ENGAGE Newsletter
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The ENGAGE Team

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ENGAGE is a strategic effort connecting the school to community issues, partners, and movements for greater equity and social change.

Visit Our Website

See a Map of Where and How the SSW is Engaging in Detroit and Washtenaw County

Annual Report

Some highlights of our work over the previous year include:

• Respond quickly to communities in crisis;
• Host a monthly virtual conversation series that connected students to movements for social change;
• Engage and support students in community change through independent study, field experience and effective communication;
• Implement social impact projects that focused on employment equity,
economic opportunity and equitable development;
• Administer a small grants program to encourage faculty engagement with community-based organizations and
• Create reciprocal partnerships with community partners and across the University Michigan.

Please view the full Annual Report below

View it Here

ENGAGE Mini Course

Winter 2022, ENGAGE Program Manager Ayesha Ghazi Edwin teaches Advanced Topics in Community Change

SW759, Section 001
Meets: Thursdays, January 6, 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM, January 20, February 17, March 17, April 7, 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM

As a community-informed profession, and in this moment of historic progress and crisis in our nation, it is essential that social workers learn how to work with communities - and assist them - in their response to crisis. Whether it be community outreach during a pandemic, organizing and mobilizing community members to protest against racial injustice, or internal crises management within organizations, a social worker must be grounded in actual community needs, and be able to apply both micro and macro social work skills, theory, and practice to individuals, groups, communities, and organizations experiencing significant change and transformation.

SSW ENGAGE hosts virtual discussions, a series of equity focused conversations that uplift the community response to social justice issues. These conversations help to uplift the work of actual advocates in the field, and urge social workers to reflect and discuss how our professional values and skills are being utilized in movements for social change. These virtual discussions will form the basis of this course.

Upcoming Virtual Events
Please join the continuing Virtual Conversations series in Winter 2022:

**Capitalism and Consumerism: The work-life “Balance”**

Thursday, January 20th, 2022
12:00 - 2:00 pm

**Michigan’s BIPOC Elected Officials: Paving the Way**

Thursday, February 17th, 2022
12:00 - 2:00 pm

**Grand Challenges: Extreme Economic Inequality and Agents of Change**

Thursday, March 17th, 2022
12:00 - 2:00 pm

**Anti-Racist Organizing as an Academic Institution: How to Respectfully Engage Communities**

Thursday, April 7th, 2022
12:00 - 2:00 pm

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**ENGAGE Student Showcase**

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The ENGAGE Team will be hosting a student showcase on March 11th, 2022. Stay tuned for date and details on how to become a part of this event!

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**ENGAGE Small Grants**

**Empowering Faculty and Student Engagement in and with Detroit Communities**

ENGAGE: SSW launched a Small Grants Program in 2018 to **encourage faculty to build partnerships with Detroit community based organizations and work to support resident-led efforts to strengthen Detroit neighborhoods.** These awards are supported by the Office of the Provost and are part of the school's strategic effort to connect Detroit engagement efforts and increase impact in the city. ENGAGE partners with the the Ford...
Some of our 2020 small grant recipients

Beth Glover Reed
Associate Professor of Social Work and Women's Studies

Angie Perone
Executive Director
SAGE Metro Detroit

Katie Richards Shuster
Director of Undergraduate Minor Programs and Associate Professor of Social Work

Daicia Price
Clinical Assistant Professor of Social Work

Learn More

SSW Student Engagement Highlights

SSW API Coalition Spring/Summer 2021

During the Spring/Summer 2021 semester, ENGAGE supported and supervised the SSW's Asian Pacific Islander (API) Coalition’s development of a series of equity-focused conversations, along with the creation of an equity tool box that contained resources on how to lead conversations focused on API history, identity, discrimination, among other topics.

API toolkit offers guidance to student groups interested in implementing similar DEI-focused virtual discussions and events. As part of this project, students from the API Coalition created a website that houses their organizing toolkit, and links to recorded virtual discussions that center on a variety of equity issues.

If you’re a student or student group and are interested in partnering with us on your equity-focused idea, program, or activity, please contact us at sswcommunityengagement@umich.edu. If you would like to co-sponsor one of our virtual discussions, or have an idea for a virtual discussion, please contact us at ayeshag@umich.edu.

Public Engagement Faculty Fellowship 2022 Cohort

Together with our partners, the Center for Academic Innovation is excited to announce a call for applications to the 2022 cohort of the Public Engagement Faculty Fellowship.
Applications will be accepted through 11:59 p.m. on Wednesday, December 1, 2021. Please visit the application page for complete instructions and access to the application form.

We would sincerely appreciate your help in spreading the word about the fellowship among your faculty networks. Please feel free to use or modify the sample email and social media copy in this press kit as part of these efforts.

The Public Engagement Faculty Fellowship aims to:
- provide space for faculty to reflect, develop skills, and incubate project ideas;
- encourage recognition of and experimentation with all forms of public engagement;
- create an interdisciplinary and intergenerational learning community focused on public engagement; and
- foster conversations about institutional and cultural support for public engagement on campus.

The Fellowship includes a five-week intensive Studio Experience focused on community-building, exploring, and learning, and a Project Support phase with the opportunity to request in-kind support and up to $10,000 for an ambitious public engagement project.

We encourage Ann Arbor faculty from all disciplines, schools and colleges, career stages, and interests in public engagement to apply—including lecturers, tenured and tenure-track faculty, research faculty, curatorial faculty, and clinical faculty.

Please direct any questions to peff.admin@umich.edu.

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**Upcoming Events**

**Continuing: Virtual Events Series**

Stay tuned for upcoming virtual events, such as the continuation of our Virtual Discussion Sessions. Visit our website for more information or the SSW events page to register for upcoming sessions.

[View Past Sessions & RSVP for Upcoming Sessions]

**Keep In Touch**

If you are faculty, staff or a student doing cool work in communities, contact ENGAGE to be featured in our social media! The ENGAGE team can also help connect you to other community partners.

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To find out more about ENGAGE, please visit our website.

You have any questions, please reach out to ENGAGE at sswcommunityengagement@umich.edu

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