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On the Road

How can Imagining America help unleash the bold power of humanities, arts, and design in order to enrich civic life? This was one topic of our recent National Advisory Board and Staff Retreat. The three days were grounded in a discussion about “theory of change,” exploring questions: What are our assumptions about the world as it is now? What is the world we imagine? How can we close the gap? View this photo album for a peek into the Retreat -- for example, pictured here, participants in an Image Theatre/Augusto Boal exercise.

Recently: IA Co-Director Tim Eatman spoke at Texas A&M, the AERA meeting in San Francisco, and Hobart and William Smith Colleges. Tim and IA Associate Director Kevin Bott visited Auburn University during its Academy for Civic Professionalism. This week, Co-Director Scott Peters is presenting at the University of Wyoming.

Coming Up: Milwaukee and ADP/TDC in Denver

- Scott will be visiting the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee June 3-6.
- Many IA leaders will be at the American Democracy Project/The Democracy Commitment Conference in Denver, June 6-8! Connect with Communications Manager Jamie Haft during the Campus and Friends Showcase on Saturday, June 8, 11:30am-12:45pm, and click here for more about IA at ADP/TDC.

Partner Spotlight

eJournal of Public Affairs Special Issue: The current issue of Missouri State University’s eJournal of Public Affairs is dedicated to eCitizenship, specifically the American Democracy Project’s eCitizenship initiative, and highlights three projects that relate to ways social media technologies are being used to teach students civic skills on four college campuses in the United States. Click here to read it.

Sojourn Theatre Summer Institutes: Summer 2013 Sessions are in Honolulu, HI, June 19-20 (the two days following the NET Summit/Learning Exchange), Washington, DC, July 14-21, and San Francisco, CA, July 29-August 3. Click here for more information.

Field-Wide Opportunities

- Job: Executive Director, Elma Lewis Center for Civic Engagement, Learning, and Research at Emerson College. Click here for full description and to apply.
- Job: Associate Director, Service Learning Institute at California State University, Monterey Bay. Click here to learn more and apply.
- Job: Web Community Coordinator, Roadside Theater/Appalshop. Click here for the job ad.
- Call for Proposals: The Project: Connect Summer Youth Programming Competition calls for summer event and programming proposals to excite and enable youth to engage the web in civil, collaborative, productive, safe, and confidence-building ways. Awards for winning projects reach $10,000. Click here for more information.
- Call for Proposals: The University of California’s Center for Collaborative Research for an Equitable California seeks contributions for an upcoming Casebook on the ethical dilemmas in collaborative research. Click here for more information.