



OUTREACH & ENGAGEMENT

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Office of the Provost

ENGAGED SCHOLARS & PRACTITIONER NETWORK

June 2025

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UPCOMING EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

WILDER COLLABORATION FACTORS INVENTORY (WCFI) PRESENTATION AND Q&A

Join Veronica Bullock, Purdue Extension Educator and County Extension Director, for an in-depth presentation and Q&A on how the WCFI can assess and strengthen collaborative partnerships. Learn from a conservation case study and explore how this tool applies across research and partnership-driven work. Lunch is included for those in person.

Date: June 26 Time: 12-3
p.m. Location: TLPDC Room
151

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MEASURING WHAT MATTERS IN COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Join Henry R. Cunningham, director of community engagement at the University of Louisville, for a lecture on assessing the true impact of community-engaged work. Learn practical strategies for measuring outcomes, identifying meaningful data, and strengthening partnerships through real-world examples.

Date: July 22
Time: 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Location: TLPDC Room 151

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REGISTRATION NOW OPEN FOR THE 2025 ENGAGEMENT SCHOLARSHIP CONSORTIUM INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

The 2025 Engagement Scholarship Consortium (ESC) Conference will take place Oct. 8–9 in Roanoke, Virginia, with pre-conference events Oct. 6–7. Hosted by Virginia Tech, this year's theme—Bridging Resources to Build Stronger

Communities, focuses on how universities and communities can collaborate to create meaningful impact. The conference will feature shared outcomes, fresh ideas, and practical solutions to today's biggest challenges. Registration closes Sept. 22.

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RESOURCES

EXPLORING THE IMPACT OF COMMUNITY-ENGAGED LEARNING

Faculty from the [University of Minnesota Rochester](#) share how interdisciplinary, community-engaged learning can go beyond data collection to support student well-being. One scholar notes “This course suggests that incorporating creative community-based activity into curriculum is one way faculty can aid larger institutional efforts to address the growing challenge of student mental health.”

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ENGAGEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

ASSOCIATE VICE PROVOSTS NAMED

Two associate vice provosts have joined the Office of the Provost in Outreach & Engagement.



Mellinee Lesley, Ph.D. serves as associate vice provost for community engaged learning in the Office of Outreach & Engagement. She joined the Office of Outreach & Engagement as a faculty fellow in 2024 where she led the Community Engaged Learning program for Texas Tech. Lesley is a professor in the Language, Diversity & Literacy Studies program in the College of Education. After earning a doctorate from the University of Pennsylvania, Lesley began a career in higher education where she has served as a faculty member in teacher preparation and graduate education programs, a department chair and an associate dean.

[Ann Mastergeorge, Ph.D.](#) serves as associate vice provost for the Office of Outreach & Engagement. She joined the Office of Outreach & Engagement as a faculty fellow in 2024. Mastergeorge has worked with the Texas Tech Center at Junction to create hybrid courses for Texas Tech faculty to teach and also launched the Engaged Scholars & Practitioner Network. Mastergeorge is a Rockwell Endowed Professor in Human Development & Family Sciences and was senior director for Engaged Scholarship Initiatives in the College of Health & Human Sciences.

