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Key Concepts of Community-Engaged Scholarship

**Presentation to the Faculty Senate** 

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# **Community Engagement**

Community engagement describes collaboration between institutions of higher education and their larger communities for the mutually beneficial exchange of knowledge and resources in a context of partnership and reciprocity.

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Forms of Community Engagement

### •Teaching

•Research



Creative Activity

•Outreach (service)

# Engaged Scholarship

A form of scholarship that directly benefits the community and is consistent with university and unit missions. It is scholarship that derives from teaching, research, creative activity and service to generate, transmit, and apply knowledge in mutually beneficial ways.

<b>Traditional Scholarship</b>	<b>Engaged Scholarship</b>
Breaks new ground	Breaks new ground in the discipline <i>and</i> has direct application to broader public issues
Answers significant questions in the discipline	Answers significant questions in the discipline, which must be relevant to public or community issues
Is based on a solid theoretical basis	Based on solid theoretical and practical basis
Applies appropriate investigative methods	Applies appropriate investigative methods
Disseminated to appropriate audiences (academia)	Disseminated to appropriate audiences (academic and community)
Makes significant advances in knowledge and understanding of the discipline and may address public issues	Makes significant advances in knowledge and understanding of discipline and public issues
Is reviewed and validated by qualified peers in the discipline Furco (2005)	Is reviewed by and validated by qualified peers in the discipline <u>and</u> informed members of the community

### COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES at UofL

#### 2022-23 SNAPSHOT

## **1991** community engagement activities<sup>1</sup> were reported by academic & administrative units in 2022-23<sup>2</sup>

Community partnership and engaged service are core elements of the University of Louisville's mission. Whether it is working with students in local public schools, helping to provide services in underserved neighborhoods, or building stronger communities internationally, UofL is committed to collaborating with partners to improve quality of life in places both near and far. UofL Community Engagement projects break down into the following categories\*:

## **486** *instances of* PARTNERSHIP

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Ongoing collaboration with community partners for the mutually beneficial exchange of knowledge and resources in a context of partnership and reciprocity.

# **573** *instances of* OUTREACH

Providing direct services, time, or resources to benefit a community or its institutions. This includes instances of public intellectualism such as talks, lectures, presentations, performances, etc.

# **942** *instances of* CURRICULAR ENGAGEMENT

Describes the teaching, learning, and scholarship that engages students, and community in mutually beneficial and respectful collaboration through course work.

#### 143 instances of ENGAGED SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarly work done in full partnership with the community. It consists of research, teaching, and the application of scholarship for the mutual benefit of the institution and community partner.

\*activities can fall under multiple categories

#### Student, Faculty, and Staff Engagement

Through the activities taking place during the 2022-23 academic year, faculty, staff and students worked with local, state-wide, national and international communities in engaged teaching, research and service.



**16,460** Instances of student engagement<sup>2</sup> with 381,197 hours of service





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How much do you agree or disagree that your involvement in Community-Engaged Scholarship has had a positive impact in the following areas... <u>Teaching</u>

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#### 1. Teaching 3.70% Strongly disagree 3 0.00% 2 Disagree 0 3 Neither agree nor disagree 11.11% 9 40.74% 4 Agree 33 44.44% 5 Strongly agree 36 81 50% 100% Total 0%

How much do you agree or disagree that your involvement in Community-Engaged Scholarship has had a positive impact in the following areas... Research Agenda

#### 2. Research agenda

1 Strongly disagree	2	2.53%		
2 Disagree	2	2.53%		
3 Neither agree nor disagree	14	17.72%		
4 Agree	33	41.77%		
5 Strongly agree	28	35.44%		
Total	79	0	% 50%	100%

#### 3. Plans for future publications and presentations (scholarly work)

1 Strongly disagree	3	3.70%						
2 Disagree	2	2.47%						
3 Neither agree nor disagree	24	29.63%						
4 Agree	24	29.63%						
5 Strongly agree	28	34.57%						
Total	81	0	%		50	)%		100%

How much do you agree or disagree that your involvement in Community-Engaged Scholarship has had a positive impact in the following areas... **Relationship with Students** 

#### 5. Relationship with students

1 Strongly disagree	3	3.75%						
2 Disagree	2	2.50%						
3 Neither agree nor disagree	12	15.00%						
4 Agree	33	41.25%						
5 Strongly agree	30	37.50%						
Total	80	09	6		50	)%		100%

How much do you agree or disagree that your Community-Engaged Scholarship has made you a better...

#### 1. Teacher

1 Strongly disagree	2	2.47%						
2 Disagree	0	0.00%						
3 Neither agree nor disagree	12	14.81%						
4 Agree	35	43.21%						
5 Strongly agree	32	39.51%						
Total	81	09	%		50	0%		100%

How much do you agree or disagree that your involvement in Community-Engaged Scholarship has had a positive impact in the following areas... <u>Teaching Methods & Researcher</u>

#### 1. Resulted in improved teaching methods

3 Neither agree nor disagree 4 Agree	23 35	28.40% 43.21%				
5 Strongly agree Total	17	20.99%	9%	5	0%	100%

#### 2. Researcher

1 Strongly disagree	2	2.53%							
2 Disagree	0	0.00%							
3 Neither agree nor disagree	20	25.32%							
4 Agree	35	44.30%							
5 Strongly agree	22	27.85%							
Total	79	0	%		50	0%		10	0%

How much do you agree or disagree that your involvement in Community-Engaged Scholarship has had a positive impact in the following areas... <u>Teaching Methods & Researcher</u>

#### 4. Led to new focus for publication

1 Strongly disagree	2	2.50%					
2 Disagree	8	10.00%					
3 Neither agree nor disagree	26	32.50%					
4 Agree	28	35.00%					
5 Strongly agree	16	20.00%					
Total	80	0	)%	5	0%	100	%

#### 5. Increased number of scholarly products

1 Strongly disagree	6	7.50%							
2 Disagree	12	15.00%							
3 Neither agree nor disagree	27	33.75%							
4 Agree	23	28.75%							
5 Strongly agree	12	15.00%							
Total	80	0	%		50	)%		10	0%

Carnegie Re-classification in Community Engagement



- Institutionalize community engagement
- Designed to implement systems, programs, practices, and policies to enhance community engagement
- Means to track and assess progress
- Acknowledge accomplishments

Carnegie Re-classification in Community Engagement

- Self-Study due April 1, 2025
- Next re-classification 2032
- 84 institutions have both R1 and community engagement classifications

# What Can the Faculty Senate Do?

Be informed about what is community engagement
Support faculty doing this work

• Advocate for those faculty

### Dr. Lorilee Sandman University of Georgia



# Engaged Scholarship Symposium

### Friday, March 22, 9:00-3:00 p.m.

Shelby Campus

https://louisville.edu/communityengagement/programs/symposium