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Highlights

Grand Challenges Research

CIL Co-Academic Directors Kathy Quick and Myles Shaver, CIL Executive Director Vanessa Laird, along with professors Akosua Addo (College of Liberal Arts) and Hari Osofsky (Law), are leading an interdisciplinary research team recently awarded a [University of Minnesota Grand Challenge Research Grant](#). The team's proposal creates a Shared Leadership Lab focused on analyzing success factors from hybrid governance, organization and funding models to address complex societal challenges.



Integrative Leadership Seminar

CIL Executive Director Vanessa Laird and CEHD, OLPD Coordinator of Human Resource Development Graduate Programs Louis Quast are co-teaching the Integrative Leadership seminar this fall. Forty-seven students from six colleges, along with Vanessa and Lou, are probing the necessary skills and success factors for cross-cutting, shared leadership in and across teams, organizations, sectors and countries. Stay tuned to hear more about what students in this seminar are doing.

Mandela Washington Fellowship



This summer, CIL welcomed a third cohort of 25 Mandela Washington Fellows for a six-week Leadership and Public Management program at the Humphrey School of Public Affairs. The Mandela Washington Fellowship for Young African Leaders, the flagship program of President Obama's Young African Leaders Initiative (YALI), empowers and builds connections among young leaders from Sub-Saharan Africa through academic coursework, critical reflection, and opportunities to connect with Minnesotans across sectors and professions.

[Read more](#) about the fellowship program featured on the Congress Blog.

Kudos

Dianna Shandy to serve as Associate Dean of Macalester College's Institute for Global Citizenship

Dianna Shandy, 2015-2016 CIL Executive Leadership Fellow and Professor of Anthropology at Macalester College, has been named an Associate Dean of the Institute for Global Citizenship at Macalester College. The Institute for Global Citizenship (IGC) houses diverse programs that connect rigorous academics with hands-on experience and exploration outside the classroom.



Elizabeth Sopdie joins the Center for Integrative Leadership as Program Manager

Liz Sopdie joined CIL as the new Program Manager in September. Liz received her undergraduate degree in English from Wartburg College in Iowa, and her Master's degree in Organizational Leadership, Policy, and Development in higher education with a minor in international education from the University of Minnesota. She is continuing in the same program to pursue a doctorate. Liz joined CIL after spending three years in the U of M Medical School, and is looking forward to the exciting work CIL is diving into this fall.



Join Us

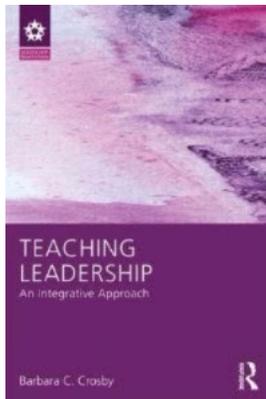
Bagels Beyond Boundaries - Pushing Forward U.S. Cuba Policy: The Effects of the Embargo on Intersector and Intergovernmental Collaboration

Presented by Jeff Kovar, Assistant Legal Adviser for Western Hemisphere Affairs, U.S. Department of State

How far have we come since President Obama announced his new Cuba policy? What effect does the current economic embargo on Cuba have on individuals, businesses, government, and international organizations? Mr. Kovar will describe the restrictions put on change efforts by the current economic embargo and the effects on intersector and intergovernmental collaboration.

[Learn more >>](#)

Friday, October 7 - 8:30-9:30 AM
Freeman Commons (205)
Humphrey School of Public Affairs



Teaching Leadership: An Integrative Approach

Join Barbara Crosby, author of the book *Teaching Leadership: An Integrative Approach to Leadership* for a talk about leadership and personal leadership journeys. Fellow contributors to the book, Lars Leafblad, Yvonne Cheek and Jodi Sandfort, will share in a brief discussion of the book, leadership stories of the panelists, and a chance for audience members to share their leadership stories.

October 11, 3:00-4:30 pm, Humphrey Forum

[Learn more >>](#)

Discovery Across Disciplines

Visit CIL on Thursday, October 13 from 12:00-2:00 in the Great Hall, Coffman Memorial Union.



Discovery Across Disciplines is a destination for students, researchers, faculty and industry leaders who are interested in crossing disciplinary lines to answer tough questions and advance cutting-edge research. Sixty of the University of Minnesota's interdisciplinary research centers and institutes will be on hand to network and share their discoveries. Come explore, learn, connect and engage.

[Learn more >>](#)

What We're Reading

- The White House has launched a new [public-private partnership](#) focused on using open data to support climate resilience. In addition to federal agencies and non-profits, private companies -- including Amazon Web Services, Esri, Google, and Microsoft -- have joined the Partnership for Resilience and Preparedness (PREP).

- Additional insights into climate-related collaboration, and, specifically, the [creative use of language to reach through difference to agreement](#), come from Susan Biniarz of Columbia Law School, the U.S. government's principal lawyer on climate change negotiation since 1989.
- For nine election cycles in a row, Minnesota has led the nation in voter turnout. In a recent article, MinnPost cites the [five reasons why voter turnout in Minnesota is so high](#) and what that could mean for this year's presidential election.
- Nancy Brinker, founder of Susan G. Komen, and Eric Rosenthal founder of the National Cancer Institute Designated Cancer Centers Public Affairs Network, discuss [why institutional agendas should be set aside and replaced with meaningful collaborations](#) in the fight against cancer.

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