Community Engagement: Mutual Benefits for the Community and the University

Professional and Academic Development (PAD) Seminar Series
Friday, January 25, 2013 – 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Welcome Center Auditorium

Discussion Topics:

- Why does the university seek community partnerships to enhance research, and what do community partners look for from the university?
- What should you learn about a potential community partner before beginning a dialogue, and what are some resources to find information? Who at WSU can help identify potential community partners and/or provide an introduction?
- How do you negotiate the terms of the partnership, e.g., length of commitment, responsibilities of each party? What are some tips for successfully monitoring the agreement?
- What are some perspectives of researchers held by community members who have been asked to participate in research?
- Are there any cautions that you can share based on your experience with community partners?
- Have you found any unexpected benefits working with community partners?
- What are the conceptual, operational, and practical advantages of network analysis for better understanding community partnerships over time?
- What is the role of community mentors for research trainees?
- What are the challenges of listening and responding to community stakeholders’ critiques of research proposals?

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