Connecting Campus, Communities & Curriculum through Engaged Scholarship and Collaborative Action

The Lang Center for Civic and Social Responsibility facilitates the College's commitment to civic engagement and social responsibility by connecting the campus, community, and curriculum with a dedicated staff and wide range of activities.

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Lang Center Announcements & News

New Episode of War News Radio

War News Radio fills the gaps in the media's coverage of the conflicts in Iraq, Afghanistan, and beyond by providing balanced and in-depth reporting, historical perspective, and personal stories.

Listen to the latest coverage on the Rohingya Refugee Crisis.
Apply for a President's Sustainability Research Fellowship

Applications Open: Feb. 15, 2018
Applications Due: March 1, 2018

How do students learn to lead? In the President's Sustainability Research Fellowship (PSRF) at Swarthmore College, they learn by leading: by taking stewardship over vital sustainability challenges. The program matches small teams of advanced students with staff and faculty mentors to research, develop, and implement projects in a year-long course and associated internship. The pioneering PSRF program, a collaboration between the President's Office, the Office of Sustainability, the Environmental Studies Program, and the Lang Center for Civic and Social Responsibility, fosters interdisciplinary collaboration throughout the institution. As students learn, lead, and innovate, they apply their knowledge to pressing needs and produce replicable solutions for our campus and beyond. Students are strongly encouraged to attend an information session before applying.

PSRF Information Sessions:
Sun., Feb. 11 | 2:00-4:00 PM | Shane Lounge
Tues., Feb. 13 | 1:00-3:00 PM | Lang Center

Lang Center Sponsored & Co-Sponsored Events

Global Affairs Meet & Mingle

Thurs., Feb. 15 | 4:30 PM | Lang Center, Keith Room

The Global Affairs Program at the Lang Center cordially invites you to a happy hour on Thursday, Feb. 15th at 4:30 PM to meet and mingle with others on campus who share your interests in international relations, human rights, and global order.

Learn about the Lang Center's Global Affairs Faculty-Led Initiative here.

Swarthmore Political Access Network
Info Session

Tues., Feb. 20 | 4:30 PM | Lang Center, Keith Room
Pizza Provided

On February 20, the Swarthmore Political Access Network (SPAN) will hold an information session for all members of the Swarthmore College community interested in increasing political engagement on campus. We will discuss new forms of collaboration between student and off-campus organizations with the goal of constructing an infrastructure which promotes better access to election information, political debate and engagement, and annual voting in elections at all levels of government. Join SPAN on Tuesday, February 20, from 4:30 to 5:30 in the Lang Center to contribute your voice to this conversation, share some pizza, and find out how you can get involved.

Please reach out to Jacob Demree ’19 (jdemree1) with any questions or for more information.

Classifieds for Students

Volunteer Opportunity | Camp Dreamcatcher

Camp Dreamcatcher is for youth 5-17 years of age who are HIV/AIDS infected themselves or have an HIV/AIDS infected family member or have lost a family member to AIDS. Camp Dreamcatcher has been providing therapeutic and educational programs for HIV/AIDS impacted youth for 21 years. We offer 65 therapeutic, 45 educational and 120 recreational programs during the camp week. These include music therapy, yoga, massage, mindfulness meditation, acupuncture, psychotherapy, lacrosse, basketball, fishing, canoeing, go-cart racing, laser tag, miniature golfing, concerts, art/crafts, etc. Our teen and “leaders in training” programs offer sessions on college preparation, budgeting, HIV/AIDS, addiction, abuse, bully prevention, body changes, etc. We provide one counselor for every two campers and the session is held on the beautiful grounds of Camp Saginaw in southern Chester County, PA. The camp week is August 19th – 25th. We accept applications on a first come, first serve basis. Over 230 counselors, medical personnel, professionals and community members volunteer during the camp session. Transportation will be provided to the camp program if needed.

To register: visit www.campdreamcatcher.org and click on the ultracamp link and register online to be a counselor at camp.

