Community Engagement in Action

Engaged Scholarship Highlights

RESEARCH & PUBLICATIONS

Dr. Judith Liu: Professor, USD Department of Sociology

In Fall 2012, the Journal for Civic Commitment will publish an article written by USD’s Dr. Judith Liu in Sociology with co-authors Chris Nayve, director of USD’s Center for Community Service-Learning, and Emalyn Leppard, community partner and teacher at Montgomery Middle School. Their article is entitled, “Nothing about Us without Us Is for Us”: Civic Engagement through Consensus and Commitment. The focus of this piece is the Community, Consensus, and Commitment course offered in Sociology, which enrolls both USD students and local community members to learn about and apply consensus organizing methods. Through this course, students and community members learn and experience how this style of community engagement leads to increased civic and social responsibility. Copies of Dr. Liu’s article are available in the Center for Community Service-Learning.

Dr. Michelle Jacob: Associate Professor, USD Department of Ethnic Studies

In April 2011, the Sociologists Without Borders journal published USD’s Dr. Michelle Jacob’s co-authored article entitled, “Human Rights Pedagogies in the Classroom: Social Justice, US Indigenous Communities, and CSL Projects” (Falcón & Jacob, 2011). Dr. Jacob has been incorporating community service-learning into her American Indian Studies course for six years and shares powerful insights about community partnerships, service-learning, and community engagement in this piece. Copies of Dr. Jacob’s article are available in the Center for Community Service-Learning.

CEE WORKSHOP

Co-Educating for Change: Getting Started with Community Service Learning: January 25, 2012

Over the Intersession break in January 2012, thirteen faculty members from various disciplines including Music, English, Biology, History, and Communication, gathered in Chicano Park in San Diego for an interactive and engaging workshop co-hosted by the Center for Educational Excellence and the Center for Community Service-Learning. The focus of the workshop was for participants to gain a deeper and fuller understanding of community service-learning as a pedagogy that can be applied and used successfully in all academic disciplines.

STEM & CSL

Dr. Sue Lowery: Professor, USD Department of Biology

In Spring 2012, biology professor Sue Lowery taught Science in the Public Domain—an interdisciplinary CSL course—to undergraduate students in both chemistry and biology. USD students worked in small groups to create accessible, creative, and engaging science projects to teach first- through fifth-graders at a local charter school. In a wonderful article published through Inside USD, Dr. Lowery’s students shared how their 20+ hours of working directly with youth gave them a deeper appreciation for the importance of teaching and sharing the wonders and excitement of science. Ryan Blystone’s article on this CSL course can be viewed at http://www.sandiego.edu/insideusd/?p=24374.