

2017 UTEP Interdisciplinary Research and Education (IDRE) Week

Building Interdisciplinary Research and Education from the Ground Up

Open to UTEP faculty, staff, students, and community stakeholders

April 3rd - April 7th, 2017

UTEP Campus (various locations)

Registration to attend sessions requested but not required at <http://idr.utep.edu/week.php>

Monday, April 3rd

Building a Community of Practice on Culture and Health

1:00pm - 3:00pm

Union East, Andesite Room #102B

The purpose of this session is to conceptualize the scope of interests for the emerging Community of Practice on Culture and Health. This Community of Practice seeks to establish a common theoretical framework for determining the impact of culture related risk and protective factors and their association to health status. This interdisciplinary framework will identify key characteristics associated with culture (e.g., acculturation, acculturative stress, ethnic identify etc.) that are likely to influence health status and health outcomes on the U.S./Mexico Border. In this session, we will map out current research and community engagement activities related to health that are being pursued by faculty and of greatest interest to the community to identify key target health issues of concern. We will also discuss possible theoretical and research frameworks for understanding culture as it relates to health.

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Opening Session & Networking Reception

3:00pm - 5:30pm

Union East, Tomás Rivera Conference Center Room #308

This session features flash presentations by stakeholders in the Paso del Norte region working to solve significant community issues. Topic areas include: health disparities, water, immigration, and education. A networking reception follows the flash presentations. President Natalicio will give welcome remarks.

Water	Immigration	Health Disparities	Education
Maria Elena Giner, P.E. General Manager Border Environment Cooperation Commission	Linda Rivas, JD Director Las Americas Immigrant Advocacy Center	Joe Luna, MD Chief Executive Officer San Vicente Family Health Center	Joseph Sapien, BA STEAM Project Manager Workforce Solutions Borderplex Inc.
Scott Reinert, P.E., P.G. Hydrogeologist, Water Resources Manager El Paso Water Utilities	Linda Chew, JD Judge 327 th District Court	JoAnna Arriola, LMSW HIV/DIS Program Supervisor City of El Paso Department of Public Health HIV Prevention Program	Armando Aguirre, Ed.D. Executive Director Education Service Center - Region 19
Ed Archuleta, BCEE Director of Water Initiatives Center for Environmental Resources Management UTEP		Jana Renner, MPA Associate Program Officer Paso del Norte Health Foundation	

Tuesday, April 4th

Our Global Reach: How international connections invigorate research and teaching

10:00am - 12:00pm

Union East, Acacia Room #102A

The Global Reach community of practice aspires to advance UTEP's commitment to scholarly and creative activities by institutionalizing best practices in extending our global reach to enhance student learning, promote faculty development, and support research partnerships. In this session, we will host a panel discussion on partnerships with foreign colleagues and institutions in the pursuit of excellence in research that also advances learning both in and outside the classroom. Panelists will also discuss how UTEP can better serve faculty and students in these types of endeavors. Featured panelists are Drs. Bill Hargrove, Taeko Hiroi, Stacey Sowards, and Nigel Ward.

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Training to be an Interdisciplinary Researcher: What project leads and students can teach each other

3:00pm - 5:00pm

Union East, University Suite #312 (PLEASE note this new, updated session location)

The Interdisciplinary Research and Education (IDRE) community of practice aspires to be a vibrant, supportive community focused on expanding our knowledge base and skills for effectively leading IDRE, and providing access to best practices, methods, and tools that facilitate successful IDRE. In this session, we will host a panel discussion around the varied aspects of training that lead to improved learning outcomes and team effectiveness. Faculty and student interdisciplinary researchers will discuss ways that they have reached a higher level of engagement and productivity in their respective teams by utilizing such strategies as peer mentoring/cohorts, modeling of IDRE with graduate student researchers, student-led video presentations, collaborative technology, and creating environments that balance risks. Featured panelists include Drs. Kristin Gosselink, Eddie Castaneda, Katja Michael, Elsa Villa, and Jessica Shenberger-Trujillo. Students on the panel include Gabriel Fietze and Rosa Perez.