Fellowship Opportunity | Neighborhood 360°

Graduating Seniors with New York City Residency Only
Neighborhood 360° Fellows help community-based organizations complete commercial revitalization projects and connect local stakeholders to City resources. The fellows are paid, full-time community development professionals, community organizers, or planners. We aim to build a network of leaders prepared with commercial revitalization expertise and experience in New York City neighborhoods. Minimum qualifications include: NYC resident (within 90 days of start date, one or more year(s) of related experience (community outreach, organizing, and/or planning), and familiarity with placement neighborhoods. Applications are due by March 4, 2018, at 11:59 p.m. Click here to learn more and apply.

Internship Opportunity | Arm in Arm

Arm In Arm is a non-profit, charitable organization, which operates in Trenton and Princeton, New Jersey and offers a variety of services to low-income families in Mercer County, including food distribution, rent and energy assistance, job training, and assistance with driver's license applications for nearly four decades. Today, fifteen staff members and hundreds of volunteers welcome more than 4,000 families to our food pantries, work with 600 at-risk families to prevent or end homelessness, and offer on-the-job training and job search mentoring. Arm in Arm offers an 8- to 10-week unpaid internship for college students interested in learning more about the non-profit sector and engaging in community-based research in the social sciences. The intern will be involved in Arm in Arm's daily operations, including food pantry services and other assistance programs. The intern will also assist Arm in Arm in collecting data on their operations and customer profiles that will help and inform the organization's future operations. In addition, the intern will be working closely with a researcher based at Princeton University; Research topics include how low-income families’ experiences with government social services affect their civic and political life as well as their trust in governmental institutions. Please contact Margaret Cowell, Director of Operations, Arm In Arm (www.arminarm.org) at 609-396-9320 or margaretc@arminarm.org for more information.

Internship Opportunity | Freedom for All Massachusetts

In November 2018, Massachusetts voters will face a discriminatory ballot measure aimed at repealing MA's nondiscrimination law that protects transgender and non-binary people in public spaces. This marks the first time transgender rights have been on a state ballot question in the US. Freedom for All MA is the statewide campaign to educate the public about the importance of transgender-inclusive nondiscrimination protections. Freedom for All MA is seeking part- and full-time interns for the summer of 2018. We're seeking energetic, motivated folks to be on the front lines of defending MA's transgender nondiscrimination law. Interns work with field staff and volunteers to identify opportunities for education, reach out to supporters, and build our team of activists. Interns have weekly supervision with an organizer, and are given specific projects to focus on including outreach, public education, volunteer recruitment and training, research, and data management depending on interest, skill, and availability. All interns are expected to participate in volunteer recruiting in some way. Regular attendance on a
weekly organizing call is required. Reliable transportation with driver's license is recommended but not required.

If interested in working north of the Charles River (Cambridge, Somerville, Waltham, etc.): send cover letter and resume to Margaret Hughes at margaret@freedommassachusetts.org.
If interested in working south of the Charles (Boston, Brighton, Dorchester, Newton, etc.), send cover letter and resume to Pippin Shoults at pippin@freedommassachusetts.org.

Year-Long Program | Avodah's Jewish Service Corps
Graduating Seniors Only

Applications are open for the 2018-19 Avodah's Jewish Service Corps, a year-long program for recent grads and post college age adults to build a lifetime of leadership skills, an active Jewish community, a powerful professional network, and a more just America. The Avodah Jewish Service Corps provides recent grads a place to build the foundations for careers, Jewish community, and lifelong activism in social and economic justice movements. We're looking for leaders and not-yet-leaders, activists and organizers, challah bakers and Shabbat dinner hosts, teachers, learners, and everyone in between to spend the next year pursuing justice with Avodah. Corps Members are aged 21-26, and the program provides a monthly living stipend, travel allowance, health insurance, and subsidized housing, as well as year of professional and leadership development. Are you our next Jewish Service Corps Member? Do you know someone who is wondering what they can do to help create a more just America, or how to build a career that makes a difference in people's lives?

