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University of Indianapolis

Awarded \$11,000 for Three-Year Grant

The funding from Indiana Campus Compact will provide the University of Indianapolis with the opportunity to build a Gender Resource Center that will serve as a central place where students, faculty/staff, and community members can work together on issues involving gender, sex, and sexual orientation.



INDIANAPOLIS, IN – **University of Indianapolis’s** project, *The Gender Center*, will be led by **Laura Merrifield Wilson**, Assistant Professor of Political Science and **Mary Moore**, Associate Provost for Accreditation, Assessment, and Education. The funding provided by the *Actualizing a Culture for Community Engagement* grant will support efforts to develop an inclusive

center that will provide programming, workshops, community outreach initiatives, and social opportunities aimed at uniting individuals across lines of difference in tackling the challenging issues surrounding gender, sex, and sexual orientation that effect campus and community.

Committed to community engagement, the **University of Indianapolis is adding \$11,000 to the \$11,000** Actualizing a Culture for Community Engagement **grant from Indiana Campus Compact.**

Indiana Campus Compact Director of Programs Laura Weaver says, “The Actualizing a Culture for Community Engagement grant aims to support campuses in furthering the normalization of community engagement within their campus culture. UIndy is working to not only normalize community engagement, but to also create a culture of inclusivity, openness, and understanding around the topics gender, sex, and sexual orientation. We are excited to be supporting Drs. Merrifield Wilson and Moore,

and the entire campus as they examine and build a community-campus culture around these two important areas.”

By offering a variety of on- and off-campus activities, Merrifield Wilson and Moore aim to get students out of their comfort levels and into the community where they can achieve real, meaningful change while simultaneously inviting community members to be a part of their campus family and feel welcome and encouraged to come to campus.

The *Actualizing a Culture for Community Engagement* grant provides Indiana Campus Compact partner institutions with funding and on-going programmatic support aimed at deepening their campus’ ethos for community engagement. Indiana Campus Compact staff will work with institutions throughout the three-year funding period to support them in developing and implementing holistic community engagement strategies, support the creation of authentic, reciprocal community-campus partnerships, and work towards systematic change.

About Indiana Campus Compact

Indiana Campus Compact is a partnership of Indiana’s public, private, and community college higher education institutions focused on advocating, implementing, and improving service engagement, so that students graduate as well-informed, engaged and productive members of society, who are fully enabled to provide leadership and service that advances the public good in their communities. For more information, please visit www.indianacampuscompact.org.