Abstract

We no longer live in a world where universities can allow themselves to focus solely on education, research and analysis for its own merit and awards. In response to concerns about local and global unsustainability, universities worldwide are reaching out and many are partnering with groups engaged in supporting community life. Presenters reviewed initiatives that are shifting higher education to change its focus from exclusive to inclusive, examined the concept of Community-Engaged Scholarship, and discussed the role of the librarian in such initiatives.
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Where do librarians fit in?

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The Kellogg Commission

“The Kellogg Commission is an independent, non-partisan organization that conducts research and provides technical assistance to institutions of higher education to help them become more engaged with their communities.”

The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching

“The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching is a philanthropic organization that works with higher education institutions to improve teaching and learning.”
Community-Engagement describes the collaborations between higher education institutions and their communities (local, regional/state, national, global) for the **mutually beneficial exchange of knowledge and resources in a context of partnership and reciprocity.**


Boyer and Glassick
Community Engaged Scholarship (CES)

1. CES overlaps with the traditional domains of research, teaching, and service and an approach to these three domains which is often integrative and consistent with the missions of research, teaching and service.
Community Engagement in Canada

“AUCC...”seeks to encourage collaborative research projects undertaken by Canadian universities and their private sector, government, community and international partners, to make outstanding advances and from which we all will benefit.”
Canadian Higher education & Community Engagement

Drivers of CES
Issues of Engaged Scholarship

Community-Engaged Scholarship in Canada

- Science Shops
- Research Shop
- Community Engaged Scholars
For the Common Good

“This is for the good of humanity!!”

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Carol Ann Hughes (2000) quote

“If librarians are committed to sustaining their role as providers of an important common good in the emerging turbulent competitive space of higher education... [It] may behoove librarians to... get involved in the issues that are shaping higher education in general.”
Questions
Comments?
Challenges?
Opportunities?
Ideas?

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