



What's Happening in Community Engagement

March 2023

A photograph of a woman with short blonde hair and glasses, wearing a patterned top, smiling at a table. In the background, other people are visible at tables, suggesting a community event or showcase.

Grand Valley State University presents the

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT SHOWCASE

06 April, 2023
4:00 to 7:30 PM
Hager-Lubbers Exhibition Hall

You are invited to the Showcase!

After a 3-year hiatus the [Civic Engagement Showcase](#) will return **Thursday April 6, 2023 from 4:00-7:30pm in Hager-Lubbers Exhibition Hall** on the downtown GVSU Pew Campus. We will recognize, highlight, share, and inform each other about the important engagement work and civic issues we are doing something about at GVSU. All current GVSU faculty are invited to attend with their students & community partners.

We will also be holding the premiere of [Climate Sisu](#), an inspiring documentary about climate change solutions and community resiliency in Michigan, immediately following the Showcase.



*Committed to excellence in the scholarship and
practice of engagement locally and globally*

ESC 2023 Conference Proposals

The [Engagement Scholarship Consortium](#) seeks proposals for the upcoming conference on October 4-5, 2023 at Michigan State University.

The 2023 conference will explore the theme of “Mobilizing Change through Engaged Scholarship”. The 2023 ESC Conference will provide a platform for intentional conversations about the many ways that engaged scholarship leads to a more positive impact in the community and the academy. Proposals will be considered on any topic clearly connected to the advancement of engaged scholarship.

All GVSU faculty and staff are eligible for the member rate discount to attend.

Proposals are due March 31.

Submit Proposal



**REGISTER NOW FOR
FALL 2023!**



**THE COURSE IS APPROVED
AS A HUMAN RIGHTS (HRT)
MINOR ELECTIVE**

INT 380.01

SUSTAINABLE DEMOCRACY

Do you know what it takes to sustain rule by the people? Learn about historical and ongoing threats to democracy and how we can overcome them to build lasting democracy on campus, in the U.S., and abroad. Featuring guest speakers and democratically determined course work. All majors welcome!

★ ★ ★ **Contact Prof. Dan Cope** copedan@gvsu.edu

INT 380: Sustainable Democracy

Offered in Fall 2023, INT 380: Sustainable Democracy examines the abstract dimensions of democracy, its historical and current iterations, and explores global movements toward democracy. Emphasis will be placed on the processes of democratic participation, the role of a free press and informed public, and how students can participate in self-government on campus, locally, and globally. The course is approved as an elective for the Human Rights minor and the [Civic Change Agent](#) microcredential.

The course includes guest lecturers from the Departments of Communications and Area and Global Studies and will feature a field trip to the Ottawa County Clerk's Office, where students will meet with Clerk Justin Roebuck. In collaboration with the GVSU Libraries, a workshop on information literacy will be facilitated by librarian Amber Dierking. The term project for the course will be developed, performed, and assessed by students with criteria democratically determined by the class.

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