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## **WNYSLC News and Updates**

The WNYSLC is seeking proposals for seed funding for [collaborative projects](#) that involve at least one WNYSLC higher education institution and at least one WNYSLC community partner. Projects may be conducted in the Spring 2011 semester or the 2011-2012 academic year. The grant range is \$500-\$1,500. Proposals should be submitted by **February 15, 2011**. Grant announcements will be made by February 25, 2011.

Applications are now available for the [2011 Service-Learning Faculty Fellowship](#), to be held May 17-19, 2011 in the Buffalo-Niagara area. This three-day training is available to any faculty member from any WNYSLC higher education institutional partner interested in learning to incorporate or improve the utilization of service-learning in a course. Applications should be submitted by **March 7, 2011**.

## **Local News and Events**

1. GIS Service-Learning Projects Needed
2. Read Across America
3. NYS Colleges Tobacco-Free Initiative
4. Homebuyer Seminar
5. "Not-for-Profit Agency Input and Feedback to NYS Legislators on State Budget"
6. Free Tax Preparation
7. BNHRA Annual HR Excellence Awards

## **National Conferences and Workshops**

1. Summer Food Service Program
2. Webinars: "Community Publishing: Service Work/Internships as Interdisciplinary Learning" and "Sustaining Collaborative Partnerships Between K-12 and Higher Education"
3. CES4Health.info Conference Calls
4. Webinar: Social Media from the Inside Out"

## **Calls for Proposals and Presentations**

1. Call for Presentations: "Place Matters: Higher Education and Community Development"
2. Call for Manuscripts: *The American Journal of Public Health*
3. Call for Presentations: Open Society Foundation's Moving Walls 19

## **New Resources**

1. "The Role of Service-Learning on the Retention of First-Year Students to Second Year"
2. *Hours of Opportunity, Volume 1: Lessons from Five Cities on Building Systems to Improve After-School, Summer School and Out-of-School Time Programs*
3. "Hear Us Out: Students Talk about Going to College"
4. "The Effectiveness of Boosting Public Health Insurance Enrollment through Community Events"
5. "Civic Engagement Highest in Developed Countries"
6. "States' Progress and Challenge in Implementing Common Core Standards"
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12. Colin Higgins Youth Courage Awards

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1. Dr. Tao Tang at Buffalo State College is looking for service-learning partners for GEG 428/528; his Environmental Assessment and Planning Applications in GIS class. Does your organization have any GIS projects that you would like to implement? Please respond with any ideas, questions or suggestions to Susannah White at [whitesl@buffalostate.edu](mailto:whitesl@buffalostate.edu) or 878-5811.
2. Read to Succeed Buffalo is looking for Pre-K classes to participate in Read Across America on March 2, 2011. Participation includes a 30-45 minute lesson plan and reading activities. For more information, please contact Deborah Porter at 843-8895 or [porter@rtsb.org](mailto:porter@rtsb.org).
3. A free conference on the [NYS Colleges Tobacco-Free Initiative](#) will be held on February 7, 2011 from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. at the University at Buffalo's Center for Tomorrow, located at Flint Road and Service Center Road in Buffalo. The conference will cover how campuses can implement and enforce a 100% tobacco-free campus and will provide resources to make this policy a reality. For more information, please email [anne.ryan@cancer.org](mailto:anne.ryan@cancer.org).
4. A free [seminar for homebuyers](#) will be February 9<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at HomeFront, 560 Delaware Ave., Suite 101. This seminar will cover the home buying process, grant programs and credit options. Call 856-2952 for additional information.
5. The United Way of Buffalo and Erie County is hosting "Not-for-Profit Agency Input and Feedback to New York State Legislators on State Budget" on February 11, 2011 from 9-11:30 a.m. at The Creekside Banquet Facility in Cheektowaga. This forum will allow non-profit leaders to provide Erie County Senators and Assembly members with feedback on proposed changes to the New York State budget. For more information or to register, please contact [gail.calisto@uwbec.org](mailto:gail.calisto@uwbec.org).

6. Accounting and finance majors from the University at Buffalo are offering [free tax preparation](#) for households under \$49,000 on Saturdays and Sundays beginning February 12<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. The tax clinics will be at 109 Allen Hall on UB's South Campus from February 12-March 6 and 106 Jacobs Management Center, John Shellum Room on UB's North Campus March 26-April 10<sup>th</sup>. For more information, please call 748-9823.
7. The Buffalo Niagara Human Resource Association (BNHRA) is accepting nominations for the [BNHRA Annual HR Excellence Awards](#). The deadline for nominations is **February 14, 2011**; awards will be presented on March 30, 2011.

