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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SCHOLARSHIP: A THIRD TRANSFORMATION IN HIGHER EDUCATION?

A Workshop and Lecture by Hiram Fitzgerald

Sponsored by

Vice Provost of Research, the Office of the President, and the Engaged Scholarship Committee

The Vice Provost of Research, the Office of the President, and the Engaged Scholarship Committee are hosting several events on Thursday February 27th, featuring distinguished professor Hiram Fitzgerald, Ph.D., focused on the state of engaged scholarship nationally, and how to enhance the culture of engaged scholarship at the University of Memphis. We invite the university community to join us as we explore how our university can positively impact the Memphis community through academically based collaborative projects and outreach programs with community groups and students that can lead to peer-reviewed publications and reports. An integral part of the University's mission, Engaged Scholarship provides a particularly important avenue for research, student success, and community impact.

Workshop: At 10 a.m. in the University Center Beale Room (363), Dr. Fitzgerald will conduct a workshop on how to most effectively frame tenure and promotion guidelines to promote engaged scholarship. Strategies for faculty to highlight their engaged scholarship when preparing their dossiers will be discussed.

Lecture, Reception, and Poster Session: At 3 p.m., Dr. Fitzgerald will give a public lecture at the University Center Theater followed by a reception and poster session in UC Ballroom A. Dr. Fitzgerald's lecture will focus on best practices and recruitment and retention strategies from an engaged scholarship perspective. The poster session will feature examples of engaged research projects conducted by University of Memphis faculty in collaboration with community partners.

Hiram E. Fitzgerald, Ph.D., is Associate Provost for University Outreach and Engagement and University Distinguished Professor in the Department of Psychology at Michigan State University. He is president of the Engagement Scholarship Consortium, a member of the Executive Committee of the Council on Engagement and Outreach of the Association for Public and Land Grant Universities, a member of the Board of Directors of Transformative Regional Engagement Networks, and a member of the Academy for Community Engagement Scholarship task force.

These events are free and open to the public. Convenient and affordable parking can be found in the Zach Curlin Parking Garage directly across from the University Center.

For more information on this event or the Engaged Scholarship Committee at the University of Memphis, please visit <http://www.memphis.edu/esfc/aboutesfc.php>.