



NUEL North Central Regional Caucus

May 9-10, 2018

Marriott Grand St. Louis, MO

The NUEL North Central Regional Caucus is an interdisciplinary approach to build, resource and deliver multi-state, regional and national educational initiatives. Our kick-off meeting provides the structure for urban Extension professionals to come together and address identified regional issues. Through an exploration of the contexts of our work, best practices and successful educational approaches, we will collaboratively develop plans for multi-state and regional projects that collectively impact issues in the North Central Region.

Day 1, Wednesday, May 9 →

10:00 CST	Registration and Check-in
10:30	<p>Setting the Stage <u>Introducing NUEL and Defining our Caucus Purpose</u></p> <p>The National Urban Extension Leaders (NUEL) are dedicated Extension professionals who are advancing the strategic importance and long-term value of Urban Extension work. Learn how NUEL has evolved to where it is today and why regional caucuses are vital to its future.</p> <p>Patrick Proden, NUEL Chair, Oregon State University, Outreach and Engagement Steve Wagoner, NUEL Regional Caucus Chair, Purdue Extension-Marion County</p> <p>Opening Keynote <u>The Urban Extension Way</u></p> <p>Interdisciplinary work and multi-state collaboration are central to the growth, impact and continued success of Urban Extension. The Urban Extension way involves forming and effectively utilizing diverse networks at the local and regional level. Hear how Urban Extension throughout the North Central Region can be a leader in this work and a model for the nation.</p> <p>Dr. Marshall Stewart, Vice Chancellor for Extension and Engagement, University of Missouri Extension</p>
11:45	Buffet Lunch

12:15	<p>Grounding our Work <u>Meet Me in St. Louis: Challenge of Urban Decline & Growth</u></p> <p>An increase in economic segregation, withdrawal of federal funding and the disappearing of the middle class has, in recent years, changed the dynamic of our North Central Region urban communities. It is not all bad news, though, as the reurbanization of core areas and the emergence of clusters of jobs have promoted urban growth and helped stabilize neighborhoods. Learn how anchor institutions, such as universities, play a key role in this success.</p> <p>Dr. Todd Swanstrom, E. Desmond Lee Endowed Professor in Community Collaboration and Public Policy, University of Missouri-St. Louis</p>
1:15-2:30	<p>Concurrent Session 1 <u>Appreciating the Contexts of our Work</u></p>
	<p>Urban Youth Tailoring Our Diverse Learning Environments</p> <p>Urban youth delivery modes demand tailored approaches to specific communities and to specific environmental settings. The “place” where youth work occurs influences how positive youth development happens. Listen to stories from your Urban Extension colleagues and volunteers in the St. Louis Metropolitan Area.</p> <p>Afterschool Programs – Karen Tilashalski and Alison Donoho, former 21st Century Community Learning Center ExCEL Afterschool Program Directors, University of Illinois Extension, Madison-St. Clair Unit</p> <p>Military Programs – Lynn Weis, Scott Air Force Base Program Coordinator, 4-H Youth Development, University of Illinois Extension</p> <p>Youth Summer Camps – Linda Crawl Jackson, Extension Educator, Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP), University of Illinois Extension</p> <p>Library Programs – Aaron Morris, Graduate Student, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville and former Illinois 4-H Teen Leader</p> <p>Community 4-H Clubs – Sarah Morefield, Clay County 4-H Youth Development Specialist, University of Missouri Extension</p> <p>Facilitators Donna Garcia, Youth Futures College Access State Specialist, University of Missouri Extension Xiomara Diaz-Vargas, 4-H Youth Development Educator, Purdue Extension-Marion County</p>

	<p>Community Food Systems Exploring Interdisciplinary and Multi-state Extension Work in Food Systems</p> <p>Be motivated by examples of North Central food system collaborative work! Their success stories will help you define how your own work exhibits collaboration, creates opportunity for exploring further collaboration and sets the stage for relationship development to enhance innovation.</p> <p>Metropolitan Food Systems Team – University of Missouri Growing Growers Farmer Training Program – Kansas and Missouri</p> <p>Facilitators Marlin Bates, County Extension Director, K-State Research and Extension – Douglas County Kara Lubischer, Assistant Extension Professor, State Specialist, Stock Healthy, Shop Healthy, University of Missouri Extension</p>
	<p>Community Capacity Building Discovering Collaborative and Multi-state Extension Work in Community Development – an integrated community development approach in Milwaukee</p> <p>Learn from and be inspired by Dr. Angela Allen’s experience in working on the national and multi-state Extension Reconsidered Initiative with Extension colleagues from across the country. She will also share highlights from her work with numerous community development collaborations and partnerships such as the Transform Milwaukee Collective Impact Initiative that includes LISC Milwaukee, the Population Change Learning Community, Urban Communities Reimagined that she connected to eXtension’s Impact Collaboratives, and Imagining America’s Performing our Future initiative. Learn about and share resources to further Extension’s community development work in urban areas nationally.</p> <p>Dr. Angela Allen, Community Resource Development Faculty, University of Wisconsin – Extension, Milwaukee County</p> <p>Facilitator Marie A. Ruemenapp, Extension Educator, Michigan State University Extension,</p>

