

SUSTAINING OUR CALL TO SERVICE

Purpose

Service learning at faith-based colleges and universities gives students opportunities to bring together what the academy often separates: academic knowledge, community service, social and civic responsibility, personal growth, theological reflection, and spirituality. While many faith-based colleges have strong service-learning programs, there are many others who want to develop new programs or strengthen programs that already exist. Other institutions want to move from strong community volunteer service programs to academically-based service learning.

This conference will focus on critical issues for service learning at faith-based colleges and universities. It will include discussion of the particular strengths that faith-based programs bring to service learning and will focus on community engagement from an asset-based perspective. Program participants will share model programs and best practices of developing effective community partnerships. Particular attention will be given to spirituality as both a motivation and a result of participation in service. The conference will be structured to include conceptual presentations and to facilitate conversations and sharing among participants through roundtable breakout sessions.

Thursday, June 10

- 3-7 p.m. Registration (Naugle Dorm)
- 5-6:30 p.m. Dinner & Opening (Larsen)
- 7-8:30 p.m. Evening Plenary (B 137)
- Richard Hughes, Senior Boyer Fellow
- 8:30-9:30 p.m. Reception (Howe Atrium)

Friday, June 11

- 7-8 a.m. Breakfast (Larsen)
- 8-8:30 a.m. Spiritual Reflection (B 137)
- 8:30-9 a.m. Tech Training (B 134)
- 9-10:30 a.m. Morning Plenary Session (B 137)
- International Service-Learning Panel*
Dana Bates, Rachel Tomas Morgan, & Cheri Doane
(Moderated by Jeff Bouman)
- 10:30-10:45 a.m. Refreshment Break (Howe Atrium)
- 10:45-11:30 a.m. Breakout Sessions
- “Beyond Reciprocity: Solidarity as a Guiding Principle for Community Partnerships”*
(Roundtable) David Chiles, Cabrini College (B 131)
 - “SCAM-ing Service Learning & Short-Term Missions”* (Paper Presentation) Mark Radecke, Susquehanna University (B 134)
 - “Faith, Farming, and Civic Engagement”*
(Roundtable) Brandon Hoover, Urban Tree Connection (B 137)
- Noon-1 p.m. Lunch (Larsen)
- 1:30-2:15 p.m. Breakout Sessions
- “The Impact of Short-Term Service Learning”*
(Paper Presentation) Connie Mick, University of Notre Dame (B131)
 - “Sustaining Program Renewal Through Listening”* (Workshop) Ryan Juskus, Wheaton College (B134)
 - “Rethinking Criminology Through Student-Inmate Interaction”* (Paper Presentation) Brad Frey and Andrea Henson, Geneva College (B137)

2:30-3:15 p.m. Breakout Sessions

- “Service Learning & Understanding God’s Calling”* (Paper Presentation) Jennifer Freestra, Northwestern College (B 134)
- “A Faith That Promotes Justice: Service Learning”* (Roundtable) Anne-Marie Keffer, Saint Joseph’s University (B 137)
- “Bridging the Gap in Faith: Making Interfaith Connections Through Serving and Learning Together”* (Paper Presentation) Rubina Tareen & Tariq Scherfen, Islamic Society of Schuylkill County (B 131)

3:30-4:30 p.m. Roundtables/Networking (Howe Atrium)

5-6:30 p.m. Dinner (Larsen)

7-8:15 p.m. Evening Plenary Session (Larsen)

- Campus/Community Mentoring Partnerships Panel*
Bill Jamison, Helen Spence, Patricia & Rev. Nathaniel Gadsden (Moderated by Susan Hasseler)

8:30-10 p.m. Coffeehouse/Networking (Larsen)

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Saturday, June 12

- 7-8 p.m. **Breakfast (Larsen)**
- 8-8:30 p.m. **Spiritual Reflection (B 137)**
- 8:45-9:30 p.m. **Breakout Sessions**
- **“Multi(media) Faith Interactions”** (Paper Presentation) Sumitra Srivasan and Sudershan Pasupuleti (B137)
 - **“Assessing & Improving Training for Service-Learning Students”** (Workshop) Amanda Arbour, PA Dept. of Aging (B 134)
 - **“Service Learning Across the Curriculum”** (Workshop) Chad Frey, Messiah College (B 131)
- 10-Noon **Morning Plenary Session & Adjourn (B137)**
- Gretchen Van Der Veer, Director of Leadership Development and Training for the Corporation for National and Community Service
- Noon-1 p.m. **Key Return & Departure (ECC Desk)**

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