

Lessons Learned from Community-Engaged Scholars and Scholarship

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Lessons learned

15 years of documenting and evaluating
community-engaged scholarship

You will always have to raise awareness, educate others, and define what success looks like.

Output metrics, alone, will not do the job equitably, fairly, or accurately.

Tell your story.

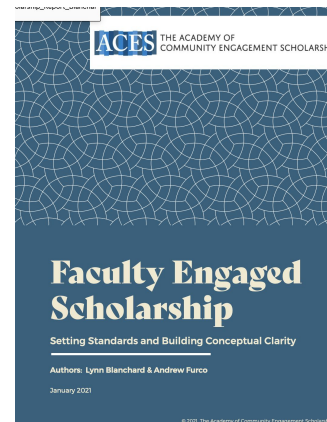
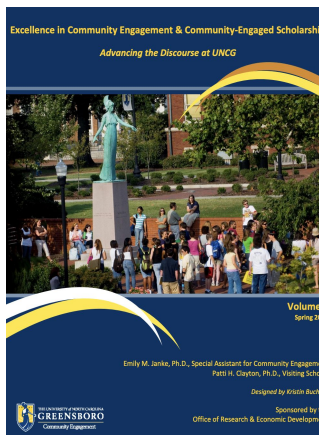


Community-engaged scholarship [defined]

An approach / methodology

Transdisciplinary partnerships that are

- asset-based
- reciprocal
- mutually beneficial





Indicators of Quality for all Scholarly Work

- Clear goals
- Preparation and mastery of existing knowledge
- Appropriate use of methods
- Significance of results
- Effective dissemination and communication
- Consistently ethical conduct

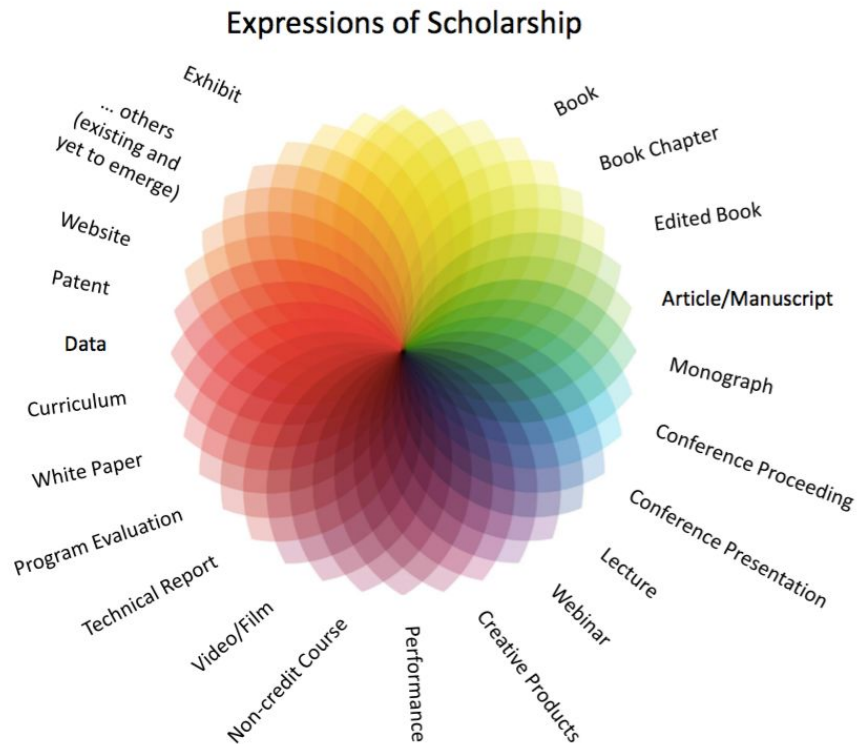
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Goals for Impact - For Whom? To What End?

Academic Impact	High academic	High academic
	Low community	High community
	Low academic	Low academic
	Low community	High Community
	Community Impact	

New Times Demand New Scholarship, Stanton (Ed). 2007.



