Rochester Urban Fellows 2023 Syllabus

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: You are an ambassador of the program, the University of Rochester and other area colleges, 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. Students 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. EST, with a reflection on the past week and announcements. Attendance is mandatory, and Fellows are expected to be on time. If you are late more than twice, a disciplinary meeting will be held. Refer to the disciplinary guide for more information.

Participation: Students 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 students write weekly reflections via Blackboard (due Sundays at 11:59PM EST) focused on their experiences and/or accomplishments and challenges at their service site. These reflections are private.

Readings: Course readings will be accessible on Blackboard. Have the readings available to you!

End-of-Summer Symposium: During the final weeks of the program, students will prepare a 10-minute presentation about their Urban Fellows experience. One Fellow will be selected to present about their experience at our closing celebrations.

Reporting: Students 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 11:59 PM EST on Sunday, 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 (as feasible)

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

STANDARD SCHEDULE
Subject to change – see detailed schedules below.

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**WEEK 1**
**Monday, May 22** ORIENTATION - DAY ONE
Douglass 403

9:00  Introductions and icebreakers

9:30  Invitations for discussion

10:00 Urban Fellows overview

11:00 Ally Bootcamp workshop  
*Col Raimond, Director of LGBTQ Life and AS&E Staff Ombudsperson*

12:00 VISTA Summer Associate [training and oath](#)

Lunch  John’s Tex Mex

2:00  Rochester tour  
- Susan B Anthony Square (Dawn Noto, neighborhood leader) - 2:00  
- High Falls (Liza Amirault, Greentopia) -2:40  
- Rochester Public Market & First Market Farm (Edan Lambright and Graham Hughes, Taproot Collective and City Roots Community Land Trust) - 3:20

4:15  Individual meetings at CCE (107 Lattimore Hall)

**Tuesday, May 23** ORIENTATION - DAY TWO

9:00  Reintroductions

10:00  Community Engagement 101 workshop  
*Andrew Thomas and Lauren Caruso, Center for Community Engagement*

11:00  Mapping Rochester activity

Lunch  Arnett Cafe

1:30  July ’64 Screening at the Arnett Branch Library  
*Josie McClary, President, 19th Ward Community Association*

3:00  RTS Scavenger Hunt

5:00  Reflection
Wednesday, May 24  FIRST DAY AT HOST SITES

**Flower City Feeling Good Bike Ride (optional)**
SWAN, Inc. at Montgomery Neighborhood Center, 10 Cady Street
6:45-8:00 pm

Thursday, May 25  Reshaping Rochester Lecture: “Housing is Economic Development” by Laurie Volk (optional)
Memorial Art Gallery, 500 University Ave
5:30 pm reception, 6:30 pm lecture
Register here:

WEEK 2
Wednesday, May 31  Urban Education
Genesee 325
Reflection in Genesee Hall then we will go to East High School

LUNCH:  
Salena’s

AFTERNOON:  
Dr. Shaun Nelms  
*Superintendent, East Educational Partnership Organization*  
*Associate Professor, University of Rochester Warner School of Education*  
*Director, Center for Urban Education Success*

REQUIRED READING:
- Valerie L. Marsh, Shaun C. Nelms, Sarah Peyre, and Joanne Larson, “How a university and a school district made change together”:  
  https://kappanonline.org/university-school-district-change-marsh-nelms-peyre-larson/
- Joanne Larson and Shaun Nelms, “Collaborating for Equity in Urban Education: Comprehensive Reform in an Innovative University/School Partnership”:  
  https://journals.sagepub.com/eprint/MMQJDWBNMYCH9BDCZQVQ/full

Saturday, June 3  19th Ward Square Fair at Aberdeen Square Park (optional)
WEEK 3
Wednesday, June 7
Genesee 325
(De)carceration
Dr. Joshua Dubler
Associate Professor of Religion, University of Rochester

REQUIRED READING:
• Jackie Wang, “Carceral Capitalism”:
  https://thenewinquiry.com/carceral-capitalism/
• Tobi Haslett, “Magic Actions: Looking back on the George Floyd rebellion”:

LUNCH: Dogtown

AFTERNOON: Screening and discussion of Home: Access Denied with filmmaker Carvin Eison at the Phillis Wheatley Community Library

Reporting Training
Emerson Carmel, VISTA Leader

WEEK 4
Wednesday, June 14
Genesee 325
Community Engagement and Empowerment
Dr. Richard DeJesus-Rueff
Emeritus Vice President of Student Affairs, St. John Fisher University
Academic Director, First Generation Scholars Program

REQUIRED READING:
• Michael Gecan, “How Not to Do Activism”:
  https://www.bostonreview.net/articles/michael-gecan-activism/
• Michael Gecan, Going Public, chapters 5, 8, and 10 (on Blackboard)

LUNCH: Foodlink Community Cafe

AFTERNOON: Community-Driven Projects
Nancy Johns-Price, Southeast Neighborhood Service Center

WEEK 5
Wednesday, June 21
Douglass 401
Urban Planning
Dr. Rachel Remmel
Assistant Dean and Director, University of Rochester Teaching Center
REQUIRED READING:

