



# UW-SOUTH MADISON PARTNERSHIP

Community Newsletter  
2019 Vol. 1

**Welcome!** This is our first newsletter ever, and we are very excited to begin sharing our Partner's stories with you! The purpose of this publication is to share important updates, accomplishments and stories with our community and partners. Many of the entries are written directly by our amazing partners and programs, so if you have anything you want to share in future additions please send them to:

**partnership@morgridge.wisc.edu.** We will be publishing new additions to include community events, resources, opportunities, and more!



**About the partnership:** Opened in 2015, the UW Partnership (UWSMP) is a UW–Madison initiative designed to meet the South Madison community's needs and foster mutually beneficial relationships. Located in the Villager Mall, the physical space—equipped with classroom space, conference rooms, private meeting areas, and university resources—allows community members to engage with UW–Madison in a more accessible, meaningful way. Current programming at the UWSMP includes the UW Odyssey Project, which offers a free humanities course for adult students facing economic barriers to college, and the Neighborhood Law Clinic, which provides a range of legal and advocacy services to low-income community members. University partners are encouraged to utilize the space for classes and meetings to engage community members and integrate students into the community.

**UWSMP Updates:** Our Facebook page is up and running! Follow us for updates on community events, university programs, updates on the space, and important resources like job postings: @UWSMP

**1,000**

People use the space  
monthly

**10**

Weekly Programs

**35**

Campus and community  
groups participate annually

## Want to reserve the space?

Follow the link below to fill out the form to reserve a room. Please check the calendar (<http://go.wisc.edu/h83vx6>) for availability. For more information about reservations, please email [partnership@morgridge.wisc.edu](mailto:partnership@morgridge.wisc.edu).

**Reserve**

## Partner Updates:

**The Professional Accelerated Licensure/Grow Our Own Teacher Education Program** is an accelerated grow-your-own pathway to General & Special Education dual teaching licensure for working adults in the Madison Metropolitan School District. The goal of this collaborative initiative is to diversify the teaching force, respond to the high demand for qualified special education teachers, leverage candidates' funds of knowledge about schools and communities, and enhance inclusive and social justice teaching practices.

The 2017-2019 cohort has been meeting with UW professors and instructors every Saturday at the South Madison Partnership space to complete teacher preparation coursework and study for licensing exams. Each semester, they also conduct classroom internships under the guidance of mentor teachers. Participants will earn their dual teaching license in June 2019 and become regular or special education classroom teachers across the district!

**The Odyssey Project** provides adults facing economic barriers with a chance to start college for free. Now in its sixteenth year, this inspirational project has empowered more than 400 low-income adults to find their voices and get a jump start at earning college degrees.

The Odyssey sends their congratulations to Colleen Johnson (who serves as the director of development and community partnerships at the UW Odyssey project) for being named one of BRAVA Magazine's 2019 Women to watch! "This year, Johnson is raising money to support the program's growth, including a plan to expand it to the state's prison system." In addition, she hopes to assist many past and future Odyssey grads in pushing further to obtain degrees. You can check out the full BRAVA article here: <https://bravamagazine.com/w2w-colleen-johnson/>.

**The Neighborhood Law Clinic (NLC)** provides free legal information and in some cases, free legal representation to residents of Dane County, and surrounding counties. NLC can help with legal problems involving housing, employment and public benefits. NLC clients receive legal services from law students, who are supervised by attorneys.

Recently, the NLC completed its 20th year of providing services in the community! In this year alone, a group of six law students spent over 4,000 hours of time serving clients, from South Madison, as well as those from further away in Dane, Rock, Jefferson, Sauk, and Juneau counties. The Neighborhood Law Clinic obtained judgments totaling over \$95,000 in wages and deposits that were wrongfully taken from community members.



