Rochester Urban Fellows 2018 Syllabus

Program Overview and Expectations

**Purpose:** To provide local undergraduates with opportunities to: develop personal and professional skills through a summer fellowship; increase their understanding of urban issues and poverty through faculty-led dialogues and community experiences; and develop an appreciation for cross-cultural issues and urban life by participating in community activities.

**Professionalism:** You will be held to the highest standards of academic and professional integrity. Fellows are expected to observe all regulations detailed in the University of Rochester’s Conduct Standards, Policies, and Procedures, and exemplified in the University’s Communal Principles.

**Fellowship Expectations:** As an Urban Fellow, you are an ambassador of the program, the University of Rochester, your host site, and (if applicable) AmeriCorps VISTA. You will be held to the same standards as employees at your host agency and are expected to demonstrate respect for agency staff and become part of their team. Fellows are expected to follow all agency rules and regulations. Any workplace issues should first be addressed with your host agency.

**Attendance:** Wednesday sessions begin at **8:30 a.m.** with breakfast, reflection on the past week, and announcements. Attendance is mandatory, and Fellows are expected to be on time. If a Fellow is late more than twice, a disciplinary meeting will be held. Refer to the disciplinary guide for more information.

**Participation:** Fellows are expected to come prepared to demonstrate a conversational knowledge of assigned readings and to offer insights and opinions regarding various urban issues. It is expected that Fellows write **weekly reflections** via Blackboard (due **Sundays at 11:59PM**) focused on their experiences in the community and/or accomplishments and challenges at their service site. These reflections are private. In addition to weekly reflection posts, Fellows are expected to post questions or thoughts they would like the presenter to address in a public Blackboard discussion board.

**Readings:** Course readings will be assigned and accessible on Blackboard. **Bring the readings** with you either as a physical copy or on your laptop.

**Community Volunteering:** Fellows are expected to volunteer at **two or more** community events (fairs, festivals, site events, etc.) throughout their service. Opportunities will be shared by the Program Leader. We encourage Fellows to reflect on their experience by posting in the relevant discussion board.

**End-of-Summer Symposium:** During the final weeks of the program, Fellows will prepare a **10 minute presentation** about their Urban Fellows experience. Fellows are expected to present both on campus and at the concluding symposium at City Hall.

**Reporting:** Fellows are required to report both quantitative and qualitative data on the work they do at their host sites during their service. Reporting forms should be filled out by **July 12** at which time program staff will review them. Fellows may continue to add to their reporting document as necessary after July 16, but reporting must be completed accurately and on time in order to receive the end of service education award.
Learning Outcomes
As a result of participation in the Urban Fellows Program, we anticipate that students will:

Civic Engagement and Leadership
● Discuss the local civic process
● Participate in service/volunteer activities

Professional Competencies
● Implement strong oral communication skills
● Implement strong written communication skills
● Employ professionalism, including attire, punctuality, and accountability
● Apply adaptability/creativity when faced with project-related or community-centered challenges

Intrapersonal Competency
● Demonstrate self-motivation when accomplishing tasks
● Demonstrate cultural awareness of self
● Articulate personal strengths, challenges, and experiences

Interpersonal and Cultural Competency
● Demonstrate cultural humility when interacting with diverse stakeholders
● Apply teamwork/collaboration when working with diverse stakeholders

Cognitive Complexity
● Apply critical thinking when faced with project-related or community-centered challenges
● Apply problem solving when faced with project-related or community-centered challenges
● Implement reflective thinking

Knowledge Acquisition
● Relate theoretic urban issues to personal experiences within Rochester and beyond
● Interpret historic or socioeconomic trends and their impact on policy
● Evaluate social policies and their influence on people

We also anticipate that students will:
● Demonstrate increased commitment to the Rochester area
● Develop an increased connection to the Rochester area
● Develop meaningful relationships with community members
● Demonstrate reciprocity with various stakeholders
**All Orientation/Wednesday Sessions:**
*Breakfast will be served by 8:30 a.m.; meeting begins promptly at 9:00 a.m.*

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| 8:45 AM | Introductions/Ice-Breaker  
Guidelines for Discussion |
| 9:30 AM | Urban Fellows Overview -- Learning Outcomes and History |
| 10:00 AM | Navigating Rochester activity |
| 10:30 AM | Rochester tour |
| 1:30 PM | Lunch at El Latino |
| 2:30 PM | AmeriCorps VISTA Summer Associate Training  
*Karen Talbot, CNCS Program Officer to conduct the Oath Ceremony* |
| 4:00 PM | Individual Meetings |
| 5:30 PM | Leave for dinner at Genesee Brew House  
*Optional bike tour with Glenn* |

**Friday, May 25** | **ORIENTATION - DAY TWO** |
| WC - HAVENS LOUNGE | Breakfast  
Re-Introductions/Reflection |
| 9:30 AM | Urban Fellow Program Information -- Expectations and Assessment |
| 10:00 AM | Implicit Bias Training  
*Dr. Jessica Guzman-Rea, Director  
University of Rochester Paul J. Burgett Intercultural Center* |
| 12:00 PM | Lunch at Aladdin’s |
| 1:00 PM | Screening of *July ‘64* at RCTV with Filmmaker Carvin Eison  
At Phillis-Wheatley Community Library |
| 3:00 PM | RTS Bus Tour/City Exploration begins at Transit Center |
| 5:00 PM | Students return to Campus; Campus Reflection |
Monday, May 28

