Understanding the Scholarship of Engagement

**DEFINITION**

The Scholarship of engagement means connecting the rich resources of the university to our most pressing social, civic, and ethical problems, to our children, to our schools, to our teachers, and to our cities. -Ernest L. Boyer, "The Scholarship of Engagement," Journal of Public Service & Outreach 1, no.1 (1996): 21

**MISSION**

Our goal is to do work within the community that transcends all three parts of the university missions of research, teaching, and service. We want to maximize and optimize opportunities to involve faculty, staff, and students with the community in all different parts of research, teaching, and service, including where these parts overlap. (Examples: field studies, internships, community-based research, direct service, research as service)

**TRADITIONAL SCHOLARSHIP VS THE SCHOLARSHIP OF ENGAGEMENT**

Traditional
breaks new ground in the discipline
answers significant questions in the discipline
is reviewed and validated by qualified peers
is based on a solid theoretical basis
makes significant advances in knowledge and understanding of the discipline

Engaged
...AND has direct application to broader public issues
... which have relevance to public or community issues
...AND members of the community
...AND practical bases
...applies the knowledge to address social issues in the local community

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