## Events

Check out our Facebook page for updated weekly events! @UWSMP

FREE Saturday Science at Space Place EVERY Saturday @ 10am for kids ages 6-10  
2300 S. Park St

Badger Rock Community Market EVERY Sunday @ 12pm  
501 E. Badger Rd

Centro Hispano Winter Mercadito EVERY Wednesday @ 4-7pm  
810 W. Badger Rd

2019 Spring Election  
April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019  
More info: <https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/>

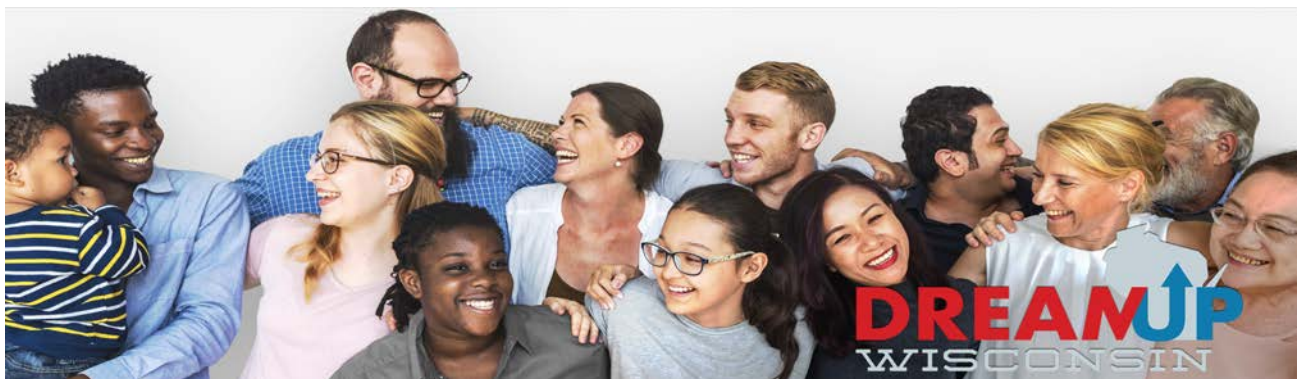
Save the date! UWSMP's Community Celebration will be **September 12th, 2019 from 5-7pm!**  
Contact us if you're interested in hosting a table, or go to [communityrelations.wisc.edu](http://communityrelations.wisc.edu) for more info!

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## Partner Updates:

**All of Us Research Program:** The UW-Madison School of Medicine and Public Health Institute for Clinical and Translational Research (ICTR) is excited to announce their partnership with the national All of Us Research Program! Their goal is to help researchers better understand why people get sick or stay healthy, positively impacting the quality of healthcare in Wisconsin and beyond. They are looking for one million people who are 18 years of age and older to share their health data to build the largest health database of its kind.

Last Fall, Laura Green (Grants and Volunteer Coordinator, Catholic Multicultural Center (CMC)) and Sarah Esmond (Director of Administration, ICTR) discovered a common interest around cancer health and wellness and health disparities. The CMC was in the process of addressing how to continue hosting Spanish language community support meetings on cancer, given a recent loss of funding. Meanwhile, Sarah was seeking community interest in partnering around the All of Us Wisconsin precision medicine research endeavor. Cancer treatment happens to be an ideal illustration of the power of precision medicine! Together, with the help and support of respective UW and CMC colleagues, they identified a way for UW to provide CMC meeting support for three 2019 cancer health community meetings. Additionally, they have collaborated on introducing CMC colleagues to the UW Comprehensive Cancer Center's *Cancer Clear and Simple*. This curriculum is designed to build knowledge and improve health related decision-making, and it includes Spanish language materials which will be used in the community meetings.



**Dream-Up Wisconsin** is a partnership between UW–Madison and the community, tasked with generating ideas to increase the net income of 10,000 Dane County families by 10% by the year 2020. Two Wisconsin teams (Legal Interventions for Transforming Dane (LIFT) and We Care for Dane Kids) advance to the final round after participating in a pitch competition this January in Phoenix.

