Community Engaged Scholarship Forum

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Schedule at-a-glance

9:00 a.m.

Welcome by Azuri Gonzalez, Director, Center for Community Engagement (CCE) and Co-Director, Center for Faculty Leadership and Development (CFLD)

Plenary Session: **Changing Roles and Changing Partnerships: From a Scholar Working with Community to a Community of Scholars**
Jeremy Slack, Associate Professor of Geography in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology & Provost Faculty Fellow for Community Engaged Scholarship

Location: Auditorium IDRB 2.204

9:35 a.m.

Concurrent Sessions:

Navigating Tenure and Promotion: Pursuing your Research Agenda with Purpose
Location: Interactive Collaboration Lab IDRB 2.217
Presenters: Eva Moya, Interim Department Chair and Associate Professor, Social Work, Amy Wagler, Mathematics and Carleton Brown, Educational Psychology and Special Services
Moderator: Azuri Gonzalez, CCE Director & CFLD Co-Director

Enhancing Community Engaged Scholarship Related Funding Opportunities
Location: Visualization Lab IDRB 2.215
Presenter: Thenral Mangadu, Associate Vice President-Interdisciplinary Research, Associate Professor, Public Health Sciences; Director at Minority AIDS Research Center (MARC)

10:35 a.m.

Faculty Community Engaged Scholarship Panel Presentations

Panel 1 - Social, Cultural & Political Engagement
Location: Auditorium IDRB 2.204

Discussant and Moderator: Joe Heyman, Anthropology

Learning with Empathy: Employing the Empathic Global Citizenship Framework for Community-Engaged Scholarly Learning
Presenters: Jose Villalobos, Political Science, Azuri Gonzalez, Educational Leadership and Administration, Guillermina Nuñez-Mchiri, Sociology and Anthropology, and Cigdem Sirin, Political Science

Intercultural Civic Design and Community Engagement: An Avenue for Justice-Oriented and Empathy-Driven Socio-Political Change
Presenters: Soyeon Lee, Rhetoric and Writing Studies and Jose Villalobos, Political Science

Community Engagement and Leadership Designated Courses in Rhetoric and Composition: Preparing Students to Engage in Social Activism
Presenters: Maria Isela Maier and Jonathan Nehls, Rhetoric and Writing Studies

El Paso Food Voices
Presenter: Meredith E. Abarca, English

Targeted Community Interventions for Reducing Hispanic Diabetes Disparities: The Diabetes Garage-A Men's Program
Presenter: Jeannie B. Concha, Public Health Sciences

Panel 2 - Teaching and Translating STEM for the Public Good
Location: Interactive Collaboration Lab IDRB 2.217

Discussant and Moderator: Elena Izquierdo, Teacher Education

Sandbox Science: Equity Approaches to Open-Ended Data and Computer Science Curricular Design
Presenters: Alan Barrera, Sayed M. Reza, Omar Badreddin, Justice T. Walker, Amanda Barany, and Michael Johnson

Coding Like a Data Miner: A Culturally Relevant Data Analytics Intervention for High School Students
Presenters: Sayed M. Reza, Alan Barrera, Omar Badreddin, Justice T. Walker, Amanda Barany, and Michael Johnson

Reduce the Risk/Reduce El Riesgo: Community Engaged Strategies to Address the COVID-19 Pandemic in the Paso del Norte Region
Presenter: Bibiana Mancera, Border Biomedical Research Center

Housing and Food Insecurity at a Leading US Hispanic-Serving Institution: An Examination Before and During the COVID-19 Pandemic
Presenters: Gregory S. Schober, Rehabilitation Sciences, Amy Wagler, Mathematics, Eva M. Moya, Social work, Silvia M. Chavez-Baray, Social Work and Jessica Ayala, Social Work, Paul R Dessauer Jr., Mathematical Sciences

Connecting Mathematics and Religion: A General Audience Speaker Series for Community Engagement (Pre-recorded)
Presenter: Larry Lesser, Mathematics

Panel 3 - Making an Impact Through Community Engaged Creative Arts
Visualization Lab IDRB 2.215

Discussant and Moderator: Jeremy Slack, Sociology and Anthropology

Family Friendly Shakespeare in Madeline Park
Presenter: James (Jay) Stratton, Theatre and Dance

