



THE HAGEN CENTER

SPOTLIGHT

ILLUMINATING CAMPUS-COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS



JAN/FEB
2024

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PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

The Springfield Museum of Art is a hidden gem in the Springfield community that seeks to make art accessible to all people. Having just completed the renovation of their North Wing, they have classroom and meeting space that will help serve that goal. If you haven't been to the art museum recently, then you should check out their galleries with a vast range of art to appreciate.



The Springfield Museum of Art is a neighbor to Wittenberg's campus, located at 107 Cliff Park Rd.

MLK DAY OF SERVICE



On January 15 the Hagen Center brought campus and community together for our annual "day-on" in celebration of MLK's legacy of activism. College students worked together with middle-schoolers from Springfield Promise Neighborhood's programs to create craft projects to brighten the southside of Springfield, creating panels for abandoned homes and pavers for the community garden. These projects incorporated freedom quilt designs, quotes from MLK, and other messages that brightened our day as volunteers. Volunteers also packed dental hygiene kits and made seed starts, all while building relationships between campus organizations and our partners!

SUMMER INTERNSHIPS

May 28 - July 26, 2024

We are excited to offer **21 internship positions** this summer with **18 different community partners!** Check out the list of positions on the Summer Civic Internship Program's webpage. To be eligible to apply, students must have a 2.5 gpa and they need sign-up for a mandatory interest meeting or request information about the internship from the Hagen Center. Student Interest Meetings are **February 13th, 15th or 21st** and the **deadline to apply is March 6th**. Students will know by the end of March if they have secured an internship position for the summer.



Student Spotlight:

Macie Robinson

Macie Robinson '26 is a Nursing major and a current Civic Engagement Coordinator in the Hagen Center (HC).

She has served at Second Harvest Food Bank and is now building a partnership with Girls on the Run. Whatever her work, Macie brings positivity and kindness, looking to build connection with others. She has been highly involved in Service on the Stoop (SOTS), supporting the Civic Engagement Scholar program, and creating advocacy campaigns for social media.

Outside of the HC, she is Philanthropy chair of Gamma Phi Beta, plays Club Rugby, and loves to hang out with her ferrets Ziggy and Stella!



THE HEALING HUMANITIES NEH GRANT AWARDED

Congratulations to Drs. Cynthia Richards, Alejandra Gimenez-Berger, and Kim Creasap (our Director)! Their project, titled "The Healing Humanities: Creating Healthy Pathways on Campus and in the Community," was awarded \$135,482 by The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH). The Hagen Center will help facilitate community partnerships and community-engaged teaching on the project.

CRITICAL PEDAGOGY AND SOCIAL CHANGE SPRING 2024

Dr. Hillary Libnoch, Assistant Professor of Education, is teaching a civic engagement course this spring that "challenges students to explore the ways privilege and oppression impact our nation's students and families." Dr. Libnoch shared that, "adding the civic engagement component to [Education] 372 has given students the opportunity to engage meaningfully in this work by learning about, with, and from minoritized populations throughout the Springfield community." Students in the class are working with Developmental Disabilities of Clark County, Springfield Arts Council, Springfield City School District Family Programs, and Springfield Promise Neighborhood.



Autumn Kriegbaum, (left) Witt student, having a great time at the SAY (Self-Advocates for You) Group Dance. SAY is a group that advocate for the rights of people with developmental disabilities.

CAMPUS EVENTS

All events are free and open to the public.



Philosophy for Difficult Conversations: Difficult Questions about Scientific Practice

Friday, March 15th, 12-1 pm | Bayley Alumni House

At this event, we will use philosophical methods to ask and discuss difficult questions about the practice of science, scientific data, the impact of human values in science, and the ethics of science communication over lunch. All are welcome!

[Please RSVP here](#)

Aesthetics in Black: A Series on Race, Art, and Expression

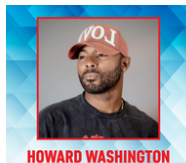
A [series of speakers](#) will be giving talks on Wittenberg's campus in honor of Black History Month. **Jamaal Durr**, a contemporary artist known for his figurative mixed media works and portrait drawings, will speak on "Fear, Belonging, and Being a Black Millennial Artist." **Howard Washington**, founder and creative director of Dance Elevated Studio in Independence, Ohio, will present a dialogue and mini-dance workshop "Elevating the Creative in You." **Kent Brooks**, professor of religious and spiritual life at Northwestern University will discuss "Black Musical History: Blurring the Sacred vs. Secular Line" to round out the series.



KENT BROOKS



JAMAAL DURR



HOWARD WASHINGTON



Witt Series presents Hanif Abdurraqib

Allen J. Koppenhaver Literary Lecture

"There's Always This Year"

7 p.m. Monday, February 19, 2024

Bayley Auditorium, Barbara Deer Kuss Science Center

Hanif Abdurraqib is an award-winning poet, essayist, and cultural critic from Columbus, Ohio. His newest release, *A Little Devil In America* (Random House, 2021) was a winner of the Andrew Carnegie Medal and the Gordon Burn Prize. In 2021, Abdurraqib was named a MacArthur Fellow. His first collection of essays, *They Can't Kill Us Until They Kill Us* (2017), was named a book of the year by Esquire, NPR, Oprah Magazine, and The Chicago Tribune, among others.



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COMMUNITY EVENTS



Oral History Weekend

Saturday, Feb 24th, 11am-2 pm | Springfield Museum of Art

Please join the Museum, Clark County Historical Society, and Dr. Cynthia Richards of the English Department at Wittenberg University, in documenting stories of resilience in our community by participating in Oral History Weekend in connection with Chronicles: The Great Depression and the Pandemic. Stories of the pandemic and/or the Great Depression are welcome.

Gallery admission is FREE and open to the public during the event.

Community Health Foundation Celebrates 2024

Tuesday, March 5th, 5:30 - 7 pm | Hollenbeck Bayley Creative Arts & Conference Center, 275 S. Limestone St., Springfield

Please join the Community Health Foundation in celebrating the community and the work they do during an “inspiring and entertaining evening” featuring author, comedian, and juggler, Curtis Zimmerman.

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The Princess Bride + Discussion with actor Carey Elwes

3 p.m. Saturday, March 24th, 2024
Clark State Performing Arts Center

Join Cary Elwes (Westley) for a behind-the-scenes look at life on and off the set of the classic film, The Princess Bride. After a screening of the iconic movie, Elwes will engage in a moderated discussion revealing never before shared secrets and tales of inconceivable antics!

[Buy tickets here!](#)



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