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Community Engaged Scholarship

Addressing Intransigent Structural Inequality and Community Concerns

**The
Cooperative
Consortium for
Transdisciplinary
Social Justice
Research**



21st Century Research Innovation Grant
Recipient (2016)

**Advancing Rights in Immigrant and
Other Local Louisville Communities**

Louis D. Brandeis School of Law



Cooperative Consortium for Transdisciplinary Social Justice Research

- Led by the Muhammad Ali Institute for Peace and Justice, and the Anne Braden Institute for Racial Justice Research since 2016
- In collaboration with the Commonwealth Institute of Kentucky, the HSC Office of Diversity and Inclusion, and the Brandeis Laboratory for Citizenship
- Supported by 33 colleges, units, offices, and departments

49 Community Partners, half involved in TDR Team Projects

21 Transdisciplinary social justice projects funded to date

100 Student researchers (undergraduate and graduate) involved in Consortium-funded projects

Transdisciplinary Social Justice Research Projects & Outcomes

- Equitable access to quality physical education
- **Climate change**
- Family literacy and health equity
- **Addressing school-to-prison pipeline**
- Human trafficking
- **Policy and systems change**
- JCPS academic achievement
- **Trauma informed mental health services**
- **Metro Government's community engagement in West Louisville**
- Structural/racial/socio-economic inequalities in Louisville
- **HIV stigma and stress**
- Inclusive representations of diverse and underrepresented communities
- **War and displacement**
- Food access and cooperative development



Transdisciplinary Social Justice Research Projects & Outcomes

Translating Research Into Action -- Advancing Social Change

TDR Teams in 2017 produced 17 presentations and 5 publications

In 2018, TDR Teams had 60 presentations and 14 publications

- “Project Uncaged”
- «Microaggressions in Clinical Medicine”
- “Louisville Association for Community Economics: Developing a Community-Owned Grocery Store”
- “Transforming Learning Communities: A Multi-Year Project Supporting Teachers of Adolescents”



Overview: Human Rights Advocacy Program

- Founded in Spring 2014 with an LBAF grant & funding from the Greenebaum Public Service Program
- Now a three year fellowship for entering law students providing leadership development, subject matter expertise, and meaningful community engagement
- Collaboration between the university, service providers, and local immigrant, and refugee communities, and other local communities
- Public education campaigns



Guiding Principles: Human Rights Advocacy Program

- **A Participatory Action Research Model**
- **An Inclusive and Collaborative Organizational Structure**
 - Student–driven projects
- **Community Engaged Scholarship**
 - Policy change agenda
 - Language Justice, Educational Access, Human Trafficking, Juvenile Justice, Title IX



HRAP Scholarly Outcomes: Publications, Presentations & Community Resources

- **Comprehensive Community Needs Assessment**
- **Community Resource Guide**
- **Policy Reports:**
 - EDUCATIONAL ACCESS IN KENTUCKY FOR UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS
 - THE RIGHT TO MEANINGFUL LANGUAGE ACCESS FOR LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENT INDIVIDUALS
 - RHETORIC INFLUENCING POLICY: THE CONSEQUENCES OF INACCURATE DISCOURSE
- **Training Videos – grant funded**
 - Language Access, Educational Access, Cultural Competency Guide for media and others



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- **Latinx Community Clinics: Identifying Gaps in Services and Best Practices for Outreach – Partners: La Casita Center, Dr. Luis Bauxauli-Olmos - funded**
- **Publications:**
 - *Mobilizing A Community: The Effect of President Trump’s Executive Orders on the Country’s Interior*, 22 LEWIS & CLARK LAW REVIEW 577 (2018) (co-authored with Marianna Michael)
 - *Advancing the Human Rights of the Immigrant, Noncitizen and Refugee Community in Louisville, Kentucky*, 1 UOFL JOURNAL OF REFUGEE AND GLOBAL HEALTH 2 (2018)
- **2017 “Exemplary Designee Award”** from W.K. Kellogg Foundation Community Engagement Scholarship Awards and the C. Peter Magrath Community Engagement Scholarship Award for work with the local undocumented community



QUESTIONS?

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