- Le Corbusier, “The City of To-morrow and Its Planning,” (original 1929), excerpt (on Blackboard)
- Jane Jacobs, “The Death and Life of Great American Cities,” (original 1961), excerpt (on Blackboard)
- American Institute of Architects, “10 Principles for Livable Communities” (2005–on Blackboard)
- City of Rochester, “Rochester 2034 Comprehensive Plan,” (2019), read pages 3, 8-12, 27-37, 41-44, and flip through the rest (on Blackboard)
- City of Rochester, “Rochester DRAFT ZAP Map Tour” (5:37 video explaining how to explore interactive map #6 below: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q7Cf2gbfuvI
- City of Rochester, “DRAFT Zoning Alignment Project Map” (For this resource, watch the video above, then explore the different layers of information associated with a particular area of the city of your choice): https://maps.cityofrochester.gov/portal/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=73cf7c9a943a4e9c8629009572e2b5ee

LUNCH: Reshaping Rochester luncheon

AFTERNOON: ROC the Riverway Tour

WEEK 6
Wednesday, June 28
Genesee 325

Urban Agriculture – TIME CHANGE: 1:30pm!!!
Councilmember Mitch Gruber, Rochester City Council
Chief Program Officer, Foodlink

REQUIRED READING:

- Costanza, Mike. “Building a food system that serves all”. https://rochesterbeacon.com/2022/04/28/building-a-food-system-that-serves-all/

4:00 pm
Urban Land Use Simulation at 490 Farmers
Evan Lowenstein, Rochester Ecology Partners

5:00-7:00 pm
490 Farmers Urban Gardening Night

Dinner
Picnic at Cobbs Hill Park - Cedar Mediterranean

Thursday, June 29
Rochester Board of Education Meeting
Meet at Susan B. Anthony Hall at 5pm
Wear Business Casual & we’ll provide pizza
RCSD Central Office: 131 W Broad Street
Meeting will run 5:30-8:00 pm

WEEK 7
Wednesday, July 5
Genesee 325

Residential Segregation and Redlining
Shane Wiegand
Co-Lead, Antiracist Curriculum Project
4th grade teacher, Rush-Henrietta School District

REQUIRED READING:
- Visit resistancemapping.org. Go to the maps section and click on the civic action dots to explore civil rights actions across Rochester.
- View the Home: Access Denied Film. Feel free to check out the Discussion Guide
Read Confronting Racial Covenants: How They Segregated Monroe County and What to Do About Them, by Rochester’s City Roots Community Land Trust, in partnership with the Yale Environmental Protection Clinic —July 29, 2020

Check out City Roots Community Land Trust: http://cityrootsclt.org/

Explore the section of the RASE report on “Housing Recommendations”: https://rocrase.com/

Explore the Current Greater Rochester Zoning Map” https://experience.arcgis.com/template/d7229bb5ae014c98bdd38da1169f89c1/page/Page-1/?views=Zoning-Map


LUNCH: Aladdin’s Natural Eatery

AFTERNOON: Inner Loop North Transformation Tour

David Riley, Rochester Department of Environmental Services
Project Manager of the Inner Loop North Transformation

WEEK 8
Wednesday, July 12
Genesee 325

Health Disparities and Social Determinants of Health

Mr. Wade Norwood
Chief Executive Officer, Common Ground Health

REQUIRED READING:

“Poverty and Racism are a Public Health Crisis” (on Blackboard)


OPTIONAL - “Critical Condition: Sustainable Investments Required to Build a Skilled, Supported, and Equitable Health Care Workforce”:
https://media.cmsmax.com/ravk3pgz5ktluis1r08ci/workforcereport-r10.pdf

● OPTIONAL - “Comprehensive Regional Community Health Assessment”:

LUNCH: Abyssinia Ethiopian

AFTERNOON: Together Now
Sara Volz-Rogers, Community Engagement Lead
Saint Joseph’s Neighborhood Center
  Jennifer Sahrle, Executive Director

Sunday, July 16 REPORTING DRAFT DUE

WEEK 9
Tuesday, July 18 Rochester City Council Meeting
Meet outside Grab & Go in Business Casual for 5:15
We’ll eat our Pellegrino’s orders on campus and then head to City Hall
Expect to return to campus by 8:30 or 9 at the latest

Wednesday, July 19 Economics of Poverty
Genesee 325
Dr. Jim Johnson
  Professor of Political Science, University of Rochester

REQUIRED READING:

LUNCH: Swillburger

AFTERNOON: Financial Empowerment
  Angela Rollins, Financial Empowerment Center

5:30-7:30 Dinner at the Patrick Barry House with University of Rochester Provost
  David Figlio
Wednesday, July 26  
**FINAL PRESENTATIONS**  
Genesee 325  
All Urban Fellows will give an 8-10 minute presentation on their summer experience. Lunch will be catered to Genesee Hall. More details and a schedule will be provided.

Family, Friends, & Supervisors are welcome to attend or join via Zoom  
https://rochester.zoom.us/j/96867449436

Lunch: Tandoor of India

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Thursday, July 27  
**Mount Hope Cemetery Twilight Tour**  
Presented by The Friends of Mount Hope Cemetery  
Arrive at Mount Hope Cemetery by 6:30 or meet outside Susan B. Anthony Hall by 6:00pm to walk together.

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**WEEK 10**  
**Thursday, July 27**  
**LAST DAY AT HOST SITES**

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**Friday, July 28**  
**CLOSING CEREMONY**  
Rochester City Hall, 30 Church St  
4:00-6:00 pm  
Meet at Sue B. Hall by 3:40pm

**FINAL REPORT DUE**  
**POST-SERVICE SURVEY DUE**