

Week of October 24, 2011

WNYSLC News and Updates

There's still room to join the WNYSLC and Hilbert College at, "Reflection 101: The Meaning Behind the Service" on November 1st from 3:30 – 5:00pm in Bogel Hall Room 101. This panel presentation includes faculty successes with journaling and small group reflection as well as the community partner role in reflection. RSVP to Stephanie via [email](#) or by calling [716.566.7841](tel:716.566.7841)

The coalition would like to congratulate WNYSLC member, Dr. Joseph Gardella, Professor of Chemistry at UB and Principal Investigator of a new [\\$9.8million dollar grant](#) from the National Science Foundation to expand ISEP, the science education service-learning partnership with the Buffalo Public Schools. Congratulations to the team from UB, Buffalo State and the Buffalo Museum of Science! **The WNYSLC is proud to be a partner in this initiative** and excited to bring more WNYSLC partners into the fold! You can watch a video of the news conference [here](#).

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!

Local News and Events

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4. The Saucony Run for Good Program
5. The Temper of the Times Foundation

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1. The Gates Vaccine Innovation Award

Local News and Events

1. All About Nonprofits Power Breakfast and Workshop will feature a panel presentation on, "Preparing for What's Ahead" as well as workshops on tax-exempt bond financing and building an endowment. Presented by Business First, this event is \$30 for BF subscribers and \$35 for non-subscribers. The even will be held on **November 3rd** from 7:30am – 11:30am at Salvatore's Italian Garden (Depew). More information and registration [here](#).
2. "Current Matters Impacting Nonprofits", sponsored by the NYS Society of CPA's presents a half day workshop on fraud and internal controls, compensation issues including the Governor's Task Force, automatic revocation and many more. This informative workshop is taking place on **November 16th** at the Millennium Hotel, 2040 Walden Ave. For more information, contact [Rosemarie Steeb](#).
3. Smart Business Practices Seminar 2011 – "Are You Emotionally Intelligent", presented on **November 17th** from 7:30 – 9:30am at UB's Center for Tomorrow (North Campus). More information and registration [here](#).
4. Grants workshop, "Message for Success" **has been moved to December 8th** at the Greater Niagara Frontier Council/Boy Scouts. More information [here](#).
5. The Ford Dealers of Western New York have announced that applications are now available for the 2012 Ford Friendship Express program -- an annual program that provides "new wheels" to local nonprofit organizations in need of transportation. Applications and guidelines are available [here](#). Application Deadline: **December 15th**.

National Conferences and Workshops

1. [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. Click [here](#) for more information..
2. [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.
3. The Pennsylvania Association of Nonprofit Organizations has scheduled a six-part webinar series exploring the eight guiding principles and 55 standards in the [Standards for Excellence: An Ethics and Accountability Code for the Nonprofit Sector](#). This series will show participants how to apply and implement the Standards for Excellence principles and best practices in their organization's program operations, governance, human resources, financial management and fundraising. It is designed for executive directors, board members and nonprofit administrators. First webinar will take place on **November 9th**.

4. [The Perfect Marriage - Service Learning & ePortfolios](#), a webinar to be held **November 15th** will explore one of the most common elements of e-portfolios - student reflection, which makes ePortfolio a perfect marriage with service learning and civic engagement. During this session, we will demonstrate the relevance of our work to the field of service learning and civic engagement through an ePortfolio initiative on our campus and help attendees understand how ePortfolios help facilitate our work in hopes of making an impact on their campus as well.
5. 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 International Center for Service-Learning in Teacher Education \(ICSLTE\)](#) is seeking proposals for their international conference "Conversations that Matter III: Research, Practice and Policy." The conference will be held **June 21-23, 2012** at **Duke University. Proposal Deadline: January 6, 2012 (extended)**
2. [Community Works Journal](#) online magazine is looking for stories, essays, and reflections on learning experiences grounded in the local community. Appropriate articles may be K-16 or community based. Unsolicited articles and essays by educators, students, and community members are welcome.

New Resources

1. Elementary and high schools are receiving less state funding than last year in at least 37 states, and in at least 30 states school funding now stands below 2008 levels, according to a [new report](#) from the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities. Seventeen states have cut per-student funding by more than 10 percent from pre-recession levels, and four states — South Carolina, Arizona, California, and Hawaii — each have reduced per-student funding to K-12 schools by more than 20 percent.
2. This past summer members of the Media Mobilizing Project traveled the country alongside PBS broadcaster Tavis Smiley and Princeton professor Dr. Cornel West on a Poverty Tour of the US. The five-part documentary reveals the conditions of poverty facing the majority of Americans across the country (who some have recently called "the 99%") and shares the story of brave everyday people who are fighting back, organizing and empowering their communities to come up with solutions. The preview and episodes 1-5 are now available [here](#).

Grant Opportunities

1. [The National Urban and Community Forestry Challenge Cost Share Grant Program](#) provides support for innovative urban and community forestry projects of national or multi-state impact working to ensure more livable communities by caring for trees and forests where people live, work, and play. Preference will be given to program development, research, and collaborative efforts that address the following priority issues: how management of urban and community forests can help mitigate greenhouse gas emissions or help communities adapt to climate

change, the influence of urban and community forests upon public health, and urban and community forestry as economic development. **Application Deadline: December 1.**

2. The John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation's [Media, Culture, and Special Initiatives program](#) supports the production and distribution of social-issue documentary films intended for a broad audience. This highly competitive program seeks to fund documentary projects that address the significant social challenges of our time and/or explore important but under-reported topics. Domestic and international topics are welcome, and preference will be given to projects that align with one of MacArthur's grantmaking areas. **Application Deadline: December 2.**

3. [The Streisand Foundation](#) primarily provides support to U.S.-based nonprofit organizations that are working on a national level. The Foundation's national grantmaking interests include the preservation of the environment; women's issues, including reproductive choice and health-related concerns; civil liberties and democratic values; civil rights and race relations; and civic engagement. Grants generally range from \$5,000 to \$15,000. **Letters of Inquiry Due: December 3.**

4. [The Saucony Run for Good Foundation](#) is committed to improving the lives of children by helping to prevent and reduce childhood obesity. Grants of up to \$10,000 are provided to nonprofit community organizations that initiate and support running programs for youth. Program participants must be 18 years of age or younger. Priority will be given to programs that serve youth populations not traditionally exposed to running programs. Grant requests are reviewed two times per year. **Application Deadline: December 13.**

5. [The Temper of the Times Foundation](#) promotes the use of standard marketing concepts to increase environmental awareness. Recognizing that organizations working to protect the environment often have limited access to paid media, the Foundation provides funds to underwrite advertising designed to promote wild land ecosystem conservation and restoration in the United States. Grants ranging from \$5,000 to \$15,000 may be used to fund the production of print, radio, or television ads; to pay for advertising space or airtime; or to produce or distribute pamphlets, books, videos, or press packets. **Application Deadline: December 15.**

Misc.

1. [The Gates Vaccine Innovation Award](#) will celebrate revolutionary ways in which children in the poorest parts of the world are immunized. The award winner will be recognized with \$250,000 (U.S.) and personally acknowledged by Gates Foundation leadership. The Gates Vaccine Innovation Award is open to individuals from any discipline. Candidates from academic institutions, governments, healthcare facilities, research institutions, nonprofit organizations, and for-profit companies may be nominated. We invite you to nominate individuals or a group of individuals who have achieved significant improvements in the prevention, control, or elimination of vaccine-preventable diseases through immunization. **Nominations by: November 17.**

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