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Wednesday, April 10

**Conference Reminder:** Friday, April 12, is the deadline to submit your proposal for the Imagining America national conference in Syracuse, New York. "A Call to Action" is the theme of the October 4-6 event.

**Assessing Engaged Art & Scholarship:** Tomorrow/Thursday, April 11, 1:00-2:15 p.m. EDT, is the first webinar of the Assessing Practices in Public Scholarship (APPS) research group of Imagining America. Using community engaged music as the lens, presenters from the University of Minnesota (Keitha Lucas Hamann, Andrew Furco, and Kinh T. Vu) will share a framework for assessing community and university impact. Co-sponsored by Animating Democracy at Americans for the Arts, the webinar is free but you must register to participate.

**Member News:** Welcome to the consortium, Binghamton University, SUNY; Allison Alden, Director of the Center for Civic Engagement and Donald Loewen, Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education will serve as consortium representatives. Also, congratulations to Stonehill College's consortium representative Elizabeth Belanger, whose article about a campus-community public history project was recently recognized by the National Council on Public History.

**On the Road with IA:** In March, Co-Directors Tim Eatman and Scott Peters represented IA all over the map. Highlights include Scott's sessions at UT Austin, Binghamton University, and the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and Tim's presentations at Ohio State University, Fairfield University, and the University of Delaware. This week, IA Associate Director Kevin Bott is at the University of Oregon, and Board Member Kim Yasuda is at the University of Brighton. Coming up: Tim will be at Texas A&M on April 22, AERA in San

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Francisco starting April 26, and Hobart and William Smith Colleges on May 7, and Scott will speak at the University of Wyoming on May 22. Also, IA's National Advisory Board Retreat will take place in NYC, beginning on May 2.

**IA in Central New York:** We are thrilled to announce that Blair Ebony Smith is the new Director of Imagining America’s Central New York Publicly Active Graduate Education (CNY PAGE) initiative, which cultivates a vibrant regional network of emerging engaged scholars and artists, including through the **IA Engagement Scholars program** that supports undergraduate civic professionalism in Syracuse. In other news, we are proud to sponsor these **dynamic events** in Syracuse and Central New York that reflect IA's Mission and Values.

**Field-Wide Opportunities**

- **Job:** Michigan State University is hiring a **Director**, Center for Service Learning and Civic Engagement.
- **Job:** Brown University's Swearer Center for Community Engagement is starting a new initiative, TRI-Lab: Teaching, Research, and Impact, and has two openings, **Director and Coordinator**.
- **Job:** The Center for 21st Century Studies, a UW System Center of Excellence at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee campus, is hiring a **Deputy Director**.
- **Conference:** Registration is open for **MicroFest USA: Honolulu**, a national summit and learning exchange hosted by the Network of Ensemble Theaters, June 13-18.
- **Conference:** May 1 is the **deadline** for session proposals to the Third National Civil Rights Conference, which will take in Meridian, Mississippi, June 16-18.
- **Journal:** How do notions of aesthetics and beauty inform the reception and production of community and participatory art work? Submit to **RiDE**.

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