Leah Lundquist

For the past three years, Leah Lundquist has worked for the Center for Integrative Leadership (CIL), creating significant value through community-University partnerships that practice and promote acts of leadership across boundaries.

With fondness, we wish Leah great success in her new job as Director of The Hubert Project at the Humphrey School of Public Affairs.

What accomplishments are you most proud of in your career so far?

Most recently, I’m quite proud of the eBook—The Art of Hosting Conversations That Matter—that was produced through the CIL. It was a collaborative effort across the University, demonstrating the cross-boundary work we encourage in the CIL.

I also have served on the board of the Young Nonprofit Professionals Network for four years and have a lot of pride for the network’s growth. We have strategically grown while staying true to a culture of boldness and resourcefulness.

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Is Higher Education sustainable?

Join us for a discussion of open educational resources, the skills gap, evaluation and futures-thinking in Higher Education. The Graduate and Professional Student Assembly (GAPSA) is hosting a forum on Monday, October 14, 5-9pm, in Memorial Hall at the McNamara Alumni Center, and satellite conversations in Duluth and Morris. Elected officials, corporate leaders, educators and interested citizens are invited to attend. The Center for Integrative Leadership is co-sponsoring the forum along with the Center for Innovation in Higher Education, UMN Extension and Libraries, UMN Art of Hosting Community of Practice, Minnesota Student Legislative Coalition, Minnesota High Tech Association, and the Citizens League.

The forum agenda includes dinner, a moderated panel, World Café discussion and Idea Generation with Dr. Barry Kudrowitz. This event is being coordinated and facilitated by trained graduate and professional students. To join us for this dynamic conversation, please RSVP here.

There are course materials and a facilitated dialogue, in pairing with this forum, available on Moodle here. To view it, you need an x500 UMN ID, and can self-enroll using sustainhe as the key. You can create an x500 Guest ID using these instructions found here.

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Bridging World Views In Northern Minnesota

One of integrative leadership's propositions is that leadership is often most needed at the places where conflicting world views, beliefs and knowledge intersect. The challenge and importance of this proposition was in full view at the Nibi and Manoomin Symposium in September. Anishinaabe and University leaders wrestled with their different worldviews with respect to knowledge and knowledge creation around the work of protecting nibi (water) and monoomin (wild rice). The Anishinaabe view water and wild rice as sacred, and the protection of these resources is an intergenerational and cultural legacy, whereas the University researchers take a more academic and scientific approach. Observing these two groups interact, learn and acknowledge their differing perspectives and work together was watching integrative leadership in action.

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Exploring Integrative Leadership

Teens and Sleep: At the intersection of health, education and policy

When it comes to human development and educational achievement, there are many pressing grand challenges globally. Whereas internationally, access to education – particularly by females - continues to pose a complex challenge, in the U.S., issues such as access to quality early childhood education and the importance of appropriate school start times for teenagers continue to
necessitate cross-sector action. Recently, Education Secretary Arne Duncan spoke to the importance of the particular issue of teens and sleep in an NPR interview.

On October 3rd, researchers, pediatric providers, school psychologists and counselors, school district leaders, public health and social service providers, legislators and policy-makers will gather for a national conference linking research with practice around teens and sleep. This conference follows 15 years of research on this particular topic led by Dr. Kyla Wahlstrom, Director of the University of Minnesota's Center for Applied Research and Education Improvement. As the first conference to bring together this diverse of a professional audience around this particular topic, CIL is happy to have been a part of the planning team.

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Now through October 24, 2013: Entry open for Local Government Innovation Award Nominations. Click here for more information.

October 2013: Courage and Renewal Academy for Leaders, six month cohort begins in October. Click here for more information


October 8, 2013, 5:30 - 7:30: Community Health and Advocacy Talk (CHAT): Access and Equity in the Outdoor Active Movement with Anthony Taylor. UROC (Urban Research and Outreach Center). RSVP to chatmpls@gmail.com.

October 14, 2013, 5:00-9:00: GAPSA Sustainability of Higher Education Forum. McNamara Alumni Center, Memorial Hall. RSVP here


October 18, 2013, 11:30-1:00: Friday Research Forum: How Cross-Sector Leadership is Building Extension's Public Value with Laura Kalambokidis, Minnesota State Economist. 102 Appleby Hall. Click here to RSVP.

October 24, 2013, 11:30-1:00: The 7 Ways Government Makes Markets: A Talk by Alex Marshall. Freeman Commons, Humphrey School. Click here to RSVP.

October 24, 2013, 8:30 - 10:00: TTIP and Minnesota: The View from Germany with Rainer Rudolph. Fredriksen & Byron, P.A., 200 South 6th Street, 40th Floor, Minneapolis. Free. On-line registration coming soon.

October 30, 2013, 4:00-6:00: The Buckman Fellowship Presents creativity expert Jim Link. McNamara Alumni Center, Johnson Great Room. Click here for more information or to register.

November 2, 2013, 8:00am - 1:30pm: CEHD Saturday Scholars: Working In The Achievement Gap. McNamara Alumni Center. Click here to register.