty (MDs and PhDs) to conduct research that will serve as the basis for longer-term research efforts. AFAR-supported investigators study a broad range of biomedical and clinical topics, including the causes of cellular senescence, the role of estrogen in the development of osteoporosis, the genetic factors associated with Alzheimer's disease, the effects of nutrition and exercise on the aging process, and more. Application Deadline: **December 15th**.

8. The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation is coordinating a unique, multi-funder initiative to identify, generate, synthesize, and disseminate evidence essential to informing efforts to implement the recommendations outlined in the Institute of Medicine report, "The Future of Nursing: Leading Change, Advancing Health" and to contribute to the [Future of Nursing: Campaign for Action](#)'s goal of advancing comprehensive change in healthcare for patients and the country. The purpose of this activity is to increase and focus national attention on a common research agenda related to the IOM recommendations and to facilitate and coordinate funding activity across a range of funders of nursing research. Application Deadline: **Rolling, until January 3rd**.

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