EIGHTH ANNUAL FACULTY AND STAFF JUNE FORUM

The Art of Connecting across Social Impact Experiences

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CENTER FOR CREATIVITY, INNOVATION, AND SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP
AT MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE
WELCOME to June Forum! We're so glad you're here with us. Inspired by faculty and staff like you, our 2019 theme is “The Art of Connecting across Social Impact Experiences.”

The agenda follows a journey that illuminates unlikely possibilities that spark learning and connectivity, in and across ourselves, our students, and educational experiences. Beginning with uncovering educational communities, we look forward to reflecting upon learning moments and connecting diverse experiences to identify steps for meaningful engagement. Together, we also hope to share and learn how institutions creatively connect across offices, programs, and learning experiences.

Importantly, underlying “connecting across social impact experiences” is inclusion of and deep appreciation for a diverse set of people, ideas, experiences, and institutions that fuel more equitable social impact for all. Throughout our time, we invite you to engage in inclusive conversations, listen with kindness and generosity, speak from your heart and mind, and open yourself up to grow and support the growth of others.

This year, concurrently with June Forum, we are also thrilled to cohost Ashoka U’s Change Leader Retreat and the second annual Ashoka U Scholars Writing Retreat. The Change Leader Retreat brings together change leaders and other representatives from Ashoka U Changemaker Campuses. As part of a global network, the retreat attendees not only share promising practices and ideas, but also explore collaborative opportunities and identify network strategies to advance social innovation and changemaking across higher education.

Ashoka U’s intensive social innovation Scholars Writing Retreat offers a new way to celebrate research and writing. The goal is to support individual scholarship while also building research-related communities of practice and advancing the field of social innovation and changemaking in higher education.

With over 100 participants this year at the forum, we can't wait to learn with you. We welcome you to our Bread Loaf campus and encourage you to slow down, be present, and enjoy making new connections of your own across these three amazing communities.
Monday, June 10

1:00–5:00 p.m.  Check-In and Registration | Bread Loaf Inn
5:00–6:15 p.m.  Welcome Remarks | Little Theater
(Appetizers, beer, and wine served)
6:30–7:30 p.m.  Dinner | Inn Dining Room
7:30–9:00 p.m.  Session 1: Telling Stories with Professor Dana Yeaton | Little Theater
(Cash bar)

Tuesday, June 11

8:00–9:00 a.m.  Breakfast | Inn Dining Room
9:15–10:15 a.m.  Session 2: Learning Outcomes with Hattie Duplechain | Barn
10:15–10:30 a.m.  Break
10:30–11:15 a.m.  Reflection Time
11:15 a.m.–12:15 p.m.  Session 3: Connecting across Learning Realms with Professors Jessica Holmes and Nadia R. Horning | Barn
12:30–1:30 p.m.  Lunch | Dining Room
1:30–2:15 p.m.  Reflection Time
2:30–3:30 p.m.  Session 4: Reflections with Dr. Sara L. Minard | Barn
3:30–3:45 p.m.  Break
3:45–4:45 p.m.  Session 5: Action with Jeremy Gudauskas and Whitney Roberts | Barn
4:45–5:45 p.m.  Reflection Time or Walk to Robert Frost Cabin
6:00–6:30 p.m.  Group Photo
6:30–7:30 p.m.  Dinner | Inn Dining Room
7:30–8:30 p.m.  Vision Award Keynote Conversation | Little Theater
8:30–Onward  Cash Bar | Little Theater

Wednesday, June 12

8:00–9:00 a.m.  Breakfast | Inn Dining Room
9:15–10:15 a.m.  Session 6: Takeaways and Commitments with Heather Neuwirth | Barn Classroom 102
10:15–10:30 a.m.  Break
10:30–11:30 a.m.  Reflection Time
11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.  Networking | Barn Classroom 102
12:30–1:30 p.m.  Gratuities and Lunch | Inn Dining Room
Please have all items out of rooms and check out by 2:00 p.m.
Jeannie Bartlett ‘15
Franklin County Natural Resource Conservation District Manager, and Social Entrepreneurship Fellow Emeritus. Vision Award Keynote Conversation Facilitator.

Jeannie Bartlett was in Middlebury College’s first cohort of Social Entrepreneurship Fellows beginning in 2012. A core focus outside her studies was advocating for the College’s divestment from fossil fuels, and she was thrilled to join Bill McKibben and current students in celebrating a win this January with Middlebury’s Energy2028. She lived in Middlebury’s local foods interest house for three years and completed two summer internships in the town of Middlebury. After graduating in 2015 with a degree in conservation biology, she moved to nearby Burlington to work with dairy farmers on creating clean water and carbon-rich soils.
Telling Stories

Dana Yeaton
Playwright, Lyricist, and Teacher of Dramatic Writing and Rhetoric, Middlebury College

Dana Yeaton is the recipient of the New Voice in American Theatre Award, the Heideman Award, and the Moss Hart Award. His two-person musical, Swing State, was a featured selection at the New York Musical Theatre Festival. He is the founder of Vermont Young Playwrights and faculty director of Oratory Now, a student-driven initiative supporting oral expression at Middlebury College.

Randy Spillane ’19

Randy Spillane graduated from Middlebury College in 2019 with a major in history. He has been a coach with Oratory Now for the past two-and-a-half years, working in a variety of roles. His interest in public speaking, and with Oratory Now in particular, focuses on immersing people in the world of speaking through various exercises that, when used together, connect the mind, body, and voice, and bring out the best speaker in each of us.