	<p>Urban Extension Administration Wearing Many Hats</p> <p>Extension administrators, regardless of their level of administration, need to balance a variety of roles as they wear many hats. They often are the public face of Urban Extension and our most influential advocates. Hear how different Urban Extension administrators at regional and local levels advocate for their most pressing Urban Extension needs related to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Dealing with organizational change – Carrying out Human Resource functions such as position descriptions, recruitment, hiring, onboarding and supporting – Navigating political waters and interacting with key stakeholders – Celebrating and acknowledging impactful Urban Extension work – Developing creative funding streams for staff and programs <p>Dr. Jody Squires, Associate Regional Director, University of Missouri Extension</p> <p>Carrie Edgar, Director, Dane County University of Wisconsin-Extension</p> <p>James Reaves, Unit 3, Lake and McHenry Counties, University of Illinois Extension (<i>invited but not confirmed</i>)</p> <p>Facilitators Julie Gray, Central District Director, Purdue Extension Steve Wagoner, County Extension Director, Purdue Extension-Marion County</p>
2:45-4:00	<p>Concurrent Session 2 Exploring Best Practices</p>
	<p>Urban Youth A Menu of Urban Youth Programming and Selecting Work Teams</p> <p>Hear about four different urban youth development delivery modes from the experts who were instrumental in making them happen. Then participate in small group discussions to identify and establish best practices for interdisciplinary and regional Extension efforts. Self-selected teams convene and experience together an exercise to agree on highly effective strategies to build programmatic collaboration.</p> <p>Teens as Teachers – Aaron Morris, Graduate Student, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville and former Illinois 4-H Teen Teacher</p> <p>Youth Futures – Donna Garcia, Youth Futures College Access State Specialist, University of Missouri Extension</p> <p>4-H Project Clubs – Diamond Mack, St. Louis County 4-H Youth Development, University of Missouri Extension</p> <p>4-H LIFE – Lynna Lawson, State 4-H Youth Development Specialist, Program and Resource Development, University of Missouri Extension</p> <p>Facilitator Xiomara Diaz-Vargas, 4-H Youth Development Educator, Purdue Extension-Marion County</p>

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	<p>Urban Extension Administration Building Capacity and Selecting Work Teams</p> <p>Urban Extension administrators understand the importance of building capacity within the organization to comprehensively address critical urban issues. Extension colleagues share some useful tips in this session on working across program lines to identify niches, building strong partnerships and utilizing specialized volunteers. Caucus delegates then work in small group discussions to identify and establish best practices for interdisciplinary and regional Extension efforts. Self-selected teams convene and experience together an exercise to agree on highly effective strategies to build programmatic collaboration.</p> <p>Erica Austin, Extension Educator, 4-H Youth Development Metro, University of Illinois Extension Nicole Debose, County Extension Director, Cuyahoga County Extension, The Ohio State University Janet Reed, County Extension Director and Community Development Educator, Purdue Extension-Lake County</p> <p>Facilitators Julie Gray, Central District Director, Purdue Extension Steve Wagoner, County Extension Director, Purdue Extension-Marion County</p>
4:15-5:30	<p>NUEL World Café Conversation Strengthening Extension’s Position and Success in Urban Areas: Finding Your Place</p>
6:30	<p>Dinner around Town</p>

Day 2, Thursday, May 10 →

7:00	Continental Breakfast
8:00	Good morning! Energizer
8:30-10:00	<p>Concurrent Session 3 SOAR (Strengths, Opportunities, Aspirations and Results)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – All tracks experience the SOAR process to begin developing their track-specific action-oriented work plans around possible areas of interdisciplinary and multi-state or regional collaboration – Project-specific small groups emerge for further development
10:15-11:45	<p>Concurrent Session 4 Finalizing our Work Plans and Preparing to Present</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Project-specific small groups within each track finalize their work plans and prepare a short presentation for the total caucus delegation summarizing their intentions – Work plans describe outcomes or goals to achieve, quarterly steps to take over the next year, group members and leadership, necessary resources to support the work, specific opportunities for interdisciplinary and multi-state or regional collaboration, and a timeline for project completion
Noon	Lunch
	<p>Closing Capnote The Real World of Community</p> <p>From project planning to systems change, Extension urban community development programming is important for residents seeking to be change agents in their own community. Hear about this transformation from the perspective of a MU Extension Neighborhood Leadership Academy alumnus and current Neighborhood Leadership Fellow.</p> <p>Kimberly Knox, Neighborhood Leadership Fellow</p> <p>National Perspective Connecting to NUEL, ECOP and NIFA (<i>invited but not confirmed</i>)</p> <p>Chris Boerboom, Director, North Dakota State University Extension NUEL National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) representative, USDA</p>
1:15-3:00	<p>Concurrent Session Reports Planning our Collective Work</p> <p>Small group report-outs are presented, and the large group reviews and processes them to identify commonalities and opportunities for cross-programming, completes shared planning, and lists next steps for the caucus</p>
3:00	Adjournment and Depart for Home