Aligning Expectations



Traditional Scholarship

Breaks new ground in the discipline

Answers significant questions in the discipline

Based on a solid theoretical basis

Applies appropriate investigative methods

Disseminated to academic audiences

Makes significant advances in knowledge and understanding of the discipline and may address public issues

Is reviewed and validated by qualified peers in the discipline

Community-Engaged Scholarship

Breaks new ground in the discipline and has direct application to broader public issues

Answers significant questions in the discipline, which must be relevant to public or community issues

Based on solid theoretical and practical basis

Applies appropriate investigative methods

Disseminated to appropriate academic and community audiences

Makes significant advances in knowledge and understanding of discipline and public issues

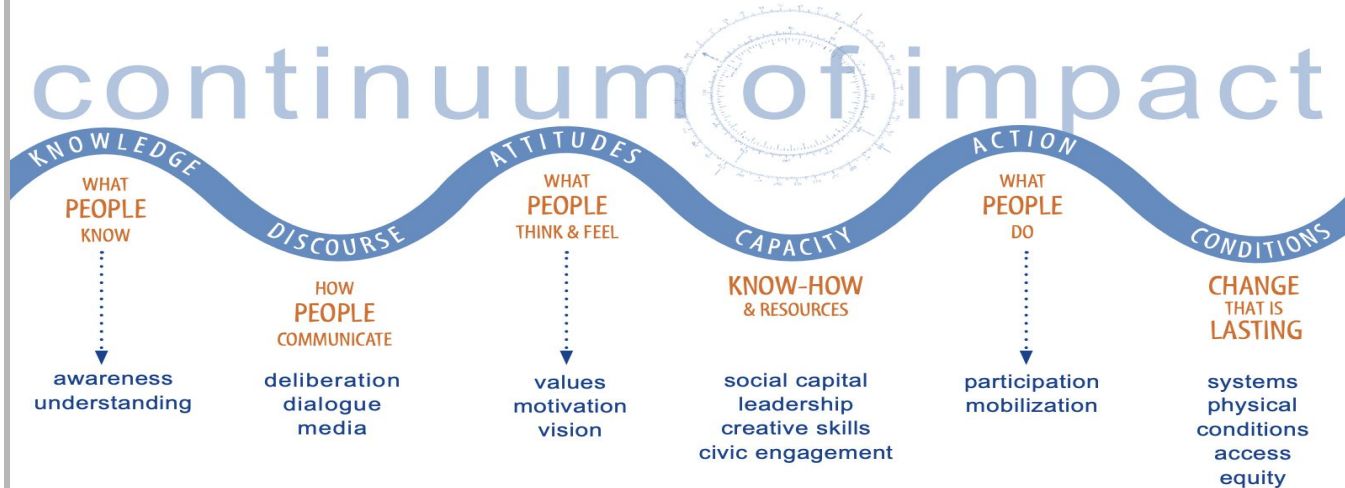
Is reviewed by and validated by qualified peers in the discipline and informed members of the community

Goals For Impact - Arts and Culture



ARTS and CULTURE make change happen

continuum of impact



Critical Intersections: Public Scholars Creating Culture, Catalyzing Change

An Imagining America Research Report

Erica Kohl-Arenas, Kal Alston, and Christina Preston

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Why this approach is essential

Epistemology - I cannot know what I want to know unless I ...

Translational - To quickly and effectively improve ...

Equity & Ethics - To ensure right relationships, equitable processes, ethical engagement ...

Identity - I came to and am committed to this work because ...

