CIVICALLY
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YOUNG
ALUMNI

A university-wide conference on ways students can build meaningful lives and successful careers for themselves

Nov. 2nd - 4th 2010
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Welcome to Civically Engaged Young Alumni Week, a university-wide conference examining ways that students can build meaningful lives and successful careers for themselves.

Each year, the Center for Civic Engagement hosts a conference on a topic related to citizenship and engaged learning. As coordinator of the 2010-11 One Book One Northwestern program, it was decided that this year’s conference would build on themes raised in Mountains Beyond Mountains, this year’s “One Book” selection.

In the book, Dr. Paul Farmer connects his skills and abilities with issues he cares about to craft an inspiring and meaningful life for himself, while making a tremendous impact on the world.

This conference examines the question of how Northwestern students from any school or department might find their own ways to apply their talents and their studies while contributing the world at large. Alumni from each undergraduate school will visit campus this week to share their own stories of how they learned to balance successful careers with a commitment to the public good.

The conference will also challenge current students to consider ways that engaged learning opportunities during college can help them become both better scholars in their respective fields, and also more educated and active citizens.

Very few people will walk the path of Paul Farmer, but every individual must figure out how they would like to lead their life, pursue a career and practice citizenship. The balance of these elements must be resolved individually, but as our alumni panels will show, there are many diverse, productive and rewarding ways to do so for students in almost any discipline.

“One Book One Northwestern

One Book One Northwestern is a campus-wide program that brings students, staff and faculty from across campus together around a single book. The project builds community at Northwestern by promoting conversation and collaboration across disciplines and schools. One Book is an initiative by the Office of the President and is coordinated by a different department every year.

The conference runs from Tuesday evening, November 2nd, through Thursday evening, November 4th, and is free and open to the entire Northwestern community. You are welcome to attend any panel or event that interests you. RSVPs for specific sessions (through our website www.engage.northwestern.edu/conference) are appreciated, but not required.

Paul is a model of what should be done. He’s not a model for how it has to be done. Let’s celebrate him. Let’s make sure people are inspired by him. But we can’t say anybody should or could be just like him.” — Jim Kim, in Mountains Beyond Mountains

SCHEDULE

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The WILL BUTLER Keynote Talk*

Tuesday, November 2nd, 2010 • 7PM

in Leverone Auditorium

Will Butler (WCAS ‘05) of the award-winning indie rock band ARCADE FIRE returns to his alma mater to discuss civic engagement and public service, kicking off CIVICALLY ENGAGED YOUNG ALUMNI WEEK. In addition to headlining at Lollapalooza, Butler and Arcade Fire have raised nearly a million dollars to support PARTNERS IN HEALTH, the global health organization founded by Dr. Paul Farmer and featured in this year’s One Book One Northwestern selection, Mountains Beyond Mountains.

With an introduction by DAN LEWIS, Professor of Human Development & Social Policy, SESP, and Director of Center for Civic Engagement

*Please note: This event is a talk — not a musical performance.
The McCORMICK Panel of Engaged Young Alumni

Wednesday, November 3rd, 2010 • 4PM

in Cohen Commons, 4th fl. Tech L482

Featuring these alumni of the McCORMICK SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING

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Carl Allen (’04) served in the U.S. PEACE CORPS as a teacher in Ghana, where he taught high school math, helped found a National Youth Leadership Conference and facilitated the funding and construction of a girls’ dormitory facility at his school.

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Anita Budhraja (’06) started ENGINEERS FOR A SUSTAINABLE WORLD to engage engineering students in social and environmental projects. After NU Budhraja worked as a solar engineer, traveled India and started her own business.

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Brian Sabina (’04) helped start REACH THE WORLD – CHICAGO, an organization that brings world travelers’ experiences into classrooms. He is currently a Master’s of Public Policy student at the University of Chicago.

Panel facilitated by IRINA DOLINSKAYA, Assistant Professor of Industrial Engineering & Management Sciences.

Additional coordination provided by Mert Iseri (McCormick ’11)

Refreshments and reception to follow • RSVPs appreciated but not required
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Additional sponsorship for the McCormick Panel provided by
The SESP Panel of Engaged Young Alumni

Wednesday, November 3rd, 2010 • 4PM

in Annenberg G21

Featuring these alumni of the SCHOOL OF EDUCATION & SOCIAL POLICY

Dianna English (’04) is the Program Officer for Sudan in the Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement at the U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT. Previously, she worked at the International Criminal Court and as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Tanzania.

DIANNA ENGLISH

El Da’Sheon Nix (’04) worked as the Lead Mental Health Professional at the RICE CHILD AND FAMILY CENTER and a Youth Development Worker at Y.O.U. Nix’s current role is Administrative Coordinator at CABRINI CONNECTIONS.

EL DA’ SHEON NIX

Sam Schiller (’09) graduated with a degree in Social Policy and a minor in Environmental Policy and Culture. At NU, Schiller co-directed the Public Interest Program and now works as a renewable energy and carbon offset project developer for WABASHCO, LLC.

