

CCERP Civic and Community Engagement and Research Project

The Walker Center for Civic Responsibility & Leadership

The Walker Center for Civic Responsibility & Leadership provides student-centered educational and developmental projects and activities. It is premised on the view that through civic education students will be awakened and equipped to become active leaders in civic affairs. Such projects may include but are not limited to the following:

- Susquehanna Bank Internship Program
- Policy Research Shop - Selected students will be given an inside perspective on the policy-making process by providing them opportunities to research topics critical to municipal, county or state governments under the guidance of a Research Associate that could culminate in testimony before such bodies.
- Public Policy Minor - Students will identify a policy track, customizing the focus of the minor. Possible policy tracks include: environment, land use, law, education, health, identity, urban issues, or a policy track of the students' own design. Students will be provided a variety of perspectives on policy questions, such as how policy is defined and affected by changes in institutions, technology, markets, and values
- Volunteerism
- Public Sector Internships
- Civic Skills Training (for students entering internships in the public sector)
- Distinguished Visitors
- Student Discussion Groups (e.g., social justice and public policy; weekly dinner discussions)
- Public Affairs Programs for Student Organizations and Community
- International Exchanges (e.g., University of Vienna; Latin America; Africa)
- Leadership Fellows (for seniors only)
- Leadership Associates (e.g., for selected students to spend a summer in DC following the freshman year subsequent to Civic Skills Training)
- Student Publication(s) on policy, law or social justice
- Activities related to Millersville's American Democracy Project Affiliation
- Funding Opportunities-individual students and student organizations will have access to CCERP grants to subsidize the above experiences and activities

Melvin R. Allen, J.D.

Executive Director, and Associate Professor of Philosophy

The Center for Public Scholarship

The Center for Public Scholarship is committed to the production and dissemination of rigorous research that is community-based or community-focused in collaboration with key figures and organizations of client communities. Such projects may include but are not limited to the following:

- Conduct, publish and disseminate results of sponsored research on regional concerns
- Conduct polling, open-ended interviewing, mass media educational communication, teleconferencing, online and print communication, conferences, and cross-cultural consulting and training
- Develop new models, provide expertise, and create linkages to support the public impact activities of CCERP
- Help raise the level of public awareness about and responsiveness to the persistent and widening economic and social disparities across class, ethnic and racial lines
- The political and social consequences of declining community engagement and political participation
- The study of the social and economic consequences of immigration
- Faculty and visitor colloquia
- Funding Opportunities-individual faculty members, visitors, students and student organizations will have access to a variety of CCERP grants to subsidize the above activities

Kerri Farkas, Ph.D.

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The Center for Public Impact

The Center for Public Impact is dedicated to service and outreach that lends support and expertise to searches for creative and pragmatic solutions facing our region, nation and the world. It fosters collaborations and approaches across disciplines and sectors. Such projects may include but are not limited to the following:

- The educational achievement gap, including the lags in mathematics, science and technology among American students generally as well as disparities due to unequal educational opportunities
- The diminution of economic security for the average worker, including the impact of workforce globalization
- Urban revitalization
- The energy problem
- Sustaining agriculture
- Threats to or the loss of natural resources vital to the economic well being of communities
- Basic health and nutrition imperatives, especially for children
- The effects of the intolerance of cultural differences
- Public Service
- International Service and Relief Work
- Service Learning Courses
- Conferences and speakers
- Funding Opportunities-individual faculty members, visitors, students and student organizations will have access to a variety of CCERP grants to subsidize the above activities

John McLarnon, Ph.D.

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Office of Internships and Civic Engagement Services

The Office of Internships and Civic Engagement Services administers and coordinates the university's academic internships and volunteer opportunities through community partnerships, assists in developing service learning courses, and supports the endeavors of the Centers. Its activities listed below are targeted to students and faculty:

- Orientation and counseling for students interested in internships
- Managing a database of students, employers and internship positions
- Developing internships and volunteer opportunities through outreach to the business, human service and government communities
- Conducting on-campus Internship Fairs
- Matching community agencies with appropriate University resources including faculty who want to include service-learning in their courses and/or students and organizations who want to provide community service.
- Providing workshops and conferences in all areas of civic engagement and experiential education for faculty, students and community partners
- Applying for and managing grants related to civic engagement
- Supervising and supporting students in the Scholars in Service to Pennsylvania Program
- Coordinating programs such as First Book, Second Mile, Freshman Living-Learning Communities Day of Service
- Funding Opportunities – supporting service activities and projects for individual students doing unpaid internships in the non-profit sector. Individual faculty members, visitors, students and student organizations will have access to a variety of CCERP grants to subsidize the above activities

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