



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 AGENDA

- 8:00 A.M.** CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST RECEPTION & GRAND OPENING OF THE CENTER FOR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
- 11:30 A.M.** LUNCHEON & PLENARY SPEAKER, MR. STEPHEN BLACK
- 3:45 P.M.** PLENARY SPEAKER, DR. NANCY CANTOR

PANEL SESSIONS:

- 9:00 A.M.** "Collaborative Efforts to Improve Urban Neighborhoods: The Walkability Project"
- 10:15 A.M.** "Engagement in the 4th Dimension"
- 1:15 P.M.** "Community Focus Report: A Foundation for Action"
- 2:30 P.M.** "Measuring Civic Health: How Data Can Inform Public Policy"

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

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Stephen Black, JD, Plenary Speaker

"Developing the Moral Obligations of Citizenship"

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

"The Civic Mission of Higher Education"

Nancy Cantor is current Chancellor of Rutgers University–Newark and a distinguished leader in higher education, where she is recognized internationally as an advocate for re-emphasizing the public mission in higher education. Prior to Rutgers, she was Chancellor and President of Syracuse University where she earned the 2008 Carnegie Corporation Academic Leadership Award. Syracuse also earned 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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