Undergraduate Research & Engagement Symposium 2015

Community Engagement Forum Presentations

As part of the Undergraduate Research & Engagement Symposium (URES), students who have been involved in a community engagement project during the 2014-15 academic year are invited to present their work in one of two ways, either through an oral presentation or through a poster/table/multimedia display as part of the Community Engagement Forum (which will run concurrently with the undergraduate research poster presentation session). Any Loyola undergraduate involved in a community engagement project—whether through a service-learning course, an academic internship course, or a campus-community partnership—is welcome to present their work.

ALL PRESENTERS MUST REGISTER to present at the 2015 URES by Friday, March 13, 2015. To register for the Symposium, click here.

General Guidelines for Community Engagement Presentations

Unlike conventional research presentations, which primarily aim to substantiate new knowledge by explaining connections to established findings, community engagement presentations have three major goals:

1. To educate the broader community about key social issues that were core to the project or work completed, and to which the project hoped to respond;
2. To inform the audience about the project or work, including its specific goals, strategies, methods, partnerships, and impacts;
3. To empower and inspire further responsive action on the part of audience members, so that the project’s goals can continue to advance.

Students are encouraged to attend a Community Engagement Forum workshop on either Monday, March 23 or Wednesday, April 1, from 4:00-5:15pm, in the Information Commons Room 332. To register, click here.
Community Engagement Forum Presentation Guidelines
Products of community-based projects or community-engaged scholarship do not necessarily lend themselves to conventional academic presentation formats (e.g. oral or poster presentations). The Community Engagement Forum (CEF) offers students the chance to present their work through a wider variety of media/formats. Previous years’ presentations and interactive displays have included:

- **Video montages** chronicling a community-based project’s development and outcomes;
- **ePortfolios** (displayed on laptops so that participants can interact with the e-folio);
- **Photo essays** (printed as posters or on cardstock/foam core for display) accompanied by “artists’ statements” that provide context for the images;
- **Table-top displays** of resources produced for a community site or as part of a community-based project (e.g. pamphlets, booklets, marketing materials, etc.);
- Laptops set to **project-developed websites or blogs** chronicling students’ experiences;
- **Posters or display boards** providing context for a project, educating the community about the issues the project responded to, exploring the methodology pursued, etc.
- **Sign-up sheets**, announcements of upcoming events, and other resources allowing participants in the Forum to become involved in the project or its sponsoring community-based organization as volunteers, donors, etc.

Again, the goal of these presentations is not only to educate and inform, but also to **engage** participants in the great work that student presenters have done.

CEF Poster Preparation/Printing Guidelines
CEF presenters may choose to prepare and print large (42”x42”) academic posters to help communicate about their issue and to add visual appeal to their presentations. The Center for Experiential Learning will provide financial support for the printing of one poster per CEF presentation. Posters should be prepared using a single PowerPoint slide, and submitted to the Digital Media lab for printing by **11:59 p.m. on Wednesday, April 8, 2015**.

Detailed guidelines and instructions for Poster Printing can be found [here](#).

For more information about your service-learning CEF presentation, contact Jon Schmidt, Service-Learning Program Manager, at [jschmidt12@luc.edu](mailto:jschmidt12@luc.edu)

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