Graduate Integrative Leadership Minor

In the summer of 2012, the University of Minnesota’s Board of Regents voted to approve a graduate-level academic minor in the field of integrative leadership. The integrative leadership minor is designed to train future leaders to bridge institutional, geographical and national boundaries to address social, economic and political challenges. The creation of the minor was the result of years of planning and design work undertaken by the CIL Faculty Steering Committee, including representatives from over 20 academic programs across the University.

“Our current students tell us, for many, this is the first opportunity they’ve had to work with other students outside their discipline and dig into challenging issues.” commented Lou Quast, ILM Director of Graduate Studies, about the interdisciplinary minor.

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Louise Wolfgramm
President Emerita, Amicus
Executive Leadership Fellow, CIL

CIL is pleased to welcome Amicus President Emerita Louise Wolfgramm as a 2013-14 Executive Leadership Fellow. She joins us as the Minnesota Council of Nonprofits 2013 Transformational Leader Awardee, honored at the annual Minnesota Nonprofit Leadership Conference. The Transformational Leader Award is given each year to someone who effectively demonstrates commitment to the nonprofit sector, serving 20 years or more in strategic and significant roles. Louise follows former awardees and CIL Fellows Steve Lepinski (2012/13) and Tony Wagner (2011/12).

Louise has dedicated her life to the cause of bridging communities with people currently in as well as leaving prison. As of April 2013, Louise retired after over four decades of leadership for Amicus - one of the foremost nonprofits in reentry services. She continues to help Amicus transition to a new era as part of the services of Volunteers of America - Minnesota. Read the rest of Louise's profile

CIL Supports Student Leaders

CIL aims to support student leaders in using integrative leadership practices to fuel change that addresses the grand challenges of our time. We know effective leaders deploy multiple tools and resources to foster collective action across boundaries to address grand challenges.

For the past three years, CIL has brought together a diverse, multi-disciplinary team of ten graduate students from across the University of Minnesota’s graduate and professional schools to explore and advance the concept of integrative leadership. In order to facilitate even more opportunities for integrative leadership development among graduate and professional students, CIL is excited to announce a partnership with the Graduate and Professional School Assembly (GAPSA) for the 2013-14 school year on a newly-created student leadership series.

This series will offer student leaders an interdisciplinary opportunity to explore personal and integrative leadership through experiential learning opportunities, leadership development workshops and conversations with local leaders. Sessions will be designed to particularly support the leadership development of
University of Minnesota Cross-sector Leaders Forum: Expansive Leadership to Address Minnesota’s Grand Challenges

Across the University, there are many programs intended to elevate the leadership of working professionals from various community sectors (e.g., school principals and superintendents, nurses, public agency managers, engineers, public safety officials, etc.). However, for the most part, the University’s professional training programs are as siloed as participant’s day-to-day work environments.

CIL has designed a day-long forum intended to address this challenge. On October 25, 2013, professional participants and alums from seven leadership programs across the University are invited to a unique day of cross-sector dialogue, skill-building, and network-weaving.

We often don’t meet our peers from other sectors until crisis necessitates it. As a result, our interactions aren’t as generative nor our solutions as integrative as they might be if we had more opportunities to connect across professional boundaries.

September 12, 2013: Business and Public Policy Roundtable Discussion with Brian Atwood. Registration begins at 8:30 am; event at 9:00 am. University Club, 420 Summit Ave., St. Paul. RSVP to Jed at jed@cauxroundtable.net.

October 3-4, 2013: Teens and Sleep: Linking Discovery and Policy. University of Minnesota. Double Tree By Hilton, 1500 Park Place Blvd, Minneapolis, MN 55416. Cosponsoring with the Center for Applied Research in Educational Improvement. Click here for more information and registration.

October 25, 2013, 8:30am-4:30pm: MN Cross Sector Leadership Forum, Coffman Union, Mississippi Room. Click here for more information or to register.

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