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Editor, *Journal of Community Engagement and Scholarship*:

“Congratulations to you and your staff on the absolutely first rate issue of *JCES*. A nice standard to live up to.”

– Hiram E. (Hi) Fitzgerald, President, National Outreach Scholarship Conference, and Associate Provost, Outreach and Engagement, Michigan State University

When you get an eye-popping endorsement from the most recognizable name in engaged scholarship, you can be excused if your head swells a bit. But then you snap back to reality and realize how much more there is to do.

What Professor Fitzgerald was reacting to was a colorful issue of *JCES* featuring some of the timeliest and boldest research in the field of engaged scholarship to date. We are proud to say that dozens of community partners and students played big roles in producing the issue.

Everyone at *JCES* believes we are fulfilling our goal of being a different kind of research journal, which brings us to why we are communicating with you now.

We are issuing a call for manuscripts for the next three issues. The closing dates are August 31, 2011, March 31, 2012, and December 1, 2012. The December issue will follow that year's National Outreach Scholarship Conference, which we will host. The theme for the conference will be “Partner. Inspire. Change,” and the special issue will draw heavily from conference presentations.

In just three years, *JCES* has helped to define the young field of engaged scholarship by taking a different approach: *Manuscripts must be well written using language accessible to ordinary citizens, not just to trained scholars; presentations must measure up to the highest standards of visual design; and over time the content must move the field forward by appealing to laypeople and academics alike.*

We are aware of no other peer-reviewed journal with these requirements. The journal features research from all disciplines using all methods. We have been fortunate to receive many manuscripts from the social sciences, education, and health; we need more from the arts, humanities, science, and engineering.

Here are brief descriptions of a few manuscripts we have published so far to give you an idea of the variety:

Students in a Spanish class tutor urban Latinos in English and join them in staging bilingual cultural events. Results? The program is such a success the department makes it a requirement for all majors.

Biology and psychology departments form a partnership with a community water resource center to clean up a historic but polluted watershed.

A large medical school demonstrates that service-learning improves health care delivery in at-risk communities while helping their own students grow personally and professionally.

Universities and local nature groups partner in a program that makes the tools of science accessible and fun to young people.

A university works with campus Greeks to inform students about the increased risks of acquiring

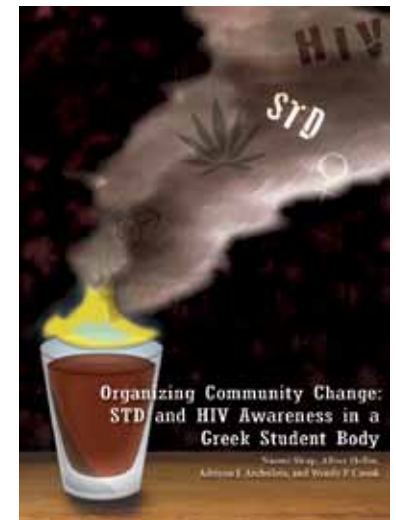
HIV/STDs when alcohol and unprotected sex are combined.

Our acceptance procedures are standard for peer-reviewed journals. Submit manuscripts in Microsoft Word and accompanying images by e-mail to jces@ua.edu. For more about the submission and review process, go to www.jces.ua.edu.

Upon meeting submission requirements, you will receive a confirmation email with your manuscript number. Use this number in all further correspondence. We attempt to match each manuscript with our reviewers' expertise and make every effort to review submissions in a timely manner. Feel free to send an e-mail at any time to if you have questions.

We also publish analytical essays, book reviews, shorter articles about research from the field, and commentaries on the role of engaged scholarship.

Now, put the finishing touches on that manuscript and send it on its way!



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