Priority Deadline: Jan. 29, 2018
Second Deadline: Feb. 25, 2018

Find out more at avodah.net/serve.

From Our Friends on Campus

GreenAllies Conference
The 4th annual GreenAllies Conference, a student-led summit where student environmentalists and sustainability professionals will come share their ideas about how high school and college students can make a difference in their communities.
Saturday, Feb. 10 | 9:00 AM | Clothier Hall

How to Make a Difference in Public Policy
Mark Harkins '87 and Keith Benjamin '09 on the intersection of work in social impact, advocacy, community building, NGOs, state, local and federal government.
Monday, Feb. 12 | 12:30 PM | Parrish 159

Prepare for the NonProfit and Government Expo at Georgetown University
Prepare your introduction for the fair, get details about employer tables and bus transportation, and ask any questions you have. Stay for a resume review between 1 and 4pm to earn a free portfolio. The Expo career fair is on 2/16. Need a ride? Swarthmore students need to sign up via Handshake (under "Events").

Wednesday, Feb. 14 | 12:30 PM | Parrish 159

**Jewish and Palestinian Student Perspectives on the 2018 Israel/Palestine Study Trip**

Please join us for a panel discussion featuring five Jewish students and one Palestinian student who participated in this year’s Israel/Palestine Study Trip.

Monday, Feb. 19 | 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM | Scheuer

**Poetry in Context: Encuentros with Dr. Eve L. Ewing**

In this encuentro (encounter/finding), poet/writer/activist Dr. Eve L. Ewing will read poems from her book *Electric Arches* while also drawing on her knowledge and work as a sociologist to make connections to topics in race, history, gender, and current events.

Wednesday, Feb. 21 | 4:15 PM - 5:45 PM | Scheuer

**Queer African Studies: A Sager Event**

Assistant Professor Kwame Otu will discuss issues of sexual citizenship, gender human rights in post colonial Africa.

Thursday, Feb. 22 | 4:15 PM - 5:45 PM | Bond Memorial Hall

**Direct Action and Affirming Queerness in the Black Community**

A discussion about the core principles of BYP100 and Direct Action. BYP100 is National, member-based organization of Black 18-35 year old activists and organizers, who work on building a network focused on transformative leadership development, direct action organizing, advocacy, and political education using a Black queer feminist lens.

Wednesday, Feb. 28 | 4:30 PM | Bond Memorial Hall

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**From Our Friends in the Community**

**Reviving and Reviewing the "Race Film"**

This series revisits so-called "race films": works of independent African American cinema produced from the 1910s to the 1940s. The afterlives of these films are manifest in their recurring religious themes, the vexed politics of their preservation and restoration, and their creative influence on later filmmakers.

Wednesday, Jan. 31 - Wednesday, Feb. 21 | International House, 3701 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, PA

[Click here to learn more.](#)

**Those Who Talk Back Opening Reception**

Aram Han Sifuentes' *Those Who Talk Back* invites all to enter her interactive library, which houses the Protest Banner Lending Library, and U.S. Citizenship Test Samplers.

Friday, Feb. 2 | 6:00-8:00 PM | Asian Arts Initiative, 1219 Vine Street, Philadelphia, PA

Exhibition runs February 2 - April 6, 2018.

[Click here to learn more.](#)
PLEN Women and Congress Seminar
Launch your policy career in Washington, DC at the PLEN Women and Congress Seminar.
March 12-16 | Washington, D.C.
Click here to register and learn more.

Engaged Scholarship and Social Justice Undergraduate Research Conference
2018 Engaged Scholarship & Social Justice Undergraduate Research Conference hosted by Harvard College present an opportunity for undergraduates to present their own engaged research.
Friday, Apr. 6 - Saturday, Apr. 7 | Harvard College
If you have any questions regarding the conference, please email us or click here to learn more.

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- Civic Engagement Map
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