



CENTER FOR
**community
and civic
engagement**



At-a-Glance
2024-25

What we're about

The Center for Community and Civic Engagement (CCCE) supports students, faculty, staff, and partners in collaborative work that advances the public good. Student opportunities include courses, jobs, and volunteerism with the local community.

Place-based, experiential
learning beyond campus

Reciprocal community-
campus collaborations

Publicly-engaged scholarship,
leadership, and action

DIG into COMPLEXITY

Understand issues
in their real world
complexity

LEARN from a DIVERSITY of KNOWERS

Recognize and honor
different forms of
knowledge that may
reside in/with
community partners

REFLECT CRITICALLY

Deepen awareness
of one's
positionality in
civic engagement
efforts, such as
gender, race, and
socioeconomic
background



BRIDGE THEORY & PRACTICE

Apply academic
knowledge beyond
the classroom
through hands-on
learning

LEAD with PURPOSE

Strengthen leadership
abilities through
public participation

MAKE a COMMITMENT

Nurture a
commitment to
life-long civic
engagement

What we do

Through academic courses, student jobs, volunteerism, internships, and civic initiatives, we foster meaningful partnerships and hands-on experiences that deepen learning and strengthen communities.

Academic Civic Engagement (ACE) Courses

73%

of the class of '23 took at least one ACE course.

Community-Based Work Study

27%

of 2019-23 CBWS participants were first generation college students.

Student Leadership & Community Volunteerism

27

student-led, staff supported volunteer programs in health, education, food, and democracy.

But wait, there's more!

- Alternative Spring Break Trips
- Broom Fellowship for Public Scholarship (for faculty)
- CarlsVote Voter Education & Engagement
- Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) Training Program
- Community-Based Summer Internships
- Community Conversations Dialogue Program
- Lighten Up! Campus Garage Sale
- Wellstone House of Organizing and Activism



Who we are



Sinda Nichols (she/her)
Director

Ask me anything! -- related to community and civic engagement at Carleton.



Edna Tow (she/her)
Operations Coordinator

Ask me about logistics related to CCCE operations, student leadership programs, Community-Based Work Study, Lighten Up, events, and more.



Fay Dacey (she/her)
Academic Civic Engagement & Scholarship Coordinator

Ask me about Academic Civic Engagement (ACE) course logistics and CCCE communications.



Danielle Trajano (she/her)
Manager of Student Development Programs

Ask me about democracy and education volunteer programs, Community-Based Work Study, WHOA House, and student fellows jobs.



Gitanjali Matthes (they/she)
Educational Associate

Ask me about Community-Based Work Study jobs and Alternative Spring Break programs.



Erica Zweifel (she/her)
Assistant Director for Community Impact

Ask me about summer internships, Lighten Up, the CNA program, food, environment, and health volunteer programs.



Emily Seru (she/her)
Associate Director for Academic Civic Engagement and Scholarship

Ask me about Academic Civic Engagement (ACE) courses and collaborating with faculty.

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Academic Civic Engagement

Academic Civic Engagement (ACE) classes put academic skills in service of community priorities. Carleton faculty offer about 20 ACE courses each term, including both applied and theoretical designations, across all majors and disciplines. Most ACE courses are project-based, with students using their academic skills to create videos, archives, oral histories, data visualizations, statistical analysis, digital resources, and more.



Support available for ACE



STEM

59%

ACE class examples



Immunology

BIOL 310

Professor: Debby Walser-Kuntz

Community Partners: Community Action Center, HOPE Center, Young Chefs, SHAC, OHP

Issues: Role of the immune system in defense, allergic reactions, and autoimmunity.

Contribution: Public health educational materials and resources for diverse audiences.



Intro to Indigenous Histories

HIST 116

Professor: Meredith McCoy

Community Partner: Hocokata Ti, Shakopee Mdewakanton Cultural Center

Issues: Indigenous histories in what is currently the United States, including settler colonialism and Indigenous sovereignty, resistance, and persistence.

Contribution: Database clean-up in partnership with the Hočokata Ti Collections and Archives team.



Southeast Asian Migration and Diasporic Communities

SOAN 125

Professor: Cheryl Yin

Community Partner: Cambodian American Partnership of MN (CAPMN)

Issues: Post Vietnam War Southeast Asian refugee resettlement and current local cultural communities.

Contributions: Oral history project with Cambodian Elders.