*Memorial Day Holiday*

Tuesday, May 29

*First day at host site*

**Wednesday, May 30**

**WC - HAVENS LOUNGE**

*Urban Education*

Dr. Kara Finnigan, Associate Professor of Educational Leadership

*University of Rochester Warner School of Education*

**REQUIRED READINGS:**


Lunch: Arnett Café

Afternoon: School 17

**Wednesday, June 6**

**WC - HAVENS LOUNGE**

**Government Welfare Programs**

10:00 AM: Reporting training

Lunch: Swillburger

1:30 PM: Trauma-Informed Care Training with CCSI

At Arnett Library

4:00 PM: Dr. Stu Jordan, Associate Professor of Political Science

*University of Rochester*

Amy Natale-McConnell, CPS Management Director

Ellen Merkel, Casework Supervisor

*Office of Children and Family Services*

**REQUIRED READINGS:**
● Letter from Stu Jordan -- READ THIS FIRST

5:30 PM: Pizza Dinner from Pontillo’s

6:30 PM: Erie Canal/Genesee River Boat Cruise with Corn Hill Navigation
Joined by Rochester Youth Year AmeriCorps VISTA members

Wednesday, June 13
WC - HAVENS LOUNGE

9:00am Understanding Leadership Workshop
(Medallion Program Level Opening Session)

Dr. Gerald Gamm, Professor of Political Science and History
University of Rochester

REQUIRED READING
● Emily Badger, “‘This Can’t Happen By Accident,’” Washington Post, 2 May 2016.
https://www.washingtonpost.com/graphics/business/wonk/housing/atlanta/?tid=series_nav
http://www.theatlantic.com/magazine/archive/2014/06/the-case-for-reparations/361631/

Lunch: Fusion 4 on 719 Plymouth Ave

Afternoon: Housing tour with Realtor Linda Wilson
Wednesday, June 20
WC - HAVENS LOUNGE

Health Discrepancies in Rochester
Wade Norwood, Chief Strategy Officer, Common Ground Health
Member at Large, NYS Education Dept Board of Regents

REQUIRED READINGS:

Lunch: Mt. Hope Diner
Afternoon: Jefferson Family Medicine

Wednesday, June 27
WC - HAVENS LOUNGE

Food and Environmental Justice
Dr. Tanya Bakhmetyeva, Associate Professor & Associate Academic Dir. Susan B. Anthony Institute for Gender, Sexuality, and Women’s Studies

REQUIRED READINGS:
● Kimberly Morland and Steve Wing, Chapter 7, “Food Justice and Health in Communities of Color,” in Growing Smarter: Achieving Livable Communities, Environmental Justice, and Regional Equity
● Monica White, “Sisters of the Soil: Urban Gardening as Resistance in Detroit”

Lunch: Harry G’s
Afternoon: Gardening at First Market Farm with Taproot Collective
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Dinner catered by Sol Burrito  
5:00 PM, RCSD Central Office  
Meeting overview provided by RCSD School Board Member Beatriz LeBron  
6:30-8:30 PM  
Board Meeting                                   |
| Wednesday, July 11 | **Urban Planning**                          | LOCATION CHANGE:  
GENESEE 308  
Rachel Remmel, Assistant Director for Faculty Development, Director of Academic Honesty, *Center for Excellence In Teaching and Learning*  
**REQUIRED READINGS**  
- Read This First- Letter from Rachel Remmel  
- Ebenezer Howard, “Garden Cities of To-morrow,” (original 1898), excerpt  
- Le Corbusier, “The City of To-morrow and Its Planning,” (original 1929), excerpt  
- Jane Jacobs, “The Death and Life of Great American Cities,” (original 1961), excerpt  
- City of Rochester, “2014 Center City Master Plan: The Living City,” (original 2014), excerpt |
| Lunch:             | Abyssinia                                   |                                                                         |
| Afternoon: 2:00-3:30pm | Tour with City of Rochester Urban Planners  
Jason Haremza and Erik Frisch                                |
| Wednesday, July 18 | **Mass Incarceration**                      | WC - HAVENS LOUNGE  
Dr. Josh Dubler, Assistant Professor of Religion  
*University of Rochester*  
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- Peppa Pot

### Afternoon:

- M.K. Gandhi Institute for Nonviolence

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### Lunch:

- Salena's

### Afternoon:

- Community engagement activities & overview with Nancy Johns Price Administrator, *Southeast Neighborhood Service Center*

### Evening:

- Dinner with President Richard Feldman and Provost Rob Clark
- 5:15 PM, RCCL
- Meet at RCCL
- 6:00 PM
- Perkins Mansion, East Ave

### Monday, July 30

- **On Campus Presentations**
- WILSON COMMONS
- All Fellows will give an 8-10 minute presentation on their experience.
- 10:00 AM-3:30 PM

### Tuesday, July 31

- **Last Day at Host Site**

### Wednesday, August 1

- **Closing Ceremony**
- CITY HALL ATRIUM, COUNCIL CHAMBERS
- 3:00 PM
- Meet at RCCL
- 5:00 PM
- Program begins with poster session in City Hall Atrium
- 6:00 PM
- Formal remarks in Council Chambers