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>> CIL Spotlight

CIL Introduces Academic Co-Director Kathryn Quick

We are happy to announce that Dr. Kathryn Quick, Assistant Professor in Public and Nonprofit Leadership and Management at the Humphrey School of Public Affairs, will serve alongside Dr. Myles Shaver of the Carlson School of Management as CIL's Academic Co-Director, supporting Vanessa Laird, CIL's new Executive Director. Dr. Quick co-teaches the Integrative Leadership Seminar for the Graduate Integrative Leadership Minor, most recently with Katie White from the School of Public Health. She replaces Dr. Jodi Sandfort, whom we thank for her many contributions to CIL and to building boundary-spanning leadership skills across the University of Minnesota.

Dr. Quick is excited to support CIL, including in the areas of curriculum development for the Graduate Minor with related faculty, and writing and research related to integrative leadership. She looks forward to exploring the use of research seminars on campus and increasing interactions with leadership scholars and centers elsewhere to advance cross-sector dialogue related to integrative leadership and grand challenges.

Dr. Quick's own research, often conducted through participant observation and qualitative interviews, focuses on how managers in public and nonprofit organizations create opportunities for communities to address public issues together. She has studied such areas as city budgeting and resource management, environmental stewardship, urban master planning and zoning, neighborhood conflicts, transportation, and arts and culture development. Two of Dr. Quick's current projects include collaborating with county leaders on complex road infrastructure sustainability issues and with tribal nations in

Minnesota on assessing and addressing transportation safety risks.

Please join us in welcoming Dr. Quick and thanking Dr. Sandfort.

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>> CIL Leader Profile

Congratulations to the executive team of the Community-Campus Coordinators Alliance on MNCC Steward for Civic Engagement

Please join us in congratulating CIL Associate Director, Merrie Benasutti and the Campus-Community Coordinators Alliance (CCCA) Executive Team, who are the recipients of MN Campus Compact (MNCC) President's Civic Engagement Steward Award. This award is given out at the MN Campus Compact Annual Summit and recognizes outstanding engagement work. The Steward Award is for a member of the faculty, administration, or staff or for a group (e.g., advisory committee, task force, project team) that has significantly advanced the distinctive civic mission of their campus by forming strong partnerships, supporting civic engagement, and working to institutionalize a culture and practice of engagement. The annual summit will take place on Wed., April 16th at the University of St. Thomas. Event registration is [here](#).



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>> CIL & Students

Common Grounds Showcase

For the tenth year in a row, Common Grounds pulled together over 30 graduate students from across the University of Minnesota to explore complex community issues from a variety of perspectives as well as to practice and promote integrative leadership. One of the major highlights of the year was the first eight weeks of spring semester, when Common Grounds split into interdisciplinary teams and provided professional research and consultation services to eight community organizations. Common Grounds will provide a Showcase of these projects of these projects on Tuesday, April 8.

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Robert Zoellick and Francis Fukuyama to speak at National Endowment for Democracy Event, April 24

Please join CIL at an exciting event exploring expert perspectives on the interdependence of democracy, economics, and prosperity across the world. Presented by the National Endowment for Democracy, the Humphrey School of Public Affairs, and the Carlson School of Management, the forum features discussions with Robert Zoellick and Francis Fukuyama. Event details are available [here](#).