Inspiring Native Youth to Pursue Careers in the Arts: My Community-Engaged Scholarly Partnership with the Chickasaw Arts Academy
Presenter: Crystal G. Herman, Theatre and Dance

Excellence of Inclusion: Promoting Empowerment Through Theatre
Presenter: Adriana Dominguez, Theatre and Dance and student participants

An Interdisciplinary, Community Engaged Bilingual Comics Project for Caregivers: A Collaboration with UTEP Faculty, the Alzheimer's Association, and Comic Book Artists
Presenters: Elvira Carrizal-Dukes, Chicano Studies and Sarah Yvonne Jimenez, Nursing

12:00 p.m.

Remarks by UTEP President Heather Wilson - *Lunch*
Location: Auditorium IDRB 2.204

12:30 p.m.

Keynote Session: **Neighborhood Commitments: Using a Place-Based Focus to Drive Connected Impact**
Lina Dostilio, Vice Chancellor of Engagement and Community Affairs, University of Pittsburgh
Location: Auditorium IDRB 2.204

1:30 p.m.

Ignite Sessions: **Dialogue, Deliberation & Reflections**
Location: Visualization LAB 2.215 / Interactive Collaboration LAB 2.217

2:30 p.m.

Closing Remarks
Carleton Brown, Associate Professor, Educational Psychology & Provost Faculty Fellow for Community Engaged Scholarship
Location: Auditorium IDRB 2.204

Forum Speakers

Lina Dostilio, Keynote Speaker

Vice Chancellor of Engagement and Community Affairs University of Pittsburgh

Lina Dostilio, Ed.D. sets and advances the University of Pittsburgh's community engagement agenda and catalyzes community-facing efforts across the university including place-based engagement efforts, engaged scholarship, strategic partnership development, and community affairs. She is also a faculty member within the Department of Foundations, Organizations, and Policy in the School of Education. Her research explores the Community Engagement Professional in higher education and hyperlocal, place-based engagement.

Dr. Dostilio currently serves on the council of experts for the NSF-funded Center for Advancing Research Impact, is the co-chair of the Chancellor's Anchor Initiative Taskforce, is a board member for the Program to Aid Citizen Enterprise, and an advisory board member for The Forbes Funds. Lina was previously a research fellow with the Coalition for Urban and Metropolitan Universities, a visiting scholar with Campus Compact, and board chair of the International Association for Research on Service-Learning and Community Engagement.

Heather Wilson

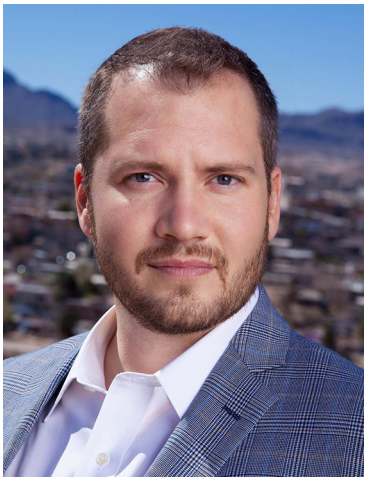
UTEP President

Dr Wilson will lead remarks during the lunch hour. Dr. Heather Wilson became the 11th President of The University of Texas at El Paso in 2019 after serving as Secretary of the United States Air Force. She is the former president of the South Dakota School of Mines & Technology, and she represented New Mexico in the United States Congress for 10 years. Dr. Wilson has also worked in the private sector, serving as a senior adviser to defense and scientific industry. To learn more about Dr. Wilson follow this link (https://www.utep.edu/about/presidents-bio.html#:~:text=Heather%20Wilson%20became%20the%2011,States%20Congress%20for%2010%20years.).

