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Faculty Grant Programs

The Metropolitan University Initiative is pleased to announce the awards of three faculty development opportunities for the 2015-16 academic year:

- The ***Engaged Faculty Fellows Program*** awarded eight grants of **\$2,500** each to faculty interested in revising or creating an academic course that embeds civic engagement or/and service learning.
- The ***Engaged Department, Cluster, or Faculty Interest Group Grant Program*** awarded five grants of **\$5,000** to plan, establish, implement, and evaluate strategic initiatives that advance the integration of civic engagement into the department's/cluster's research and teaching activities.
- The ***Community-Based Mini-Grants Program*** awarded four grants of **\$5,000** to support **community-based research** projects, i.e., the application of knowledge through research to the solution of community problems.

Engaged Faculty Fellows:

Name: Lucille Benedict

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Project: Working to formalize participation of USM students with high school projects in CHY 233 through presenting in the high schools, creating materials for the project website or school visits, or coaching small groups of high school students during the visits.

Name: Maureen Ebben, Russell Kivatisky

Department: Communication and Media Studies

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Project: Creating a new upper division “Seminar in Professional Development” course that contains four modules – civic engagement and service learning, internships, K-12 student career awareness workshops, and contribution to an on-going careers data bank.

Name: Matthew Killmeier

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Project: Creating a new course that addresses identity issues of race/ethnicity, class, gender, and media, based around civic engagement and service learning in order to facilitate understanding and appreciation of diversity.

Name: Alexander Lapidus

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Project: Modifying EDU 557 Teaching Writing to Multilingual Learners to make service learning with community partners mandatory and to incorporate this service learning into the final assignment.

Name: Ivan Most

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Project: Modifying EGN 304 Engineering Economics to a blended course that includes a campus-based service learning component with local K-12 school district facilities departments that allows students to develop professional knowledge.

Name: Tracy Michaud Stutzman

Department: Tourism and Hospitality

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Project: Working with a community partner for a professional kitchen in ANT/TAH 233 Food and Culture course to work with students to cook and share ethnic recipes at Husky Harvest festival.

Name: Bruce Thompson

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Project: Convert literature review course to include student proposals for service learning projects. Projects will be reviewed and students will have the option of implementing their proposals.

Name: John Voyer

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Project: Develop BUS 383 Social Entrepreneurship to teach the theory and practice of social entrepreneurship and increase the quality and impact of Enactus projects.

Engaged Departments/Clusters:

Department(s): Leadership & Organizational Studies, Social & Behavioral Sciences

Faculty Lead: Mary Anne Peabody

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Team Members:

- Tonya Bailey-Curry - tonya.baileycurry@maine.edu
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Project: Create more integrated and connected community engagement pathways in existing courses at three developmental levels: introductory, mid-level and intensive.

Department(s): School of Social Work, School of Education & Human Development, Muskie School of Public Service

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Team Members:

- Jeanette Adonian - andonian@usm.maine.edu
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Project: To address the needs of at risk youth in Maine through student internships, student research, service-learning, colloquia and other forms of public dialogue.

Department(s): Teaching and Learning

Faculty Lead: Flynn Ross

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Team Members:

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Project: Enhance community engagement through site-based classes, site-based professional development, capstone action research course, and professional workshops.

Department(s): Tourism & Hospitality

Faculty Lead: Tracy Michaud-Stutzman

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Team Members:

- Sara Ghezzi – sara.ghezzi@maine.edu
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Project: Build capacity within the TAH program for assessing, refining and enhancing community-based learning and explore new opportunities.

Department(s): Communication and Media Studies

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Project: Developing more coordinated, department-wide community engagement opportunities for students in the Communication and Media Studies program.

Community - Based Research Grants:

Name: Mary Anne Peabody

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Project: Examining the impact of a professional development model targeted at early childhood educators' knowledge, attitude and skills in adult/child play facilitation

Name: Susan Fineran

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Project: Estimating domestic violence perpetrations rates and identifying strategic resources needed to access assistance beneficial to immigrant and refugee women.

Name: Adele Baruch-Runyon

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Project: Examining the qualitative and quantitative outcomes of increased hopefulness through the Moral Courage Project with the Franklin Alternative High School.

Name: Tracy Michaud-Stutzman

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Project: Examining various levels of community engagement within the Tourism and Hospitality Program and their impact on the program, region and the state.

Background:

The [Metropolitan University Steering Group's](#) final report, [Forging a New Identity](#) , recommended a significant investment in faculty development around community engagement. This investment in faculty development grant programs, based on recommendations from the Engaged Faculty Development Workgroup, will help create capacity in community engagement as well as develop a community of practice.