

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY- ENGAGED LEARNING

Greetings!

Many thanks to all our partners for providing our students with community-engaged learning opportunities. This semester 210 students are working with the following agencies:

Abilities First
 Alzheimer's Association, Hudson Valley Chapter
 American Theatre Magazine
 Anderson Center for Autism
 Arthur S. May Elementary School
 Arts Mid-Hudson
 Barnes and Noble
 Barrett Art Center
 Boston Urban Teaching Initiative
 Burgerville Workers Union
 C&M Media
 Catherine Street Community Center
 Center for Veterinary Care
 Center for Victim Safety and Support, Family Services
 Children's Center at Family Court, Family Services
 Children's Home of Poughkeepsie
 Children's Medical Group
 Climate Action Alliance
 Congressional Campaign for Anthony Delgado
 Congressional Campaign for Gareth Rhodes
 Congressional Campaign for Jeff Beals
 D. Jen Brown Esq. Attorney at Law
 Dutchess County Court
 Dutchess County Family Court
 Dutchess County Department of Community and Family Services

Hudson River Housing: Middle Main Initiative

This semester, Vassar student Sophie Kaplan-Bucciarelli' 20 is working with Hudson River Housing's Middle Main Initiative as a *Community Building and Engagement intern*. Read below for more about her experience!



Photo Credit: Hudson River Housing

“The organization is working on projects ranging from affordable housing to economic revitalization to community development, but Middle Main’s work is concerned specifically with de-stigmatizing and reinvigorating Main St. in downtown Poughkeepsie. As a part of their neighborhood branding work, my main project is designing branding and outreach materials such as brochures, flyers, and social

Dutchess County Task Force
 Against Human Trafficking,
 Dutchess County Family and
 Community Services
 Dutchess County Public Transit
 Dutchess County Transportation
 Council
 Dutchess Outreach
 E.N.J.A.N. (End New Jim Crow
 Action Network)/ NYCLU
 E.P.I.C. Engaging People in Change
 Eden Street, LLC
 Environmental Cooperative at
 Vassar Barns
 Environmental Monitoring and
 Management Association
 ENVYUS Sound and Music
 Exploring College
 Exploring Science at Vassar Farm
 Family Services
 Grace Smith House
 Handel and Carlini
 HealthQuest Division of Clinical
 Research
 Hudson River Health Care
 Community Health
 Hudson River Housing
 Hudson Valley Design Lab
 Hudson Valley House of Hope
 Investopedia Inc.
 Jubilee Films
 Kildonan School
 Lagrange Veterinary and Animal
 Hospital
 Law Office of Christopher Coleman
 Lucky Orphan's Horse Rescue
 Massachusetts Commission against
 Discrimination
 Mental Health America of Dutchess
 County
 Mid-Hudson Association for
 Persons with Disabilities
 Mid-Hudson Children's Museum
 Mid-Hudson Heritage Center
 NAG Management
 Nobody Leaves Mid-Hudson
 North River Roasters
 Norwell High School
 Office of U.S. Congressman Sean
 Patrick Maloney
 Office of U.S. Senator Chuck
 Schumer
 Office of State Assemblywoman
 Didi Barrett

media posts to promote the organization and their projects. By collaborating with the other employees in the Community Building and Engagement team in order to get a sense of how their efforts in the community should be best portrayed, my job is to accurately represent Middle Main's goals and values through design while simultaneously learning about and getting involved in the Poughkeepsie community."

- Sophie Kaplan-Bucciarelli '20

Vassar students working with elected officials:

Students are working with elected officials in local, state, and national government. These include J. Lopez (Town of Poughkeepsie Board), R. Edwards and H. Black (Dutchess County Legislature) S. Serino (State Senate), D. Barrett (State Assembly), S. Maloney (U.S. Congress), and C. Schumer (U.S. Senate). Additionally, several students are working on three separate congressional campaigns in NY- 19.



Photo credit: L. Biskup

Briana Serradas '21 is doing a CEL placement with Senator Serino's District Office in Hyde Park.

Office of State Senator Sue Serino
 Office of the District Attorney, Dutchess County
 Office of the Medical Examiner, Dutchess County
 Office of the Public Defender, Dutchess County
 Offices of Dutchess County legislators
 Paper Street Films
 Pearson Coast Capital
 Performance Space 122
 Physician Assistant Scribes
 Planned Parenthood Mid-Hudson Valley
 Pleasant Valley Animal Hospital
 Portrait of America
 Poughkeepsie Day School
 Poughkeepsie Farm Project
 Poughkeepsie High School
 Poughkeepsie Middle School
 Poughkeepsie Youth Theatre, Family Services
 Public Arts Commission, City of Poughkeepsie
 R.E.A.L. Skills Network
 Reher Center for Immigrant Culture and History
 Reproductive Health Access Project
 River Valley Speech and Pathology
 Rural and Migrant Ministry
 Sanctuary for Families
 Sarah Hall Hullock Library
 Sprout Creek Farm
 Sustainable Hudson Valley
 The Art Effect
 Theatre Communications Group
 Tsechen Kunchab Ling Monastery
 Vassar After School Tutoring Program (VAST)
 Vassar Brothers Medical Center
 Vassar Haiti Project
 Vassar Urban Education Initiative and Art Effect
 Vassar English Language Learner's Outreach Program (VELLOP)
 Wise Working LLC
 Worker Justice System

Calendar for the Public Arts Commission

Annie Xu' 19 continues a CEL placement this semester with the Public Arts Commission, City of Poughkeepsie, where, among her other duties, she maintains an [Arts calendar](#)

News from Fall '17



Photo Credit: Evan Abramson, class of 2000 (Retrieved from <https://medium.com/invironment/bike-sharing-in-vassar-poughkeepsie-41eaa0e622b>)

Last semester, exchange student from Singapore Jerald Lim investigated bike sharing in Vassar and Poughkeepsie as part of a Community-Engaged Learning placement with the Vassar Environmental Cooperative and Vassar Sustainability Office. In his project, he explores biking in relation to physical health, the environment, social life, economics, and effects on non-bikers. He also goes into detail about the general sentiments about and positive effects of bike-sharing.

His impressive and comprehensive article can be found at: <https://medium.com/invironment/bike-sharing-in-vassar-poughkeepsie-41eaa0e622b>.

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