

Fifth Annual Health and Public Affairs Research Conference
University of Central Florida

Challenges of Community-Based and Action-Oriented Research

Thursday, October 23, 2008

Background:

Today's leaders must understand the challenges that impact community-based research endeavors. In facing the fiscal constraints and budget cuts from state and local agencies, community leaders and researchers must understand how to adapt by implementing new research partnership strategies and by effectively communicating best practices in community-based research to ensure the integrity and appropriateness of scientific research that will benefit the public. They also must learn how fiscal challenges facing local economics can provide the impetus to promote joint development of community partnership networks and increased social capital.

Academicians, publicly elected officials and public sector organizations must work together to identify ways to foster university/community partnerships, the development of social networks, and to identify the best practices in public affairs research.

The Conference:

Community leaders, academics and supporters of community-based research will have the opportunity to help identify the challenges that hinder the development of collaborative research. To this end, the College of Health and Public Affairs at the University of Central Florida proposes a one-day conference titled "**The Challenges of Community-Based and Action-Oriented Research.**" The conference, to be held on **Thursday, October 23 at the Alumni Center on the UCF campus**, will focus on how to develop collaborative research partnerships in public affairs, using tools such as social network analysis as exemplified in fields such as health management and informatics, public and nonprofit administration, social services, mental health, criminal justice, literacy, and public health. Conference speakers will possess academic and professional experience in community-based research and development. Several ongoing community projects will be showcased. Faculty members and students from UCF, and community interest groups, will be invited to present their work as it relates to the field of health and public affairs.

UCF's Doctoral Program in Public Affairs will bring together the leading scholars to share their scholarship and strategic agenda for resolving the most urgent collaborative research development issues. This annual research forum will be a gathering of change agents, from a variety of public sector disciplines, to address best-practice solutions for perfecting our community and nation's proactive response for social and community problems and identify successful stories in transforming community-based research. We invite your active participation in this exciting conference and sincerely hope that you may join us. The conference is an annual event sponsored by UCF's Center for Community Partnerships and the Doctoral Program in Public Affairs.

The conference will generate debates on important issues pertaining to health and public affairs research, build consensus on the domains of scientific inquiry relevant to public services, identify evidence-based approaches to enhance quality and efficiency of services organizations, and guide the strategic development of research partnerships with community agencies. The conference will be organized into four parts:

- 1) speakers and panelists presenting on community-based health and public affairs research and practice,
- 2) panelist discussions on research partnership projects,
- 3) community-based research methodologies, and
- 4) faculty and student research poster presentations.

Invited Speaker

Dr. Terry Cooper, School of Policy, Planning and Development, University of Southern California

Featured Moderators

Dr. Thomas Bryer, Assistant Professor, Department of Public Administration, UCF

Dr. Nancy Ellis, Director, Center for Community Partnerships, UCF

Dr. Lawrence Martin, Professor, Doctoral Program in Public Affairs, UCF

Dr. Denise Gammonley, Assistant Professor, School of Social Work, UCF

Dr. Robert Langworthy, Professor, Chair, Department of Criminal Justice and Legal

Dr. Jackie Zhang, Associate Professor, Doctoral Program in Public Affairs

Featured Panelists and Presenters

Mr. Mark Brewer, President and CEO, Community Foundation of Central Florida

Mr. Richard Morrison, Regional Vice President, Florida Hospital

Mr. Lawson Lamar, State Attorney, Ninth Judicial Circuit

Dr. Doug Beach, Secretary, Florida Department of Elder Affairs

Dr. Kevin Sherin, Director, Orange County Health Department

Dr. Rosalie Kane, Division of Health Services Research and Policy, University of Minnesota

Dr. Thomas T.H. Wan, Professor, Associate Dean for Research and Director of the Doctoral Program in Public Affairs, UCF

Dr. James Wright, Professor, Department of Sociology, UCF

Dr. Raymond Surette, Professor, Department of Criminal Justice and Legal Studies

Dr. John Ronnau, Professor and Director, School of Social Work

Dr. Naim Kapucu, Associate Professor, Department of Public Administration

Dr. Timothy Rotarius, Professor, Department of Health Management and Informatics

Dr. John Bricout, Associate Professor, School of Social Work

Dr. Chiung-Ya Tang, Post Doctoral Associate, Doctoral Program in Public Affairs

Conference Events

8:00 - 8:30 CHECK-IN AND CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST (*FAIRWINDS* Alumni Center)

8:30 - 8:45 WELCOMING REMARKS

Dr. Terry Hickey, Provost and Executive Vice President, UCF

Dr. Michael Frumkin, Dean, College of Health and Public Affairs, UCF

8:45 - 9:45 **KEYNOTE SPEAKER** - Community-Based Research Partnerships – A Perspective

Speaker: Dr. Terry Cooper, School of Policy, Planning and Development,
University of Southern California

Moderator: Dr. Thomas Bryer

9:45 - 10:45 **PANEL DISCUSSION** - A Panel Discussion on Community Research Partnerships

Moderator: Dr. Nancy Ellis

Panel: Mr. Mark Brewer, President and CEO, Community Foundation of
Central Florida

Mr. Richard Morrison, Regional Vice President, Florida Hospital

Mr. Lawson Lamar, State Attorney, Ninth Judicial Circuit

Dr. Kevin Sherin, Director, Orange County Health Department

10:45 - 11:00 MORNING BREAK

11:00 - 12:10 **PANEL DISCUSSION** - Conducting Community-Based Research

Moderator: Dr. Lawrence Martin

Panel: Dr. John Ronnau, School of Social Work

Dr. Naim Kapucu, Dept. of Public Administration

Dr. Timothy Rotarius, Dept. of Health Management and Informatics

Dr. James Wright, Institute for Social and Behavioral Sciences

Dr. Ray Surette, Department of Criminal Justice and Legal Studies

12:15 - 1:30 LUNCH

1:30 - 3:00 CONCURRENT SESSIONS -

SESSION 1: Community-Based Research in Long-Term Care

Moderator: Dr. Denise Gammonly
Panel: Dr. Doug Beach, Secretary, Florida Department of Elder Affairs
Dr. Rosalie Kane, Division of Health Services Research and Policy,
University of Minnesota
Dr. Thomas T.H. Wan, Professor, Associate Dean for Research and
Director of the Doctoral Program in Public Affairs, UCF

SESSION 2: Community-Based and Action-Oriented Research Methodologies

Moderator: Robert Langworthy
Methodologists: Dr. Chiung-Ya Tang, Doctoral Program in Public Affairs
Dr. Naim Kapucu, Department of Public Administration
Dr. John Bricout, School of Social Work

3:00 - 4:30 RESEARCH POSTER SESSION - (FAIRWINDS Alumni Center)
Faculty members, post-doctoral fellows, doctoral students, graduates and other invited researchers

Moderator: Dr. Jackie Zhang, Doctoral Program in Public Affairs

3:00 – 4:30 RECEPTION (FAIRWINDS Alumni Center)

Registration Information

Registration Form

(Please e-mail the information below to mmlachak@mail.ucf.edu or fax 407/823-0744)

Name _____

Email _____

Title _____

Organization _____

Registration Deadline October 13, 2008.

There is no fee required to attend this conference. We hope to see you there.
For further information, contact mmlachak@mail.ucf.edu.