LIFT Dane is an online platform that provides workers with easy access to public data and services to eliminate legal barriers to employment, and We Care for Dane Kids is a multi-pronged approach to transforming the early childhood and after school care sectors that would supplement income for workers and child care costs, reduce operating expenses for facilities, and create a child care benefit program.

University of Wisconsin-Madison had a total of three teams who competed along with teams from Arizona State University, Ohio State University, and The University of Utah. This summer, the finalists will compete for funding to help implement their plans in Wisconsin. The Alliance for the American Dream, known locally as DreamUp WI, is sponsored by Schmidt Futures, a philanthropic initiative founded by Eric and Wendy Schmidt that seeks to improve societal outcomes through the thoughtful development of emerging science and technology that can benefit humanity.



# Program Spotlight: PLATO



Since fall 2105, a series of Participatory Learning and Teaching Organization (PLATO) courses run out of the partnership space have been exploring the mechanisms of racism, the nature of injustice and inequality, and how the effects impact ALL people in Madison.

The “Experience of Native Peoples in Wisconsin” was the subject of the fall 2018 course. Most of the presenters of the 10-week course were native people from the various Tribal Nations.

“When possible, I feel it is important that individuals from groups experiencing (racial) injustice or inequality should tell their story.” Patty Loew (Ojibwe), a former UW professor, began the course with an over-view of the twelve “Indian Nations of Wisconsin” based upon her book of the same name. Rebecca Comfort (Ojibwe) of the State Historical Society talked about why “sovereignty is among the most important issues to Native peoples” and Aaron Bird Bear (Mandan, Hidatsu, Dine) of the UW School of Education spoke about WI ACT 31 and why the teaching of Native history in Wisconsin’s schools is so necessary.

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Course members also learned about the history of the Ho-Chunk people (Madison is located within the ancestral land of the Ho-Chunk) and the destructive legacy of the 1493 “Doctrine of Discovery” which supported the concept of “Manifest Destiny” and provides a foundation for racism to this day.

“I had no idea I would be welcomed by Ho-Chunk or other Wisconsin Native people. Nor that we could set up a conversation with Native Americans to discuss issues of mutual importance.” And another, “Everything I am learning in this course ... I feel that I am entering an area that holds great intellectual and personal importance to me, and that this is only a beginning.” Several course members expressed interest in continuing their study, together.

-Written by Rick Orton, PLATO Course Coordinator

# Community Resources



## HEALTH:

[Alzheimer's and Dementia Alliance](#)  
[Cancer Health Disparities Initiative](#)  
[Madison low cost healthcare resources](#)  
[Covering Wisconsin](#)  
[United Way of Dane County](#)  
[Planned Parenthood](#)  
[National Suicide Prevention Lifeline](#)  
[Dane County CASA](#)  
[All of Us Research Program](#)

## LEGAL:

[Neighborhood Law Clinic](#)  
[Tenant Resources](#)  
[Immigration Justice Clinic](#)  
[Legal Action of Wisconsin, Inc.](#)

## ACADEMIC/ CAMPUS:

[Bucky's Tuition Promise \(Office of Financial Aid\)](#)  
[The Badger Promise \(Office of Financial Aid\)](#)  
[The Odyssey Project](#)  
[UW Self Help resources](#)  
[Dean of Students Office](#)  
[UW Community Relations](#)

## Opportunities

[2019 City of Madison Neighborhood Grant Program](#)  
[2019 SEED Grant](#)  
[2019 Partners in Equity Grant Program](#)  
[Badger Volunteers](#)  
[Madison Arts Commission Annual Arts Grants](#)

## Employment

[Urban League Job Seeker Resources](#)  
[UW Job Search Support Group](#)  
[Dane County Job Center](#)

## Front Desk Hours (Spring 2019):

Monday: 10am-5pm

Tuesday: 10am-5pm

Wednesday: 10am-5pm

Friday: 10am-4pm



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