

Service-Learning Courses

Berea College 2011 – 2012 Academic Year

Courses followed by (ALE) were designated as service-learning courses that fulfilled the Active Learning Experience (ALE) requirement of the General Education Program.

FALL TERM 2011

AFR/PSC/WGS 202: Women and African-Americans in Politics

Professor: Meta Mendel-Reyes

Community Partner Organization and Contact: Kentuckians for the Commonwealth (KFTC) - *Carissa Lenfert*

Service-Learning Project: Students worked with KFTC staff and members of the Harvey Milk Society to organize a candidate forum for the special election for Berea City Council. Students worked in teams on publicity (which included creating a Facebook page) and logistics for the event. A key issue at the forum was the Fairness Ordinance which would prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity in Berea.

COM 315 Public Relations

Professor: Billy Wooten

Community Partner Organization and Contacts: New Opportunity School for Women (NOSW) – *Lori Sliwa and Stephanie Beard*

Service-Learning Project: Students worked with the NOSW to develop a recruitment campaign. Some students in the course developed a database of media outlets and community organizations in distressed Appalachian Counties (as defined by the Appalachian Regional Commission), to be used as contacts for recruiting NOSW participants. Other students in the class developed radio spots and video commercials, designed as recruitment tools.

HEA/APS 210 Health in Appalachia

Professor: Elizabeth Walker

Community Partner Organization and Contact: Kentucky Environmental Foundation (KEF) - *Deborah Payne*

Service-Learning Project: Students worked with staff of KEF to conduct research and develop educational tools, including digital stories, related to the effects of current coal mining and coal-use practices on the health of the people living in central Appalachia.

HLT/WST 236 Women and Health

Professor: Elizabeth Walker

Community Partner Organization and Contact: Kentucky Environmental Foundation (KEF) - *Elizabeth Crowe*

Service-Learning Project: Students worked with the staff of KEF to develop digital stories and other educational tools about the importance of reproductive health and the effects of environmental toxicities on the health of women and children.

PSJ 210: Diversity and Social Justice

Professor: Meta Mendel-Reyes

Community Partner Organizations: Berea Community School; Madison Southern High School

Service-Learning Project: Students in the course designed interactive workshops for students at two local schools, focused on increasing the participants' abilities to understand and talk about diversity in its many forms.

REL 126: Poverty and Justice

Professor: Michelle Tooley

Community Partner Organization and Contact: Berea Community Food Bank – *Jerry Workman*

Service-Learning Project: Students worked with community members to write a history of the Berea Community Food Bank, by gathering historical documents and interviewing individuals who have been involved in the work of the Food Bank throughout its history.

SOC 110 Problems of American Institutions

Professor: Jill Bouma

Community Partner Organizations and Contacts: Berea Community Food Bank – *Jerry Workman*; Farristown Middle School Youth Service Center – *Zac Wray*; Home Energy Partners - *Gina Chamberlain*; Kentucky Environmental Foundation (KEF) – *Elizabeth Crowe*; New Opportunity School for Women (NOSW) – *Lori Sliwa and Stephanie Beard*

Service-Learning Project: Each student in the course worked with one of five community organizations. Some students assisted with daily operational needs at the Berea Community Food Bank, including moving, sorting, and labeling food and assisting with the annual Hunger Hurts Food Drive. A group of students mentored sixth-grade students at Foley Middle School. Other students assisted Home Energy Partners with implementation of a Repair Affair through assistance with both administration and construction. Some students assisted with daily operational needs at the New Opportunity School for Women. Others assisted with policy research at the Kentucky Environmental Foundation (KEF).

SPN 310 Spanish Composition and Hispanic Outreach Project (HOP)

Professor: Fred de Rosset

HOP Student Coordinators: Jessica Brown, Eric Holmes, Marah Holz, Nahkitta Hubbard, and Kathryn Pliml.

Community Partner Organizations and Contacts: Berea Community School – *Diane Smith*; Project Read – *Brenda Thomas*; South Madison County Family Resource Center (Shannon Johnson Elementary School) - *Lisa Gay and 1st grade teachers*.

Service-Learning Project: Students collaborated with local organizations to provide services, including English as a Second Language (ESL) tutoring for children and adults, Spanish classes for English speakers (children), and translation services. The goal of these on-going projects is to build bridges between the Spanish-speaking and English-speaking communities of southern Madison County.

TEC 140 Production Technology in Wood

Professor: Gary Mahoney

Community Partner Organization and Contact: Clearfork Community Institute (CCI) - *Marie Cirillo*

Service-Learning Project: Students designed and prototyped products to be used in the CCI's community center. Working with CCI community leaders, products were selected, and then the class produced plans, procedures, and special tooling.

SPRING TERM 2012

CFS 245 Community Resources for Families

Professor: Andrea Woodward

Community Partner Organizations and Contacts: Berea Community School Family Resource Center – *Diane Smith*; Eastern Kentucky Child Care Coalition (EKCCC) – *June Widman*

Service-Learning Project: At Berea Community School, students worked with the afterschool "Pirate 21," program and the Friday backpack program, while some students worked with the school counselor. With the EKCCC, students wrote monthly newsletters for the organization, worked on increasing visibility of the organization on Facebook, and helped develop a handbook for childcare providers who are interested in participation in the Kentucky Healthy Schools Challenge.

CSC 330 Computer Database Systems

Professor: Mario Nakazawa

Community Partner Organizations and Contacts: BC Agriculture and Natural Resources – *Sean Clark*; Berea College Academic Services – *Rachel Roberts Lakes*; Berea Community Food Bank – *Jerry Workman*; Kentucky Association of Food Banks – *Tamara Sandberg*

Service-Learning Project: Students in the class designed and implemented a web-enabled database system for each of the community partner organizations, according to each organization's needs.

PED 280 Adapted Physical Education

Professors: Stephanie Woodie and Melody Srsic

Community Partner Organization and Contacts: Berea Community School Special Education Programs - *Darla Colegrove, Michelle Robbins, and Darryl Hill*

Service-Learning Project: The students in the class sponsored the Motor Fitness Clinic, which is a program that runs for 10 weeks during the semester. Students taking PED 280 are teamed up with a Berea Community School "buddy," for whom they plan and carry out fitness, motor skill, and aquatics activities on clinic days.

PSY286/WGS286: Psychology of Women and Gender

Professor: Wendy Williams

Community Partner Organizations and Contacts: Eastern Kentucky Child Care Coalition (EKCCC) – *June Widman*; Head Start – *John Roden*; Hope's Wings Domestic Violence Shelter – *Suzanne Howell*; New Opportunity School for Women (NOSW) – *Lori Sliwa and Stephanie Beard*; South Madison Family Resource Center - *Lisa Gay*; Berea College Women's Studies Program

Service-Learning Project: Students served the community partner organizations in various capacities while learning more about life experiences of women at different life stages.

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