Rochester Urban Fellows 2019 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 9:00 a.m., with a 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. One Fellow will be selected to present about their experience at the concluding symposium.

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 16, at which time program staff will review them. Fellows should 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
**Tuesday, May 28**

**ORIENTATION - DAY ONE**

**Genesee 325**

8:30 AM  
Breakfast

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
  
10:45  
Wall/Therapy
  
11:45  
High Falls EcoDistrict
  
12:30  
City Hall

1:30 PM  
Lunch at Mt. Hope Diner

2:30 PM  
AmeriCorps VISTA Summer Associate Training
  
*Kim Judy, CNCS Program Officer to conduct the Oath Ceremony*

4:00 PM  
Individual Meetings at RCCL

5:30 PM  
Leave for dinner at Genesee Brew House
  
*Optional bike tour and safety training with Glenn*

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**Wednesday, May 29**

**ORIENTATION - DAY TWO**

**Genesee 325**

8:30 AM  
Breakfast
Re-Introductions/Reflection

9:30 AM  
Urban Fellow Program Information -- Expectations and Assessment

10:00 AM  
Implicit Bias Training
  
*Colleen Raimond*
  
*University of Rochester Paul J. Burgett Intercultural Center*

12:00 PM  
Lunch at Aladdin’s

1:00 PM  
Screening of *July ‘64* at RCTV

3:00 PM  
RTS Bus Tour/City Exploration begins at Transit Center

5:00 PM  
Students return to campus for group reflection
Thursday, May 30  

First day at host site

Wednesday, June 5  
Genesee 325  
Community Empowerment  
Dr. Rick DeJesus-Rueff, Emeritus Vice President of Student Affairs and Diversity Initiatives, St. John Fisher College

REQUIRED READINGS:
  Chapters 3-7 required; full book recommended  
  Available on reserve at Rush Rhees Library

Lunch: Natural Oasis  
Afternoon: Gandhi Institute  
4:30 PM Reporting Training

Wednesday, June 12  
Genesee 325  
Mass Incarceration  
Dr. Josh Dubler, Assistant Professor of Religion  
University of Rochester

REQUIRED READINGS:
  http://dx.doi.org/10.1111/j.1745-9133.2011.00733.x  

Lunch: Orange Glory Cafe  
Afternoon: Center for Youth/Teen Court  
Coffee Connection

Thursday, June 13  
5:00 PM Rochester City School Board Meeting  
Meet at RCCL
**Wednesday, June 19**

**Urban Education**

LOCATION CHANGE: DOUGLASS 401

Dr. Kara Finnigan, Professor of Educational Leadership

*University of Rochester Warner School of Education*

**REQUIRED READINGS:**


**Morning:**

Understanding Leadership

*Lydia Crews, Assistant Director of Cultural Programs, Wilson Commons Student Activities*

**Lunch:**

John’s Tex Mex

*With Nat Ziegler, Rochester Youth Year AmeriCorps VISTA RCSD: Office of Adult and Career Education Services*

**Afternoon:**

East High School

*Lindsey Feigenbaum, Connected Communities*

*Jason Taylor, East High School*

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**Wednesday, June 26**

**Health Disparities in Rochester**

LOCATION CHANGE: Havens Lounge (Wilson Commons)

Wade Norwood, Chief Executive Officer

*Common Ground Health*

**REQUIRED READINGS:**

- Daniel, Hilary, Sue S. Bornstein, and Gregory C. Kane. “Addressing Social Determinants to Improve Patient Care and...


Lunch: Cedar Mediterranean

Afternoon: St. Joseph’s Neighborhood Center

*Candice Lucas, Executive Director*

**Wednesday, July 3**

*Religious Institutions in Urban Communities*

Genesee 325

Nora Rubel, Jane and Alan Batkin Professor of Jewish Studies

*University of Rochester*

**REQUIRED READINGS:**


Lunch: Swillburger

Afternoon: City tour of religious and interfaith organizations

**Wednesday, July 10**

*Urban Planning*

LOCATION CHANGE:

Douglass 401

Rachel Remmel, Assistant Dean and Executive Director

*University of Rochester Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning*

**REQUIRED READINGS:**

- Ebenezer Howard, “Garden Cities of To-morrow” (1898), excerpt

- Le Corbusier, “The City of To-morrow and its planning” (1929), excerpt

- Jane Jacobs, “The Death and Life of Great American Cities” (1961), excerpt

City of Rochester, “2014 Center City Master Plan: The Living City” (2014), excerpt

Lunch: Community Design Center
*Lunch catered by Park Ave Paninoteca*

Afternoon: Urban Planning walking tour
*Jason Haremza, City of Rochester planner*

Tuesday, July 16

*First draft of report due*

Wednesday, July 17

**Residential Segregation**
Shane Weigand
*Douglass 401, City Roots Community Land Trust*

**REQUIRED READINGS AND VIEWINGS:**
* Shane has compiled a document with required readings and viewings, contextual notes, and a list of extra suggested readings. Please read the document carefully and complete all required readings and viewings: [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1QDa2PlxY_UxHu0R9y3r18h6de0uaeKTSYTNUrTGLz-k/edit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1QDa2PlxY_UxHu0R9y3r18h6de0uaeKTSYTNUrTGLz-k/edit)*

* All readings are also available on Blackboard.

Lunch: Royal of India

Afternoon: 540 West Main Communiversity talk and mini Clean Sweep
*Calvin Eaton, Founding Director*

Evening: River Boat Cruise with Corn Hill Navigation
*Sarah Mangelsdorf, University of Rochester President*
*Eric Frisch, ROC the Riverway*

Tuesday, July 23

**Rochester City Council Meeting**
5:00 PM
Meet at RCCL
*Dinner catered by Sol Burrito*

6:30 PM
City Council Meeting begins with “Speak to Council”

10:00 PM
Return to Campus (if not earlier)
**Wednesday, July 24**

**Economics of Poverty**

Jim Johnson, Professor of Political Science

*University of Rochester*

**REQUIRED READINGS:**


**Lunch:** Young’s Korean

**Afternoon:** Poverty workshop with ACT Rochester and the Center for Governmental Research

**Friday, July 26**

**On Campus Presentations**

Gowen Room

10:00 AM-3:30 PM

All Fellows will give an 8-10 minute presentation on their experience.

**Wednesday, July 31**

**Final Reflections**

10:00 AM

Nancy Johns-Price, Administrator

*City of Rochester Southeast Neighborhood Service Center*

**Lunch:** Dogtown

**Afternoon:** Wrap-up activities
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