

**Indiana State University
Community Engagement Activities
Department Annual Report
2005**

Project Name:
Community Development and Empowerment

Description

Campaign for Human Development Grant.

Creation and development of Neighborhood Associations.

How do you see community engagement activities fitting in with your department in the future?

The department of Sociology will continue to play a prominent role in helping Indiana State University become well recognized in the area of community engagement.

What do you feel has been the impact of the project?

Successful collaboration between an Indiana State Univ. representative and two prominent not-for-profits in Terre Haute. Enhanced trust between the university and the community. Increased efficacy among citizens who often lack a sense of agency.

Faculty involved with students in this project outside of class

None

Who from the community is involved?

Ryves Hall and Catholic Social Charities.

Who from ISU is involved?

Professor Chuck Norman

Number of Students	Where it takes/took place	Is this activity ongoing
0	Terre Haute, IN	No

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Project Name:

Ending Hunger: Think Globally and Act Locally

Description

Students in SOC 110 and WS 200 first investigated hunger/poverty in Terre Haute and then ran individual food drives for local agencies. Students also participated in a rally where they brought attention to a number of social issues relating to hunger/poverty.

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What do you feel has been the impact of the project?

Students learned about issues relating to hunger/poverty in Terre Haute. Students began to think/strategize about long term solutions to hunger/poverty in Terre Haute. Students practiced grassroots activism.

Faculty involved with students in this project outside of class

Professors Alvarez (Sociology), Norman (Sociology), and Schneider(English and Women's Studies).

Who from the community is involved?

Catholic Charities and local food banks

Who from ISU is involved?

Professors Alvarez (Sociology), Norman (Sociology), and Schneider(English and Women's Studies).

Number of Students	Where it takes/took place	Is this activity ongoing
125	Terre Haute	No

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Project Name:

Best Use of Survey--West Central Regional Science Fair

Description

Best Use of a Survey (Spring 2005)

The Sociology Research Lab introduced the "Best Use of a Survey" award for the first time this spring. The award is presented to participants in the annual West Central Regional Science Fair (middle school and high school students compete). This year, two students received the award: one at the middle division (\$50.00) and one at the senior division (\$75.00). These awards were the only special awards in the Social and Behavioral Sciences Division.

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What do you feel has been the impact of the project?

Strengthening the Sociology Research Labs presence as a provider of services to the community.

Faculty involved with students in this project outside of class

Dr. Steiger

Who from the community is involved?

Local Middle and High Schools--Vigo County School Corporation as well as other Corporations in West Central Indiana

Who from ISU is involved?

Dr. Steiger (Sociology)

Number of Students	Where it takes/took place	Is this activity ongoing
25+	West Central Indiana	Yes

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Project Name:

An American Lynching: The Emmett Till Story

Description

Trained select students and community members to facilitate information sessions on the life and murder of Emmett Till. Supported the writing and production of "An American Lynching: The Emmett Till Story" a play that was presented at Rose Hulman and Indiana State University (during Human Rights Day).

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What do you feel has been the impact of the project?

Young people in the Vigo County community have a greater understanding of the pivotal role Emmett Till's death played in the birth of the African-American Civil Rights movement in the mid-1950s. Opportunity to continue to work against racism and hate

Faculty involved with students in this project outside of class

Professors Alvarez and Norman (Sociology)

Who from the community is involved?

Theresa Bynum
Martin Luther King Jr. Commemorative Coalition
Emmett Till Commemorative Coalition
NAACP
Youth NAACP

Who from ISU is involved?

Professors Alvarez and Norman (Sociology)
Monique Mosely and George Potter (Graduate Students)
Theater Department
I.S.U. undergraduates

Number of Students	Where it takes/took place	Is this activity ongoing
25+	Terre Haute	No

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Project Name:
Presidential Preference Poll

Description

The Presidential Preference Poll for 2004 election involved over 750 interviews and correctly called the election preferences of Vigo voters in both the presidential and gubernatorial election.

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What do you feel has been the impact of the project?

The Sociology Research Lab played an important part in enhancing the civic engagement of voters in Vigo County during the 2004 national, state-wide, and local election in 2004.

Faculty involved with students in this project outside of class

Professors Steiger and Cassell

Who from the community is involved?

After the poll was completed:

Mayor Kevin Burke
Channel 2 and 10 news
Tribune Star

Who from ISU is involved?

Professors Steiger and Cassell (Sociology)

Number of Students	Where it takes/took place	Is this activity ongoing
10	Vigo County	Yes