SAM SCHILLER

Panel facilitated by FAY COOK, HDSP Professor & Director of Institute for Policy Research.

Additional coordination provided by Samantha Reed (SESP ’11)

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Additional sponsorship for the SESP Panel provided by

Northwestern University Public Interest Program

PROMOTE 360
Special Session: GLOBAL HEALTH Alumni

Wednesday, November 3rd, 2010 • 7PM

in McCormick Tribune Forum

Featuring these alumni who currently work in the field of GLOBAL HEALTH

Mike Hoaglin (McC ‘06) - Change Agent-Policy Analyst for Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT (HHS), PENN Visionary Student Physician

Alexandra Komisar (WCAS ‘09) - Research Fellow, Unit of Special Investigations, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, Mexico City

Sara Melillo (J ‘04) - Technical Specialist/Grant Writer, Catholic Medical Mission Board (CMMB)

Danny O’Farrell (WCAS ‘07) - Masters Student, Harvard School of Public Health

Kristina Redgrave (WCAS ‘08) - Assistant Director, Ohio Governor Ted Strickland’s Office for Women’s Initiatives and Outreach

Panel facilitated by MICHAEL DIAMOND, Global Health Studies Lecturer.

This special session is coordinated by International Program Development. Refreshments and reception to follow • RSVPs appreciated but not required

For more information, visit www.ipd.northwestern.edu
Luke is the artistic director of **BARREL OF MONKEYS**, an arts education theater ensemble that works with underserved students in Chicago. Additionally, he has developed and taught curriculum with After School Matters and Adventure Stage Chicago.

James is the founding principal of the **GARY COMER COLLEGE PREP** high school on Chicago’s South Side. After graduating, James spent a year teaching in New Orleans as part of **TEACH FOR AMERICA**, and two years as a TFA administrator in Los Angeles.

Nikki organizes **SISTERS EMPOWERING SISTERS**, a young women’s social justice and leadership program at the Chicago Girls’ Coalition. She is a co-collaborator and writer for **PROJECT US**, a participatory performance on sexual health education for youth.

Panel facilitated by **MICHAEL ROHD**, Assistant Professor of Theatre.

Additional coordination provided by **Elisa Redish** (Communication ‘11)

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The MEDIILL Panel of Engaged Young Alumni

Thursday, November 4th, 2010 • 4PM

in The McCormick Tribune Center Forum

Featuring these alumni of the MEDIILL SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM

Michael Blake (‘04), Associate Director of THE WHITE HOUSE’S OFFICE OF PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT, served as coordinator of NU’s For Members Only. He also co-organized three State House campaigns and worked for Obama for America.

Jacob Fries (‘01) is the managing editor of The Pacific Northwest Inlander, where he developed THE INJUSTICE PROJECT, a series of articles that examine miscarriages of justice. During his time at NU he was a co-director of Alternative Student Breaks.

A public affairs reporter for CHICAGO PUBLIC RADIO, Natalie Moore (‘99) previously worked as a city hall reporter for the Detroit News. Moore also serves on the board of directors for the NEIGHBORHOOD WRITING ALLIANCE.

Panel facilitated by MICHELE BITOUN, Assistant Professor of Journalism.

Additional coordination provided by Asha Toulmin (Medill ’11)

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The BIENEN Panel of Engaged Young Alumni

Thursday, November 4th, 2010 • 7PM

in Music Administration Building (MAB) 109

Featuring these alumni of the BIENEN SCHOOL OF MUSIC

After studying **EL SISTEMA** as a Fulbright Scholar in Venezuela, Lexi Carlson (’08) continues her involvement as a music teacher for the **YOURS PROJECT**, an after-school orchestra program in Chicago’s Uptown neighborhood.

Founder and executive director of **MUSIC UNITES**, Michelle Edgar (’05) has organized benefit concerts in collaboration with the Lincoln Center, Carnegie Hall and the United Nations. Edgar helps talented artists reach diverse audiences and support communities in need.

Before receiving his Master’s Degree in Music Education at NU, Ted Ehnle (’08) served in the **PEACE CORPS** teaching music in Guatemala. He currently teaches Band and General Music at Monroe Elementary in the **CHICAGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS** system.

Panel facilitated by **MAUD HICKEY**, Associate Professor of Music Education.

Additional coordination provided by **Caitlyn Walsh** (Bienen ’11)

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Additional sponsorship for the Bienen Panel provided by

The Bienen School of Music’s Department of Music Studies
The WEINBERG Panel of Engaged Young Alumni

Thursday, November 4th, 2010 • 7PM

in Kresge 2-370/380

Featuring these alumni of the WEINBERG COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES

Kathy Chan (’01) is the Associate Director for the ILLINOIS MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH COALITION, where she provides leadership on advocacy and government relations. Chan also worked for the Illinois Dept. of Healthcare and Family Services.

