

**University of Alaska Anchorage
Center for Community Engagement & Learning
3rd Symposium for an Engaged University**

**Community-engaged Research and Public Policy:
A Faculty Intensive**

**August 20–21, 2007
Consortium Library, Room 307**

Do you have an interest in community engagement and scholarship?

Are you involved or interested in research or creative activity that contributes to the discipline and that has a public purpose or impact?

Do you have an interest in working with faculty across disciplines to explore and learn more about how community-engaged research and creative activity might be carried out?

You are invited to participate in a faculty intensive aimed to develop community-engaged projects to strengthen undergraduate and community capacities. UAA's **3rd Symposium for an Engaged University** will be convened August 20–21, 2007 as a faculty intensive in Community-engaged Research and Public Policy. This symposium is designed for faculty at any level of exposure to community engagement and scholarship.

About the Symposium

This faculty intensive will explore community-engaged project development, implementation, and partnering in the creative arts, humanities, practicing professions, and scientific fields. During this one-and-a-half-day symposium, you will have the opportunity to:

- Develop scholarly and creative work jointly planned and carried out by university and community partners;
- Create intellectual, artistic, critical, or applied projects that contribute to public debates or that have public impact;
- Build networking opportunities with UAA colleagues;
- Become part of an on-going learning community locally and with others in the National Community-based Research Network developed in coordination with Princeton University; and
- Explore funding opportunities and sources for dissemination & publication.

Core Questions

How might community-engaged research and creative activity be used in academic and technical courses, labs, clinicals, fine and performing art experiences to engage students, faculty, and members of the broader community in scholarly explorations of public issues? How can disciplinary knowledge be used by, for, and with citizens for public policy deliberations? What do we want undergraduates to learn about community-engaged research and creative activity, and how can they contribute to a regional and national dialogue?

Potential projects should focus on public issues important to our communities and to our state. Some may also extend disciplinary research & creative activities to include public policy projects by, for, and with citizens.

Eligibility

We are seeking fifteen full-time faculty from all schools and colleges at all UAA campuses who want to participate in this faculty intensive. We especially welcome those who have interests in service-learning, community-engaged research and creative activity, and public policy. We also welcome faculty with interests or experience in UAA's Difficult Dialogues Project, the Civic Engagement Certificate, or our new Deliberative Polling Project.

Resources and Financial Support

UAA's Center for Community Engagement & Learning will support and connect faculty as they expand their community-engaged research and creative activities through:

- local forums and seminars providing opportunities to build skills and share experiences – for example, a monthly brown bag lunch discussion;
- tools and resources to ensure quality collaboration – for example, a [CBR Wiki](#);
- on-line documentation of innovative practices – for example, using templates for policy brief research and publishing them online at [PolicyOptions](#); and
- local, regional, and national gatherings to share information – for example, the [National CBR Networking Initiative](#) or the [2007 Emerging Engagement Scholars Workshop](#).

At the conclusion of the Symposium, you will be invited to apply for a \$2,000 research/creative activity account to develop a community-based

project and participate in on-going forums for skill development and information sharing.

Symposium Schedule

The Symposium will begin at 9:00 am on Monday, August 20th in the Consortium Library, Room 307 on the UAA Anchorage campus and conclude by 3:30pm. Tentative program includes an opening plenary on Faculty Expectations and Rewards for Community Engagement; panel discussions on integrating engaged scholarship across the disciplines and working with community partners. Experienced faculty and community partners will explore potential projects in sustainability, education, health policy, field research, and rural Alaska. Robert Hackett from the National Community-based Research Networking Initiative will demonstrate their Community-based Research Wiki and templates for conducting public policy research with undergraduates.

On Tuesday, August 21st, morning sessions in Consortium Library, Room 307A will allow participants to explore tools and procedures for implementing CBR in their courses. Both days will include time to discuss ideas and share your own engaged scholarship projects.

How to Apply

To apply to be one of the fifteen faculty participating in this initiative, please reply to this email. **Applications will be accepted until Monday, August 13, 2007.**

Complete the simple form below:

I would like to apply to be a participant in the faculty intensive for Community-engaged Research and Public Policy, to be held in the Consortium Library on the UAA Anchorage campus, August 20-21, 2007. At the conclusion of the symposium, I understand that I will be invited to participate in on-going forums and seminars; develop one community-based research project or creative activity during the 2007-2008 academic year; share results with community and academic colleagues; and report outcomes to the Center for Community Engagement & Learning and the National Community-based Research Initiative. A \$2,000 research account will be funded to support these activities.

Name of Faculty:

Department and Campus:

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For More Information

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