



MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY'S INAUGURAL CONFERENCE ON CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

BUILDING AND SUSTAINING PARTNERSHIPS FOR STRONGER COMMUNITIES

Missouri State University's Community Engagement Conference will focus on the university's involvement in partnership-based solutions to address pressing public issues in Springfield and the surrounding region. Members of Missouri State University are actively engaged in a range of activities, programs, collaborative projects, and research to understand and engage with local, regional and statewide issues. Bridging communications and establishing strategic partnerships among MSU, public, private, and nonprofit organizations in Springfield and surrounding communities is paramount to understand efforts in progress, available resources, and additional areas needing support. The conference will highlight examples of how current collaborations between the University and area organizations have better focused their efforts on establishing viable solution-based initiatives.

CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

**GRAND OPENING & CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST
RECEPTION—CENTER FOR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

TWO NATIONAL PLENARY SPEAKERS

FREE LUNCHEON INCLUDED

PANEL DISCUSSIONS ON:

- MSU's Civic Footprint and Its Impact in the Community
- Social Capital, Citizen Alum, and Civic Engagement
- Springfield's Red Flag Issues being addressed through Research, Programs, and Initiatives
- The Walkable Neighborhood Project's Impact on Springfield

WHEN: September 17, 2014 (Wednesday)
TIME: 8:00 AM — 5:00 PM
COST: Free and open to the public
WHERE: Missouri State University —
Plaster Student Union
REGISTER: Office of Public Affairs Support
Call 417-836-8832 or email
name(s), organization and
contact phone to
PublicAffairsSupport@MissouriState.edu



Stephen Black, JD, Plenary Speaker

Mr. Black is founder and director for the Center for Ethics & Social Responsibility, University of Alabama as well as the statewide organization called Impact Alabama. Impact is a national nonprofit that offers opportunities for college students to participate in structured service projects designed to promote learning and leadership development. For his work with FocusFirst, Black received the prestigious Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Community Health Leaders Award which is given to those who demonstrate creativity and commitment in addressing society's most pressing health issues.



Dr. Nancy Cantor, Plenary Speaker

Nancy Cantor is Chancellor of Rutgers University – Newark, a post she assumed in January 2014. A distinguished leader in higher education, she is recognized nationally and internationally as an advocate for re-emphasizing its public mission. Prior to her current position, Cantor was Chancellor and President of Syracuse University. Her efforts at Syracuse earned Chancellor Cantor the 2008 Carnegie Corporation Academic Leadership Award. They also earned Syracuse the distinction of being among the first institutions to earn the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching's classification as a university committed to Community Engagement.



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