

ANNOUNCING A NEW ACADEMIC JOURNAL

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Dear Faculty Colleague:

I am pleased to announce that The University of Alabama will be the inaugural home for a new research journal that will provide a mechanism for faculty, staff, students, and community partners to disseminate scholarly works from all academic disciplines with the goal of integrating teaching, research, and community engagement.

The journal is a project of the Council of the Center for Community-Based Partnerships (CCBP) and has the unanimous support of the 40-person Council. The Council is comprised of scholars and administrators from academic disciplines all across campus, along with community partners from government and the private sector.

The name of the new publication is the Journal of Community Engagement and Scholarship. It will address critical problems identified through community-based participatory research, a rapidly developing approach to cutting-edge scholarship in which students and community partners play important roles.

The founding editor is Dr. Cassandra Simon, associate professor in the School of Social Work. The first edition will be published in fall 2008.

Our vision is that the Editorial Board will include community partners and will be balanced in terms of region and theoretical and methodological approaches. Members will serve three-year terms.

This announcement serves as our initial call for manuscripts. See submission and other details about the journal on the back of this letter. We look forward to receiving your manuscripts.

For questions related to the journal, contact the editor at jces@ua.edu or call her at 205-348-4586.

Sincerely,



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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Samory T. Pruitt".

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Journal of Community Engagement and Scholarship

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The Editorial Board of the *Journal of Community Engagement and Scholarship* (JCES) invites the submission of manuscripts that relate to its mission: to provide a mechanism through which faculty, staff, and students of academic institutions and their community partners disseminate scholarly works from all academic disciplines with the goal of integrating teaching, research, and community engagement.

All forms of writing and analysis will be acceptable for the journal with consideration being given to traditional research and creative approaches that apply a variety of methodologies. Manuscripts that demonstrate central involvement of students and community partners will be given favorable consideration.

Manuscripts must be typewritten and double spaced in 12-point type. Article length, except in rare instances, should not exceed 25 pages including text, tables, and references. Tables and other graphics should be submitted as separate documents with their place in the manuscript indicated. The abstract and cover pages are not included in the page count.

The *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association* (5th edition) is the required reference style. Author(s) should supply a separate cover sheet with the name(s), affiliation(s), and other identifying information and contact information (address, phone numbers, fax numbers, and e-mail addresses) for each contributing author. Additionally, authors should include four to six keywords at the bottom of the cover sheet. All identifying information or references to the author(s) must be removed from

the manuscript. Each manuscript must also include an abstract of 150 words or less that summarizes the major themes of the manuscript.

It is assumed that manuscripts are submitted for exclusive publication in JCES and have not been simultaneously submitted elsewhere. Submission of a manuscript implies commitment to publish in this journal if accepted for publication. Authors submitting manuscripts to the journal should not simultaneously submit them to another journal. Nor should manuscripts have been published elsewhere in substantially the same form. Authors in doubt about what constitutes prior publication should consult the editor.

Authors are required to submit written permission to reprint from the original publisher any quoted material of 300 words or more from a single source; any quoted material from a newspaper, a poem, or a song (even a phrase), and any table, figure, or image reproduced from another work.

Submissions for the premier issue of this peer reviewed journal are due by July 1, 2008. Manuscripts will undergo blind review and require electronic submission in Microsoft Word. All images must also be submitted electronically, in TIF format with no less than 200 pixels per inch resolution for black and white and 300 for color images.

Inquiries and submissions should be e-mailed to Cassandra E. Simon, Associate Professor, School of Social Work, The University of Alabama, at jces@ua.edu. Confirmation of receipt of a submission will be sent within one week of receipt.