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Emerging border migration issues: developing relevant research and engagement

3:00pm - 5:00pm

Union East, Acacia Room #102A

We will review the new administration executive orders and the detailed implementation memos, as well as other related issues, with a specific focus on the U.S.-Mexico border. An organized discussion will identify key researchable issues that emerge from these developments. We will explore methods and sources of information. We will identify community partners for collaborative research and analysis. The meeting will aim to produce practical projects and commitments to research.

Contact: [Dr. Josiah Heyman \(jmheyman@utep.edu\)](mailto:jmheyman@utep.edu)

Wednesday, April 5th

Water for the future: policy, technology, and challenges

1:00pm - 4:30pm

Geology Building, Geology Reading Room #310

This session aims to present the current issues in water quality and management. We will present research projects and new initiatives at the local and regional levels to promote collaboration and awareness on water-related topics. Oral and poster presentations will feature direct potable reuse, water treatment technologies, and contaminants of emerging concern. A panel discussion will feature local and regional representatives discussing issues related to our region.

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A Community of Engaged Scholars Town Hall: Moving Forward and Making Progress

3:00pm - 5:00pm

Union East, University Suite #312

This session will provide current members and prospective members of the Community of Engaged Scholars to reflect upon past activities, assess current community goals, and plan future activities that are consistent with the Community of Engaged Scholars member objectives. Prospective members will have the ability to learn more about our community of practice and also assess how our community goals align with your scholarship goals. Long-standing members will also benefit by having time for reflection and discussion about our growth as a community of practice. We plan to spend time reflecting specifically on five major activities of our community in the past year: 1) Piloting the Community Engaged Scholarship Institute, 2) Writing the High Impact Practices book to be published in the next year, 3) Piloting the Faculty Community Tours, 4) the Food for Changed Thought series (in collaboration with CAPSHR), and 5) Inclusion of community engaged scholarship language into the HOOP. During the session, we will review outcomes of these activities in order to inform and direct our activities in the coming year(s).

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Thursday, April 6th

Operationalizing UTEP’s New IDR B: Three Case Studies of Administration, Management, and Financial Responsibility in Interdisciplinary Research Buildings

11am - 12pm and repeating from 2pm - 3pm

Union East, Andesite Room #102B

UTEP’s IDR B Planning Committee has visited and/or researched a number of other universities who have built interdisciplinary research buildings. We also recently conducted detailed interviews of leaders from three universities who have built interdisciplinary research buildings: Stanford, Arizona State, and Rutgers. This presentation will summarize some of what we have learned over the past year and recently in these interviews, about administrative and management structures and processes for operationalizing interdisciplinary research buildings. We will also provide an opportunity for input from participants at this meeting regarding preferred structures and processes for UTEP’s new building. The UTEP IDR B Planning Committee will be developing a proposal to the Administration for how to operationalize our new building. This represents a first step in the process of engaging faculty, staff, and students in developing this proposal. Contact: [Dr. W.L Hargrove \(wlhargrove@utep.edu\)](mailto:wlhargrove@utep.edu)

Office of Research & Sponsored Projects (ORSP) Research Forum & Reception

4:00pm - 6:00pm

Undergraduate Learning Center (UGLC) Room #126

Featured Speakers are Dr. Laura O’Dell, Professor of Psychology, University of Texas at El Paso, and Dr. Dean Evasius, Division Director for the Division of Graduate Education, National Science Foundation. Dr. O’Dell will speak on “The Road Less Travelled: Science as a Platform for Promoting Diversity” while Dr. Evasius will speak on “Growing Convergent Research.”

Friday, April 7th

9:00am - 11:00am

Closed Session

1:30pm

**IDR Building Groundbreaking
& Reception ***

Corner of Sun Bowl Drive and University Avenue
UTEP Campus

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