John W. Pfeiffer (’87), began volunteering with INSPIRATION CORPORATION in 1993 and currently serves as its Executive Director and CEO. John is also an active leader of the Chicago Alliance to End Homelessness and a mentor for NU’s Public Interest Program.

Jessica Spanier (’09), is a data analyst at CNT ENERGY, a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping households and communities control their energy costs. In this role, she manages and analyzes data to measure energy efficiency in Chicago neighborhoods.

Roel Vivit (’98) is the Co-founder & Dean of Instruction at POLARIS CHARTER ACADEMY. Vivet, a winner of one of 10 Golden Apple Awards for Excellence in Teaching, was formerly the co-director of the Northwestern Community Development Corps (NCDC).

Panel facilitated by HELEN SCHWARTZMAN, Professor of Anthropology.

Additional coordination provided by Natalie Noble (WCAS ’11)

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WHAT’S NEXT?

This conference highlights many different ways that Northwestern students have connected their talents and academic disciplines with issues they care about to create meaningful lives for themselves while contributing to the public good.

There are many ways to prepare yourself for a life of educated, active engagement, even beginning now. Each school-specific panel will feature several examples of current courses, research programs, and other engaged learning opportunities connected to that particular school. In addition, the university offers a wealth of campus-wide opportunities for students to get involved in the world including diverse student groups, faith communities, special programs, internships, study abroad opportunities, and much more. The CCE website attempts to catalog many of these opportunities through our NU Engagement Inventory at: [www.engage.northwestern.edu/inventory](http://www.engage.northwestern.edu/inventory)

The Center is also partnering with a variety of schools, departments and organizations to offer a few special opportunities for engaged learning that you can apply for right now:

Live, Learn & Serve in Chicago this summer!

A TWO-CREDIT SUMMER FIELD STUDY PROGRAM OPEN TO ALL NORTHWESTERN UNDERGRADUATES.

Engage Chicago is an eight-week summer field study program that gives undergraduates a chance to live, work, serve and learn together in this remarkable city, amidst a rich history & culture of civic engagement. Created through a partnership between the Center for Civic Engagement and Chicago Field Studies, this innovative program model deliberately combines academic coursework, placements at top community organizations/civic institutions, and powerful community experiences — all under the guidance of expert Northwestern faculty, staff and community mentors.

Through hands-on experience, thoughtful reflection, and a summer living with a vibrant community of peers, Engage Chicago is designed to be a powerful opportunity for students to learn about a great city, about social change, and about themselves.

*APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE ONLINE BEGINNING IN JANUARY*

[www.engagechicago.org](http://www.engagechicago.org)
Announcing a new writing course for students interested in civic engagement:

WRITING 303-0-21 The Art of Nonfiction: Exploring Writing for Social Change

In partnership with the Center for Civic Engagement, the Center for the Writing Arts is offering a course in Winter Quarter 2010-11 titled “The Art of Nonfiction: Exploring Writing for Social Change.” This course is intended especially for students with recent experience in service and community engagement. Students interested in writing who wish to link their interest more fully to civic engagement are also invited to apply. Students in this course will work together to explore the uses of writing to reflect analytically and imaginatively on personal experience as well to inform, persuade, and engage readers. Each student will also have the opportunity to develop plans for a sustained writing project based on individual interests and goals. The course will give special attention to the themes, issues, and ideas in Tracy Kidder’s *Mountains Beyond Mountains*, this year’s selection for One Book One Northwestern. During his visit to campus in February, Tracy Kidder will meet with the class to discuss his work.

APPLY ONLINE AT www.engage.northwestern.edu/writing by NOV. 5

Civic Engagement Certificate Program Open to All NU Undergrads

The Civic Engagement Certificate Program provides students with a unique opportunity to engage more deeply with the Evanston and Chicago communities through first-hand experiences combined with academic discussions and coursework. This 5-credit certificate program, open to all Northwestern undergraduates, includes individual and group volunteer projects, field trips and coursework, culminating in a Capstone project completed in partnership with a local civic or nonprofit organization.

The program begins in Winter Quarter each year. Applications for this year’s class are due November 19 and can be found at:

http://www.sesp.northwestern.edu/ugrad/academics/civic/apply

Questions? Contact Nathan Frideres (n-frideres@northwestern.edu) or Heidi Gross (heidi-gross@northwestern.edu).

Intern with the Evanston City Council in Winter 2010!

Take what you learn in the classroom into the real world. Earn academic course credit while learning about the inner workings of city government. Gain hands-on experience by working closely with Evanston city officials.

Through a partnership with Northwestern University’s Center for Civic Engagement, Chicago Field Studies, and the Center for Leadership, the City of Evanston is looking for hard-working students with an interest in public service to intern in a variety of offices throughout city government.

APPLY NOW! E-mail engage@northwestern.edu for details and an application. WINTER QTR. DEADLINE: Wednesday, November 17th @ 5pm.