The Program for Civic Engagement and Service Learning of the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa’s College of Social Sciences (CSS) coordinates and co-coordinates a number of interdisciplinary service-learning programs and projects with excellent research opportunities for faculty and students at CSS, UHM, and other colleges and higher institutions on O‘ahu.

Below is a list of some of the larger programs and projects. Find details, additional projects, and information about community engagement and research on our website, brochures, and calendars linked or uploaded at: http://servicelearning.socialsciences.hawaii.edu.

Email us at csssl@hawaii.edu or call our office at 956 4218 to get started or to create additional research and service opportunities with new/other partners than those mentioned here.

THE MĀLAMA I NĀ AHUPUA‘A PROGRAM (MINA)
Cultural/environmental program working with Küpuna and caretakers of sites on O‘ahu of significance for Kānaka Maoli culture, food production and general sustainability. Activities primarily take place on weekend- and some weekday mornings, but other schedules can be arranged. Introductions: 9/5 and 9/12.

THE PĀLOLO PIPELINE PROGRAM (PPP)
The Pālolo Pipeline is a loosely organized collaborative program consisting of a large number of partners from the Pālolo Valley communities, institutions, organizations, agencies, individuals, and three institutions of higher education with the overall purpose of improving education and quality of life for the residents in the housing areas. We work primarily with Pacific Islanders and South-East Asians, many of whom are recent immigrants. Our key partners include the local public schools, Pālolo Elementary School, Jarrett Middle School, and Kaimuki High School, and the Pālolo ‘Ohana Learning Center in the Pālolo housing – along with Kapi‘olani Community College and Chaminade University of Hawai‘i. The community sites start orientation sessions in the second week of September. Please our website for detailed instructions.

NO MO' HAUS - WORKING WITH HOUSELESS
Our key partners are Next Step Kaka‘ako. Mentoring, tutoring, and other assistance at the shelter, primarily working with children and youth. Some weekday evenings 5:30-7:30pm. Mandatory scheduled training: see our website; and the Institute of Human Services (IHS), Kalihi. Mentoring, tutoring, and other assistance. Various service opportunities, but primarily working with children. Examples of other types of service: kitchen duty, help with urban agriculture project, rooftop garden maintenance, organizing donations, etc., some of which have flexible schedules. Individual training.
PACIFIC CONNECTIONS
We work with a number of community groups, organizations, agencies, and institutions to improve living conditions for Pacific native and immigrant groups in Hawaiʻi – first and foremost in areas of overcoming racism and discrimination and improving health, education, housing, employment. One of our student leaders is preparing for the world-wide voyage with Hōkūleʻa and there will be opportunities to work with the Ka Holo Waʻa program (voyaging). We also offer Ke Kaiʻāulu project focused on food, health, and healthy communities.

POLICY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE
This group of programs and projects offer opportunities to work with interest/political organizations such as Hawaiʻi Peace and Justice, the Peoples Fund, Community Alliance on Prisons/Life of the Land, Local 5, Aikea, and social movement documentation projects.

OTHER PROJECTS
We work with a number of institutions, agencies, and organizations island-wide via established community partnerships. Individual projects can also be arranged.

FOR FACULTY:
If you are interested in allowing your students to work with us as part of their work for your classes, please contact the program director to find fitting semester-long service-learning programs and agree on requirements. If you want to use any of our activities for a one-time project, please contact csssl@hawaii.edu to set up an activity.

If you are preparing for future community and research engagement for your students or yourself - or seeking professional development opportunities, our director is available to develop opportunities for civic engagement for specific UHM/CSS courses and research projects. Professional development workshops in civic engagement at beginners and advanced levels, site visits, and individual mentoring will be available upon request.

FOR STUDENTS:
If you are a student, who wishes to do service learning, please do the following:

- Email the program administrators at csssl@hawaii.edu with your contact information, intent, and special skills/interests/needs such as academic requirements and time restraints. Include also information about the institution and class for which you are considering to do service learning.
- Register and comply with other paperwork requirements. See http://servicelearning.socialsciences.hawaii.edu/pages/forms.html
- Start your service after completing a written agreement with the community partner (site agreement).
- While working in the community, keep a timesheet and comply with requirements and instructions given by program and site coordinators – and have a good and productive learning experience!
- At the end of your service, please ask the community partner for an email evaluation sent to us at csssl@hawaii.edu
- Please also send us a copy of the reflection paper or other assignment required for the class for which you are doing service learning.

Service learning works well with ONLINE classes. Projects may still be possible, also for students, who are taking classes online outside of Oʻahu depending on available community partners in your area. Please contact the CE director at ulla@hawaii.edu to explore local possibilities.

PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION: Website: http://servicelearning.socialsciences.hawaii.edu/

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