### National Conferences and Workshops

1. The USDA is holding a number of free webinars on the [Summer Food Service Program](#), beginning February 10<sup>th</sup>. The Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) can help to fill the summer meal gap for low-income children. Faith-based, community and private non-profit organizations can make a difference in the lives of hungry children by serving meals with SFSP, a federally funded program administered by states that reimburses organizations for meals served to children during the summer.
2. Minnesota and Iowa Campus Compacts' are offering two webinars: "[Community Publishing: Service Work/Internships as Interdisciplinary Learning](#)" will be Friday, February 11, 2011 from 12:00 p.m. – 1 p.m. "[Sustaining Collaborative Partnerships Between K-12 and Higher Education](#)" will be Wednesday, March 09, 2011 from 12 p.m. – 1 p.m.
3. [CES4Health.info](#) is hosting two conference calls on February 15<sup>th</sup> from 2-3:30 p.m. and March 9<sup>th</sup> from 3-4:30 p.m. with Cathy Jordan, editor of CES4Health.info. The conference calls will focus on the process of submitting material on Community Based Participatory Research (CBPR) to CES. There is no fee, but registration is required.
4. The Chronicle of Philanthropy is hosting "[Social Media from the Inside Out.](#)" a webinar, on February 24, 2011 from 2- 3 p.m. Learn about the benefits of using social media to increase fundraising, raise public awareness about your organization, and recruit volunteers. Registration is \$65.

### Call for Proposals and Papers

1. Presentation proposals are being accepted for Pennsylvania Campus Compact's Spring Conference "[Place Matters: Higher Education and Community Development](#)" to be held March 31 - April 1, 2011 at the Hotel Carlisle in Carlisle, PA. This conference will focus on the impact of civic engagement in higher education within their communities for civic engagement professionals, faculty, government relations administrators, and nonprofit organizations focused on community development. The deadline to submit proposals is **February 25, 2011**.
2. [The American Journal of Public Health \(AJPH\)](#) intends to publish a supplemental issue on health disparities in boys and men. Of particular interest are manuscripts that address contextual, environmental, and structural factors affecting health; criminal justice issues, settings, and impact; conceptions of masculinity; cultural influences; and the relationship between the health of males and individuals in their families and social networks. Manuscripts should be submitted by **March 1, 2011**.

3. [The Open Society Foundations' Moving Walls 19](#) group exhibition is an exhibition series that features in-depth and nuanced explorations of human rights and social issues. Any emerging or veteran photographer who has completed a body of work on a human rights or social justice issue may apply for Moving Walls. Work in progress may be submitted as long as a substantial portion of the work has been completed. Applications must be received by **April 1, 2011**.

## New Resources

1. ["The Role of Service-Learning on the Retention of First-Year Students to Second Year"](#) in the *Michigan Journal of Community Service-Learning* examines the relationship between a student's involvement in service-learning and his or her intentions to remain at the same campus for the next semester.
2. [Hours of Opportunity, Volume 1: Lessons from Five Cities on Building Systems to Improve After-School, Summer School and Out-of-School-Time Programs](#) analyzes the projects and outcomes of grants made by the Wallace Foundation to support out-of-school-time programs in five cities.
3. ["Hear Us Out: Students Talk about Going to College"](#) is the result of a project involving a group of high school students in Tennessee and a group in Seattle who asked their peers questions as part of a What Kids Can Do (WKCD) project called "Hear Us Out". The results showed that too often, students lack supports and resources on their path to college.
4. ["The Effectiveness of Boosting Public Health Insurance Enrollment through Community Events"](#) examines the effectiveness of outreach efforts at festivals and other community events to enroll children in Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Programs. The article also includes case summaries and suggests venues and factors that garner more applications.
5. ["Civic Engagement Highest in Developed Countries"](#) uses data from 130 countries to show that, in general, adults in developed countries are much more likely to be civically engaged than those in the developing world.
6. The Center on Education Policy's (CEP) ["States' Progress and Challenges in Implementing Common Core Standards"](#) identifies the major changes the states plan to make to implement Common Core Standards, including changes to assessments, curriculum materials, professional development, and teacher evaluations.
7. ["Recruiting and Retaining African- American and Hispanic Boys in After-School Programs: What We Know and What We Still Need to Learn"](#) explores the challenges of recruiting African-American and Hispanic boys and suggests making programs relevant leads to better recruitment and retention.
8. The [Healthy People 2020](#) website allows users to view the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' *Healthy People 2020* topic areas and objectives, tailor information to their needs, and explore evidence-based resources for implementation.
9. [BoardSource Nonprofit Governance Index 2010](#), a report based on surveys of nonprofit chief executives and board members, updates data on board practices and performance, including financial oversight, fundraising, and strategic planning.
10. The ["Principles of a Healthy, Sustainable Food System"](#) were written to support socially, economically and ecologically sustainable food systems that promote health.

