July Updates

With the academic year on the horizon, we're excited to announce a slate of community engagement events in late summer and early fall for partners across St. Louis and WashU.

We look forward to launching our community-engaged teaching and learning **Community of Practice** for WashU scholars; co-hosting WashU's **Community Engagement Week**; and kicking off **WashU's Carnegie Classification process**.

As always, if you are interested in getting in touch with our team, please reach out to us at confluence@wustl.edu. Wishing you all a great rest of your summer!

-The Confluence Collaborative team

The Confluence Collaborative is Hiring!

WashU's Confluence Collaborative for Community Engagement is hiring an **Evaluation and Impact Manager**. This position will lead the office-wide evaluation and impact portfolio for the Collaborative, with primary responsibility for designing, implementing,

guide decision-making, and demonstrate community engagement impact across WashU. The Manager will also be a major contributor and writer for WashU's Carnegie Classification for Community Engagement application.

Job Listing

First Community of Practice Meeting for Community-Engaged Teaching and Learning

Friday, August 21 — 10:30 - 12:00PM

Communities of Practice are built on a simple idea: we learn best together, not alone. This CoP will provide a space for faculty and staff at WashU to engage in shared learning and serve as thought partners around community-engaged teaching and learning best practices and pedagogy.

Learn more about this initiative here.

RSVP for the first meeting here

Carnegie Classification for Community Engagement Kick-off

Tuesday, October 21 — 1:00 - 4:00PM

Join the WashU and St. Louis community as we kick off our Carnegie Classification for Community Engagement journey — learn what the process entails and how your work shapes our story. The event will take place in Holmes Lounge on WashU's Danforth Campus. More details and registration to come.

Community Engagement Week

In collaboration with the 'In St. Louis, For St. Louis' team, the Confluence Collaborative is hosting Community Engagement Week, October 19-23. If you are hosting a community engagement focused event that week and would like it included on the schedule, please email confluence@wustl.edu.

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Resources

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Advocate VOICE Collaborative Board Interest Form: A collaboration of WashU Psychiatry and Comprehensive Behavioral Health Center, the VOICE Project's goal is to build capacity for St. Louis to better serve unhoused people facing mental illness and substance use disorder.

THE BOARD: We are seeking advocates to help shape this project and the future of mental health research for the unhoused by serving on a structured collaborative board. The Advocate Board will meet monthly on Zoom for research education, project planning, and strategy making. If you are a caregiver, peer support worker, street outreach volunteer, community or social service provider, or employed at a homeless services nonprofit, we hope you'll consider joining us.

For questions, please contact Dr. Devin Banks at banks.devin@wustl.edu.

Learn more here. *(This project was funded through a Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute® (PCORI®) Eugene Washington PCORI Engagement Award (EACB-49178).)*

Applications are now open for the next **Supportive Environments for Effectiveness (SEE) Learning Cohort.** Every nonprofit faces challenges: staff retention, board engagement, program strategy, or fundraising, among others. The cohort supports organizations to address a real challenge using the SEE framework, a research-backed approach grounded in environmental psychology that helps teams consider and address how people receive, make sense of, and share information. Learn more here and apply by August 7.

Metropolitan Universities journal (MUJ) is accepting full manuscripts for the upcoming special issue on pluralism and democracy: *Pluralism in Place: Civic Engagement and the Democratic Promise of Metropolitan Higher Education.* Submissions are due November 1. Learn more here.

An article from 'The Source' about community-engaged education: ‘Plants get sick!’: WashU scientists, U. City students research plants together

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The Carnegie Classification for Community Engagement is an elective classification that recognizes U.S. colleges and universities for their institutionalized commitment to community engagement. It is a self study of an institution's commitments to and integration of community engagement across all aspects of the university including curricular, co-curricular, research, WashU policy and business practices, and administration.

If you or your unit have information that can be included in the Carnegie Classification application, please fill out this brief form or email us to learn more at carnegieclassification@wustl.edu.

If you're interested in advertising an opportunity to our network of scholars and community partners, please send an email to confluence@wustl.edu.

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