Kate Hilscher ’20.5

Kate Hilscher, a rising senior at Middlebury College, is majoring in sociology and anthropology and minoring in linguistics. She’s spent the past year and a half working with the Oratory Now team on workshops, Oratory PE classes, and private tutoring sessions. Her interest in public speaking also expresses itself in her academic research regarding female students’ speech in the public sphere. This spring she studied human rights in Nepal, Jordan, and Chile.

Learning Outcomes

Hattie Duplechain
Ashoka U Research and Evaluation Specialist

As a research and evaluation specialist, Hattie Duplechain leads measurement efforts for the Ashoka U team. She focuses on information collection and curation to document the effects of changemaking education and to inform knowledge product development. Before joining Ashoka U, she worked as a primary-level teacher, initially as a U.S. Fulbright grantee to Nepal and later as a founding teacher at a Nashville, Tennessee, charter school. Hattie holds dual BA degrees in English and communication studies from Clemson University and an MEd in international education policy and management from Vanderbilt University.

Connecting across Learning Realms

Jessica Holmes
Professor of Economics, Middlebury College

Jessica Holmes has been a faculty member at Middlebury College since the fall of 2001. She teaches courses in microeconomics, health economics, the economics of social issues, and the economics of sin. In 2014, she was appointed by Governor Peter Shumlin to serve on Vermont’s healthcare regulatory body, the Green Mountain Care Board, and in 2015, she was selected by the foreign minister of Mexico to serve as honorary consul to Mexico. She earned a PhD in economics at Yale University and an AB in economics from Colgate University. When she is not working, she is most likely busy with her husband and three children or training at the swimming pool with her masters team, the Middlebury Muffintops.

Nadia R. Horning
Social Entrepreneurship Faculty Director and Associate Professor of Political Science, Middlebury College

Through her teaching and research in African governance and natural resource management, Nadia Rabesahala Horning has made critical contributions to the curriculum of the Political Science Department at Middlebury College, as well as to the programs in environmental studies and African studies. Her research examines connections across three levels of decision making—community, national, and international—to explain persistent deforestation in Madagascar, Tanzania, and Uganda. Her new research project investigates why African professionals do or do not return to Africa to live and work. A recipient of fellowships from the Mellon Foundation, Fulbright-Hayes, and the World Wildlife Fund, she graduated from George Mason University (BA in international studies and MA in international transactions) and from Cornell University (MA and PhD in comparative politics). She is the director of African studies and the academic director of social entrepreneurship at Middlebury College. She likes to bake cupcakes, both gluten-free and dairy-free, and has done so at sea level and high altitude, and on three continents.
Reflections
Sara L. Minard, PhD
Chief Program Officer, College for Social Innovation
Sara L. Minard serves as the chief program officer for the College for Social Innovation (CFSI), a not-for-profit organization in Boston that provides a semesterlong experiential learning opportunity for diverse college students, who undertake mentor-supported internships in the social sector while earning academic credit. CFSI’s mission is to educate and inspire the next generation of problem solvers. She is also a researcher and faculty advisor on impact investing for the Lewis Institute for Social Innovation at Babson College.

Action
Jeremy Gudauskas
Codirector of the Center for Social Impact and Assistant Vice President, North Central College
Jeremy Gudauskas is an assistant vice president at North Central College in Naperville, Illinois. He codirects the college’s Center for Social Impact, a collaborative campus effort focused on engaging students in social entrepreneurship, civic engagement, service, community-based learning, and activism. In the classroom, Gudauskas teaches undergraduate and graduate courses in leadership, social change, and social entrepreneurship in the interdisciplinary Leadership, Ethics, and Values Program and Master of Leadership Studies Program. He speaks and consults on topics related to social innovation and impact measurement. He also oversees the college’s Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship, Office of Career Development, Office of Faith and Action, and campus recreation. Over his 14 years at North Central, he has been involved in launching a variety of new student-focused initiatives, including a student-run music venue (the Union), a community-wide day of service (Intersection), preorientation immersion experiences (Cardinal Camps), a men’s leadership expedition (Men vs. Wild), an outdoor adventure program (TRAIL Outfitters), and multiple conferences (including TEDxNorthCentralCollege). Prior to returning to North Central (his alma mater), he gained valuable experience working for a global technology corporation, starting a small business, and being a founding board member of a local nonprofit organization.

Whitney Roberts
Director of Civic Engagement and Social Innovation, North Central College
Whitney Roberts serves as the director of civic engagement and social innovation in the Center for Social Impact at North Central College. She has worked in higher education since 2010, beginning her career in student affairs as the assistant director of ministry and service at North Central. With a BA in political science and an MA in leadership and social entrepreneurship, she oversees curricular and cocurricular efforts related to civic engagement and social innovation. She also teaches undergraduate courses in North Central’s Leadership, Ethics, and Values Program. Prior to her work in higher education, she worked for Coleman Group Consulting as a management consultant in Chicago.

Takeaways and Commitments
Heather Neuwirth ’08
Director of Programs, Center for Creativity, Innovation, and Social Entrepreneurship, Middlebury College
After graduating in 2008 as an English and American literatures and Italian joint major, Heather Neuwirth returned to Middlebury College in 2011 to help launch the Center for Social Entrepreneurship. As director of programs at the Innovation Hub, she worked to integrate three different departments into a center in 2016 and now manages operations and communication for the 23 programs in creativity, innovation, and social entrepreneurship. She is Middlebury College’s Clinton Global Initiative University staff liaison and mentor, an Ashoka U Change Leader, and Middlebury’s LaunchVT Collegiate liaison, and she serves on Middlebury’s Projects for Peace selection committee. She has a master’s in educational leadership and policy studies from the University of Vermont, volunteers as a counselor at the Hole in the Wall Gang Camp in Connecticut, and proudly serves on the Board of VSECU, a credit union devoted to improving the lives of all Vermonters.