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>> CIL Spotlight

Announcing Vital Life Series



The Center for Integrative Leadership is pleased to announce “The Vital Life,” our new programming series dedicated to exploring how to create regional economic and social vitality through cross-sector leadership. During the next year, we will curate ideas, information, and inspiration from throughout the world. Our series culminates in a 2014 international research conference.

Join us as we explore:

- Maintaining and growing Minneapolis-Saint Paul’s competitive position
- Supporting workforce development
- Developing corporate and public policies for a thriving region
- Improving our collective quality of life

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To learn more about upcoming events for The Vital Life, follow us on Twitter at CILatUMN.

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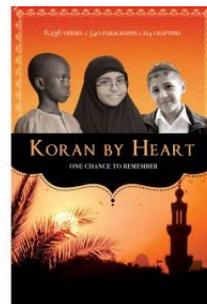
CHANCE East African Neighbors Series

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promoting the Universities new Muslim Journeys bookshelf. In January 2013, the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) and the American Library Association (ALA) awarded the [Muslim Journeys Bookshelf](#) to 843 libraries and state humanities councils. The University of Minnesota Libraries-Twin Cities was among the 843 institutions receiving 25 books and three films.

As part of the CHANCE East African Neighbors Series, we co-hosted a film screening of *Koran by Heart* from the Muslim Journeys collection. Our aim was to inform folks about the resources available on Islamic culture and offer an opportunity for conversation with Cedar/Riverside and West Bank community residents. The film was informative and prompted a lively discussion. State Rep. Keith Ellison shared personal insight; *“Islam is about more than the negative images that we see in the media. It is about the music, the art, and the happiness that you see shown in this movie.”*



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>> CIL in the World

Finding Common Ground: The Changing Agricultural Workforce: Challenges and opportunities for the worker, the employer and the community



The University of Minnesota's Center for Integrative Leadership, [Center for Animal Health and Food Safety](#) and the [Upper Midwest Agricultural Safety and Health Center](#) invite you to participate in the sixth "Finding Common Ground" forum

designed to foster conversation among participants with diverse perspectives to discover and advance a common good. Participants from academia, the private sector, government and non-governmental organizations will examine this issue in a neutral forum using a proven approach to advance shared understanding.

The increasing global demand for food has implications for immigration policy, regulatory oversight, and production methods. Often overlooked is the health and well-being of agriculture workers including safety, access to health care, and successful integration into local communities. A comprehensive understanding of what it takes to assure the safety, health and welfare of the worker, reliable and productive employees, and vibrant rural communities will benefit all stakeholders.

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Please join us on January 16th for a working forum on the challenges and opportunities for workers, employers and the community as part of the changing agriculture workforce.

>> CIL Around the University

Cross Sector Leadership Forum



On Friday, October 25, CIL brought together students and alumni from a multitude of leadership development programs across the University for a day-long conference packed with presentations and discussions on cross-sector leadership. Paul Mooty, a former CIL Executive Leadership Fellow and the President of Faribault Woolen Mills, and Paul Vaaler, Carlson School faculty member and CIL activist, discussed the sense of mission involved in resurrecting a rural manufacturing icon. Laura Bloomberg, former CIL Executive Director, led the group in

an exploration of paradox and polarity mapping.

The participants also used Open Space Technology from the Art of Hosting to identify and discuss topics that included affordable health care for all, closing the achievement gap, leadership development in higher education and other challenges that call for integrative leadership. At the end of the day, the participants expressed appreciation for the diversity of the group and the importance of the issues they discussed. One question they posed was how to continue the relationships and build on the ideas that were generated.

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Participants came from programs such as the Minnesota Principals Academy (CEHD), the Technological Leadership Institute, Carlson Executive Education, the Humphrey's Public Safety Leadership Cohort, the College of Design's Buckman Fellows Program, the Extension Leadership Program, and the School of Public Health, and Nursing.

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>> Upcoming Events

November 22, 2013, 11:30 - 1:00: Friday Research Forum: Competing Imperatives in Health Policy and Regulation: An Example and an Opportunity for Leadership? with Vanessa Laird. 102 Appleby Hall. Register [here](#).

November 22, 2013, 8:00am - Noon: Minneapolis-St. Paul Regional Cluster Competitiveness Forum. Cowles Auditorium, Humphrey School. More information or register [here](#).

December 12, 2013, 3:00 - 5:30: Local Government Innovation Awards Ceremony and Reception. Humphrey School of Public Affairs. [Click here](#) for more information or to RSVP.

January 16, 2014: Finding Common Ground: Finding Common Ground: The Changing Agricultural Workforce: Challenges and opportunities for the worker, the employer and the community. Minnesota Landscape Arboretum. [Click here](#) for more information or to register.

May 14, 2014: Food and Agriculture National Conference. Hilton Minneapolis. Registration begins early January 2014. [Click here](#) for more information.

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