Welcome to the first MCSP Alumni Newsletter

The purpose of this newsletter is to keep MCSP alums active and involved in MCSP and to provide MCSP Alumni with a venue in which to learn about Social Justice education and career-related opportunities.

MCSP Alumni Speaker Series: Careers in Social Justice Education
Thursday, October 7th
6:30-8pm
East Quad CLC/Benzinger Library

Jeff Nelson began his career as a Teach for America Corps Member and currently directs Urban Schools Empowered, a college persistence program that trains teachers to guide underperforming students in low-income schools to succeed in college. Under his leadership, US Empowered has served over 600 students from 15 schools in just three years.

Jenifer Resnick has spent six years teaching at Illinois' Glenbrook North High School where she created an English course about community responsibility and social justice awareness. She also serves as a Prison Creative Arts Project associate and networks with non-profit organizations to connect her students to service opportunities around Chicago.

MCSP October Film Series: The Philosopher Kings
Thursday, October 21
6:30-8:30pm
Ann Arbor District Library

In search of wisdom found in unlikely places, The Philosopher Kings takes us on a journey through the halls of the most prestigious colleges and universities in America to learn from the staff members who see it all and have been through it all: the custodians. This thought-provoking, feature-length documentary interweaves the untold stories of triumph and tragedy from the members of society who are often disregarded and ignored, and seeks out the kind of wisdom that gets you through the day and the lessons one learns from surviving hard times, lost loves, and shattered dreams.

http://www.philosopherkingsmovie.com
**Job Opportunity**

**Idealist.org Fair: “Graduate Degrees for the Public Good**

Complete 300 hours of community service and receive a $1,000 education award from AmeriCorps.

The Michigan Service Scholars Program [MSS] offers students from the University of Michigan a $1,000 AmeriCorps education award to students enrolled in the program that complete 300 hours of service during one academic year.

To complete 300 hours during a regular academic year, students would need to average 9.5-10 hours of community service per week.

MSS students need to complete their service by helping community agencies or campus-based student organizations with volunteer recruitment and/or through community service. MSS students may already be working in communities through internships and/or student organization. If an agency can show a community purpose, community support and community need, placements will be considered.

For more information go to: [http://www.micampuscompact.org/mss.aspx](http://www.micampuscompact.org/mss.aspx)

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**National Symposium: The Future of International Service**

**Wednesday, October 13**

8:30 am - 5:30 pm

Blau Auditorium, Ross School of Business

As part of the Celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Peace Corps, there will be a day-long National Symposium: The Future of International Service sponsored by the University of Michigan, The Brookings Institution, and the National Peace Corps Association, with support from the Building Bridges Coalition.

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**Challenges and Opportunities of International Service: A Student Symposium**

**Wednesday, October 13**

10:00 pm - 2:00 am

Michigan Union

This student-organized and led symposium will address issues and challenges related to student engagement, activism, and service, both at home and abroad. It will culminate with a ceremony on the steps of the Union at 2:00 a.m. at the same time and place JFK spoke 50 years earlier.

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**Idealist.org Fair: “Graduate Degrees for the Public Good”**

**Wednesday, October 20**

5:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Michigan Union

Are you looking to learn more about the issues you care about and find out how to do more meaningful work? Pursue your passion and explore ways to further your social-impact career through graduate school!

You will have an opportunity to meet graduate admissions representatives from local, national, and international programs to discuss professional development through graduate education. You will also have a chance to attend a free information session offering advice on graduate degree options, the application process, financial aid, and deciding when to attend graduate school after spending time in the working world.

For more information go to: [http://www.micampuscompact.org/mss.aspx](http://www.micampuscompact.org/mss.aspx)
Are you, or do you know of an MCSP Alum that is making a difference with social change around campus? If so, let’s give them a moment in the spotlight!

In the next issue we will begin our Alumni Spotlight series, so if you would like to nominate yourself or someone you know for this honor, submit your suggestions to ataribu@umich.edu by Sunday, October 17th.

Include a brief description of why you think this student deserves the MCSP spotlight!

UPCOMING APPLICATION DEADLINES

Semester in Detroit provides U-M undergraduate students with the opportunity to partner with and learn from the diligent work of community leaders and activists throughout the city. Learn more and apply online at www.semesterindetroit.com.

Deadline: Monday, October 11th

For more information and to apply go to: http://www.rc.lsa.umich.edu/sid/

TEACH FOR AMERICA

Are you passionate about teaching at under-resourced schools in the United States? If so, consider Teach for America and become one of the lifetime leaders in the pursuit of educational equity for a two-year term.

Deadline: Wednesday, October 27th at 11:59pm

For information contact: Lauren Ross, the UM Teach for America campus recruiter, (who is also an MCSP Alum) at laurross@umich.edu.

To apply visit the TFA website: http://www.teachforamerica.org/index.htm

{If you have announcements that you would like displayed in the newsletter email Ayibatari Burutolu at ataribu@umich.edu}

Stay tuned for November events in the next newsletter!