## Grant Opportunities

1. The [National Film Preservation Foundation](#) invites applications for grants targeting "orphan" films that were made in the United States or by American citizens abroad and are not protected by commercial interests. The grant must be used to pay for lab work involving the creation of new film preservation elements and two new public access copies, one of which must be a film print. The registration deadline is **February 11, 2011**; applications will be due March 25, 2011.
2. [The Gannett Foundation's Community Action Grant](#) program's priorities include education and neighborhood improvement, economic development, youth development, community problem-solving, assistance to disadvantaged people, environmental conservation and cultural enrichment. Proposals should be submitted by **February 16, 2011**.
3. [Homeless Families Demonstration Small Grant Research Program](#) supports research activities that will build off of HUDs newly launched study of "The Impact of Housing and Services Interventions on Homeless Families." This initiative is designed to provide critical information regarding outcomes for homeless families that are provided with different packages of housing and supportive services in an effort to identify "what works best for whom." The application deadline for this program is **February 18, 2011**.
4. Youth Service America will award [Sodexo Youth Grants](#) to support youth-led service projects that address the issue of childhood hunger on Global Youth Service Day (April 15-17, 2011.) Projects that engage peers, friends, families, neighbors, Sodexo employees, and other community members in creative, youth-inspired solutions to ending childhood hunger in the community are sought. Applications are due **February 25, 2010**.
5. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has announced funding for the [Healthy Homes and Lead Poisoning Prevention Program](#). This program will address multiple hazards in homes and prevent diseases and/or injuries that result from housing-related hazards. Letters of intent are due **February 28, 2011**.
6. The [Tony Hawk Foundation's Grant Program](#) aims to help fund the construction of new, quality skateboard parks located in low-income communities throughout the United States. Priority is given to projects that are designed and built by qualified and experienced skateboard park contractors and include local skaters in the design process. The next application deadline is **March 1, 2011**.
7. The Department of Justice's [Second Chance Act Technology Careers Training Demonstration Projects for Incarcerated Adults and Juveniles](#) program provides support to increase the post-release employability of offenders in technology-based jobs and career fields through the establishment and implementation of technology career training projects for incarcerated adults and juveniles during the three-year period before release from a prison, jail, or juvenile facility. The application deadline is **March 3, 2011**.
8. [First Nations Development Institute's Native Youth and Culture Fund](#) provides grants for projects that focus on youth and incorporate Native culture and tradition to address issues such as drug and alcohol abuse, teen pregnancy, mental health, and other social issues. Online letters of intent must be submitted by **March 4, 2011**.
9. The American Association of Community Colleges' (AACC) [Plus 50 Completion Strategy Grants Program](#) seeks proposals from community colleges committed to enhancing or expanding their existing programs for students 50 years of age and older to ensure that they obtain the degrees, certificates, and credentials sought by employers in high-demand, high-growth fields. The application deadline is **March 4, 2011**.

10. The Department of Health and Human Services' [Native American Language Preservation and Maintenance Program](#) provides support for projects that contribute to the social development and self-sufficiency of Native communities through the preservation and maintenance of Native American languages. The application deadline is **March 8, 2011**.
11. [Constellation Energy's EcoStar Grant Program](#) targets community-based projects that fit into one or more of five environmental stewardship categories — pollution prevention, education and outreach, energy efficiency, conservation, and community activism. The deadline is **March 10, 2011**.
12. [Healthy Eating Research: Building Evidence to Prevent Childhood Obesity](#), a national program of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, is designed to build research on environmental and policy strategies with strong potential to promote healthy eating among children, especially among lower-income and racial and ethnic populations at highest risk for obesity. Proposals are due **March 10, 2011**.
13. [Disney Friends for Change Grants](#) fund youth-led service projects that focus on making environmentally friendly changes and engage youth on Global Youth Service Day, April 15-17. Applications are due **March 10, 2011**.
14. The Economic Development Administration's [Public Works and Economic Development Facilities Program](#) provides support for the construction or rehabilitation of essential public infrastructure and facilities to help communities and regions leverage their resources and strengths to create new and better jobs, drive innovation, become centers of competition in the global economy, and ensure resilient economies. The deadline for applications is **March 10, 2011**.
15. The National Endowment for the Arts' Artist Communities' [Art Works](#) program provides support to community arts projects that address the creation of art that meets the highest standards of excellence; public engagement with diverse and excellent art; lifelong learning in the arts; and the strengthening of communities through the arts. The application deadline is **March 10, 2011**.
16. The Economic Development Administration's [Economic Adjustment Assistance Program](#) provides support for a wide range of construction and non-construction assistance, including public works, technical assistance, strategies, and revolving loan fund projects, in regions experiencing severe economic dislocations that may occur suddenly or over time. The next application deadline is **March 10, 2011**.

