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Connecting Community and Scholarship

Center for Health Policy & Ethics connects scholars with community members

CHPE and community partners from North Omaha met to look for increased opportunities for collaborations and enhanced responsiveness to current ethical issues in health care and policy. This campus/community collaboration hit upon the idea of asking visiting experts to not only present to the Creighton community but to the larger community as well.



Partnering Programs

In 2008, CHPE, partnering with a number of community organizations, began hosting events, not merely open to community members, but seeking out a shared community engagement. 2008, Creighton Alum, September Williams, MD, discussed the history of African American surgeons through her perspective as a physician and filmmaker who examines ethical issues in health care. 2009, Author Barbara Delinsky spoke to breast cancer survivors at a luncheon including women from My Sister's Keeper Support Group. May, 2010 School of Medicine Distinguished Lecture Series speaker Dorothy Roberts, JD, met with community members to discuss her book, 'Killing the Black Body', outlining past medical abuses and current medical neglect of African American populations. September, 2010 Partnering with Omaha Table Talk and other organizations, CHPE hosted a book discussion on 'The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks' by Rebecca Skloot. ➤November, 2010 School of Medicine Distinguished Lecture Series speaker Dayle B. DeLancey, PhD, met with community members, Creighton and Methodist College health sciences students, and Creighton faculty and staff to discuss 'How History Shapes African American Health Today'.

New Partnerships

With this community engagement initiative, new partnerships have been formed with community groups including:

Omaha Table Talk ~~ Immunization Task Force—Metro Omaha
Omaha Branch of the NAACP ~~ Metropolitan Community College
Urban League of Nebraska ~~ My Sister's Keeper Cancer Support Group
Voices for Children in Nebraska ~~ Love's Jazz & Arts Center

We see the value of these expanded engagements in the work we do. The intentional and consistent efforts of CHPE and its community partners to bring highly qualified experts in their fields to the community result in a mutuality of benefit and purpose. It also fully supports CHPE's maxim 'Anchored in ethics, reflecting Jesuit values' and two of CHPE's Statements of Purpose: Fostering intellectual exchange in solidarity with the human community & Advancing an ethic of service, justice, and compassion for others. Each visiting expert has expressed unqualified willingness to engage with community groups in addition to their more formal academic presentation and delight regarding the experience. CHPE will continue to build on the relationships in the community resulting from collaborations.



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