Carleton Brown

Associate Professor of Educational Psychology and Special Services; Provost Faculty Fellow for Community Engaged Scholarship

Dr. Carleton H. Brown is a school counselor program coordinator, clinical coordinator, and educator in the University of Texas at El Paso's College of Education's Educational Psychology and Special Services department. For more than a decade, Dr. Brown has worked as a certified school counselor. He is also a board member of the National School Counseling Evidence Based Council, as well as a licensed professional counselor and a national certified counselor. Dr. Brown will lead the closing remarks for the forum. Learn more about his work by visiting this link. (https://hb2504.utep.edu/Home/Profile?username=chbrown)



Jeremy Slack

Associate Professor of Geography in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology & Provost Faculty Fellow for Community Engaged Scholarship

Jeremy Slack is an Associate Professor of Geography at the University of Texas at El Paso's Department of Sociology and Anthropology. In 2015, he earned his Ph.D. in Geography from the University of Arizona. His study focuses on deportation and the challenges it causes for individuals and their families, as well as the severing of ties to place and how it has intertwined with drug-related violence on the border. Dr. Slack will leading the plenary for the forum. Learn more about his work by visiting this link (https://www.utep.edu/liberalarts/sociology-and-anthropology/people/jeremy-slack.html).

Thenral Mangadu

Associate Vice President-Interdisciplinary Research, Associate Professor, Public Health Sciences; Director at Minority AIDS Research Center (MARC)

Dr. Thenral Mangadu has 20+ years' experience in community-engaged interdisciplinary public health research and workforce development in the U.S.-Mexico border region and underrepresented communities globally. Specifically, she focuses on Substance Use Disorder, Mental Health, HIV/AIDS, primary care access and healthcare workforce related minority health disparities. She is the Associate Vice President for Interdisciplinary Research at the University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP) and, is an Associate Professor in Public Health and the founding Director of the Minority AIDS Research Center (MARC), UTEP. She also leads the Rural Health Interdisciplinary Research Core (RHIRC) and the Global Alliance for Healthier Populations (GAHP) for MARC . Dr. Mangadu is a recipient of the 2021 Lone Star Award for outstanding leadership and contributions to the field of Substance Use Disorder treatment and recovery in Texas. She currently directs multiple large-scale federally funded regional community-engaged projects. Her research has been published and presented in various community and scientific forums/journals

Amy Wagler

Associate Professor & Mathematical Sciences - Computational Science - Border Biomedical Research Center (BBRC)

Dr. Amy Wagler is an Associate Professor and Associate Chair of Mathematical Sciences at the University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP). She directs the Border Biomedical Research Center Biostatistics Unit and Data Analytics Lab at UTEP. She also directs a new PhD in Data Science program and the Big Data Analytics graduate certificate program. She is the Principal Investigator of the Research Enrichment Core of the NIH BUILDing SCHOLARS project, a project training and empirically evaluating the development of future biomedical researchers and the NSF-funded Noyce@UTEP project, a research-oriented grant training and studying future STEM teachers training to serve in high needs school districts. She is active in data –intensive biomedical research projects in collaboration with Beaumont Medical Center with a focus on outcomes-based medicine and health disparities. She is also co-PI on the Border Biomedical Research Center Research Core as well as several projects run through the Biostatistics Unit or Data Analytics Lab. In each of these projects, she is focused on applying data analytic solutions to solve real-world problems and advance knowledge discovery.

Her methodological research interests include multiplicity corrections in high-dimensional settings and simultaneous inference in generalized linear model settings. This has application in any high-throughput data setting focused on test outcomes with complex dependency structures. Additionally, she engages in many applied community-based projects in the data sciences, in areas such as biology, biomedicine, and education. Her research agenda also focuses on communication in statistics and data science in varied cultural and linguistic contexts and the integration of statistics and science content in teaching and public communication. She is a 2014 winner of the UT System Regent's Outstanding Teaching Award, serves on the Provost's Council for Community Engagement, and is the part of the curricular leadership the President's EPCC-UTEP Articulation Council and Women's Advisory Council to the President.

Eva Moya

Interim Department Chair and Associate Professor, Social Work Border Biomedical Research Center (BBRC)

A native of the U.S.-Mexico border, Eva M. Moya, PhD (UTEP, 2010) is Interim Chair and Associate Professor in the Department of Social Work at the UTEP. A specialist in border health, with more than 40 years of professional experience in the U.S.-Mexico border region. Dr. Moya has published a number of peer review articles, chapters and editorials on health disparities and infectious diseases in Mexico and the U.S.-Mexico Border Region. Her expertise includes border health; tuberculosis and stigma, HIV/AIDS, homelessness, HPV and Community Health Workers. Eva conducted studies throughout the world during her tenure as a Kellogg National Leadership Fellow.

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