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This is a portion of the proposal that was selected as the common theme for 2013-2014. The proposal was a combined effort of faculty and staff, including Kristy Aoki (Office on International Education), the International Education Committee and the Global Studies Faculty.

Summary of the 2013-2014 Common Theme, “Global Citizenship in an Evolving World”

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If you have an idea or would like to get involved with the Common Theme, please contact one of the Common Theme Task Force members:
- Brenda Amenson-Hill (Co-Chair)
- Donna Ritch (Co-Chair)
- Sheila Carter
- Mona Christensen
- Paula Ganyard
- Doreen Higgins
- Steve Meyer
- Kelly Moore
- Mariah Pursley
- Ellen Rosewall
- Gail Sims-Aubert
- Aaron Weinschenk

Selected Events Related to “Global Citizenship in an Evolving World”

- Czech and Slovak Music Competition
- Eat Well events at the Mauthe Center; proceeds went to building a well in Kenya
- Presentation by Brooke Hauser, author of New Kids: Big Dreams and Brave Journeys at a High School for Immigrant Teens
- Presentation by Alexandra Russell, founder of Urban Light, counter child trafficking and anti-sex trade expert, and human rights leader
- African Music and Drumming
- Cinco De Mayo Celebration Week
- Cultural Cuisine Luncheons
“Engaging in Public Life”
2014-2015 Common Theme

“Given the range of important social and political issues that are currently facing the world, it is more important now than ever before to get people thinking about ways that they can engage in public life, politics, and civic activities. Students need to have the idea that engaging in public life is important and be continually pushed to think about what they are learning connects back to their role as citizens.”

This a portion of the proposal submitted by Aaron Weinschenk (Assistant Professor of Public and Environmental Affairs).

Upcoming Events

- Volunteer and Community Fair
  Wednesday, September 3, 2014; 11:00 am
  Phoenix Rooms
- The Color Run
  Sunday, October 5, 2014; 10:00 am
  Throughout campus
- Steve Pemberton (Chief diversity officer and divisional vice president for Walgreens)
  Wednesday, October 15, 2014; 7:00 pm
  Phoenix Rooms

Throughout this year, the Common Theme committee would like to highlight the many different ways that students, faculty and staff engage in community service and public life. If you would like to share a story, photo or video of an event, please contact one of the Co-Chairs, Brenda Amenson-Hill or Donna Ritch.

If you have events appropriate for the common theme, please submit them at www.uwgb.edu/commontheme/events

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Ideas for Future Common Theme Topics

Do you have an idea for the 2014-2015 common theme? This year we are particularly interested in a theme that will help us celebrate the 50th anniversary of the University.

Watch your e-mail for the request for proposals which should be coming out soon. The process for submitting a proposal is a very simple one. The Common Theme task force looks for interdisciplinary ideas that can connect faculty, staff, students, and the community. A stipend of $3000 is awarded to the author(s) of the selected proposal to be used toward common theme programming.