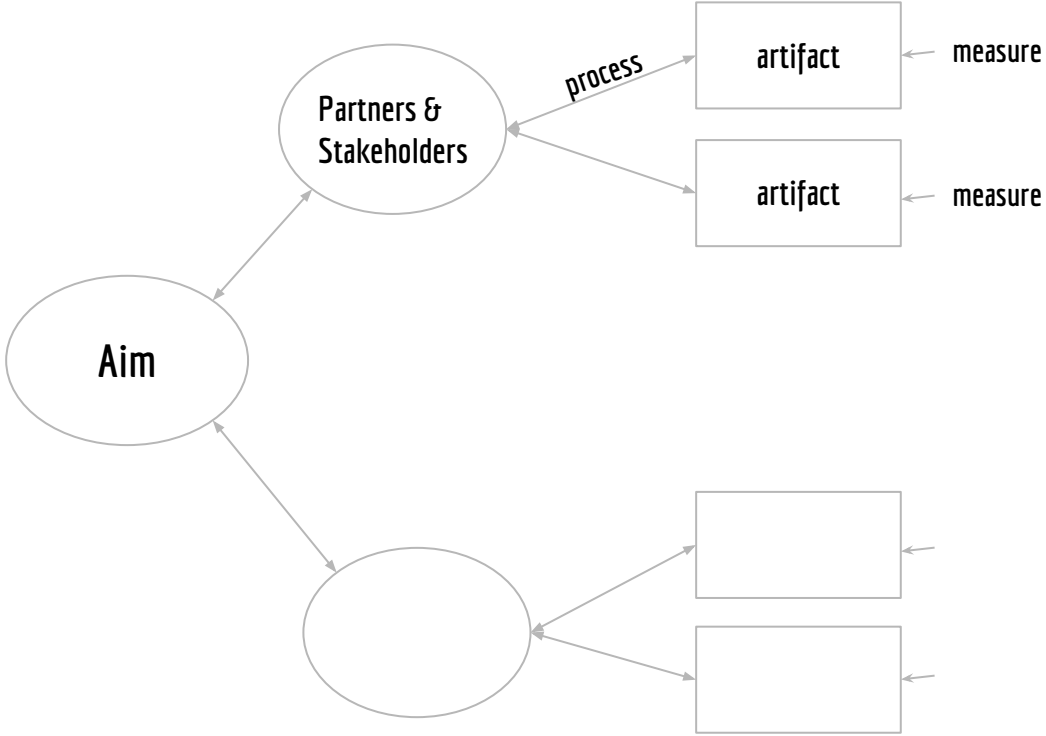
What else?



Narrative Tapestry [outcome, process, output]

Tell your story.

What are the dimensions of your success?





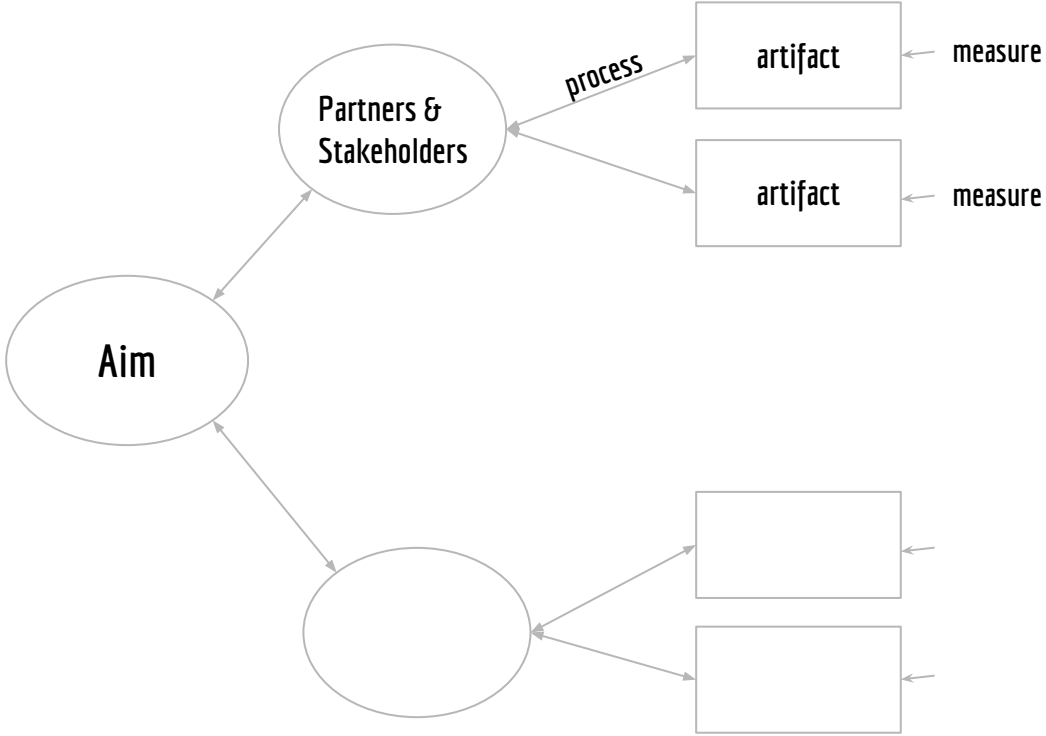
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We aim to...

This approach is ... and it matters because...

We have produced ...

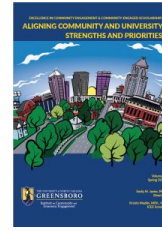
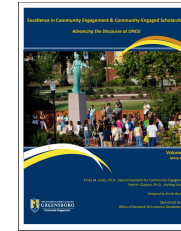
We know we have been successful because...



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