#### **Misc.**

1. Applications are being accepted on a rolling basis for [The Midwest Academy](#), a national training institute for progressive direct action organizing. The program will train community organizing interns in a ten week Summer 2011 program, running from June 6 – August 12. Opportunities include a limited number of paid internships, unpaid for-credit internships, and college-funded internships.
2. The [United States Holocaust Memorial Museum's \(USHMM\) Museum Teacher Fellowship Program](#) is accepting applications from from community college faculty and middle and high school educators. Teacher Fellows organize conferences, lead workshops, write curricula, serve on boards of Holocaust museums and education centers, lead study trips to Holocaust sites, and serve as conduits to the museum for educators, institutions, professional organizations, and community groups in their regions. The deadline for applications is **February 11, 2011**.

3. ["Connecting Cops & Kids National Training Program"](#) is a no-cost training program that enhances community policing efforts and public safety by improving police interactions with children and teens. Applications will be accepted until **February 21, 2011**.
4. The Phillips Foundation's [Robert Novak Journalism Fellowship Program](#) seeks to support journalists who share the foundation's mission to advance constitutional principles, a democratic society, and a vibrant free-enterprise system. Fellowship recipients will undertake a one-year project of their choosing focused on journalism supportive of American culture and a free society. In addition, there are separate fellowships on the environment, the benefits of free-market competition, and law enforcement. Applications are due **February 22, 2011**.
5. Physicians are encouraged to apply for the [Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Clinical Scholars program](#). This program allows participants to conduct innovative research and work with communities, organizations, practitioners and policy-makers to address issues essential to the health and well-being of all Americans. The deadline for applications is **February 28, 2011**.
6. The [2011 MetLife Foundation Community-Police Partnership Awards](#) are presented to recognize, sustain and share the work of partnerships between community groups and police that promote neighborhood safety and revitalization. The deadline for submissions is **February 28, 2011**.
7. The [Research Education Institute for Diverse Scholars \(REIDS\)](#) program is designed to meet the challenges and barriers to advancement experienced by groups who are underrepresented in the field of HIV research. Scholars will attend the Summer Institute at the Yale Center for Interdisciplinary Research on AIDS (CIRA) for two consecutive summers and receive sustained mentorship for the duration of the program; gain access to secondary mentors for special topical/technical support; and complete a \$20,000 pilot research project as a means to developing a major grant application to an external funding agency. Applications must be submitted by **February 28, 2011**.
8. [The National Science Teachers Association \(NSTA\) Shell Science Lab Challenge](#) invites middle and high school science teachers in the U.S. and Canada to describe a replicable approach to science lab instruction using limited school and laboratory resources. The deadline for applications is **February 28, 2011**.
9. The [Build-A-Bear Huggable Heroes](#) program recognizes young leaders between the ages of eight and 18 years old, doing extraordinary things in their communities or around the world to better the lives of others. Nominations are being accepted through **February 28, 2011**.
10. The Public Interest Projects' [Freedom from Fear Award](#) is a new national award designed to honor ordinary people who commit extraordinary acts of courage on behalf of immigrants and refugees. The award seeks to honor unsung heroes and heroines who are not professional advocates. Nominations are due **February 28, 2011**.
11. The [RGK Center for Philanthropy and Community Service's Summer Fellowship Program](#) at the University of Texas at Austin is open to graduate students from around the United States. Fellows participate in an intensive four-week seminar (June 1-24, 2011) that culminates in the completion of papers for the RGK Center's working papers series. The deadline for applications is **February 28, 2011**.
12. [The Colin Higgins Youth Courage Awards](#) seeks nominations of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, two-spirit, and queer youth who have bravely stood up to hostility and intolerance based on their gender and/or sexual orientation and triumphed over bigotry through working for LGBTQ rights and social justice. Nominations should be submitted by **February 28, 2011**.

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