

N Northeastern **City and Community Engagement**

Winter 2022 Newsletter



Happy #GlobalCommunityEngagementDay and New Year to our community partners, students, residents, and faculty! As we continue adapting our daily lives to meet the challenges of this pandemic, our team remains committed to fostering collaborative relationships and partnerships that connect, educate, and engage our network while protecting our community's health. Explore the many ways Northeastern engages with our local communities in the newly released [2021 Community Benefits Annual Report!](#)

In the newsletter you will find:

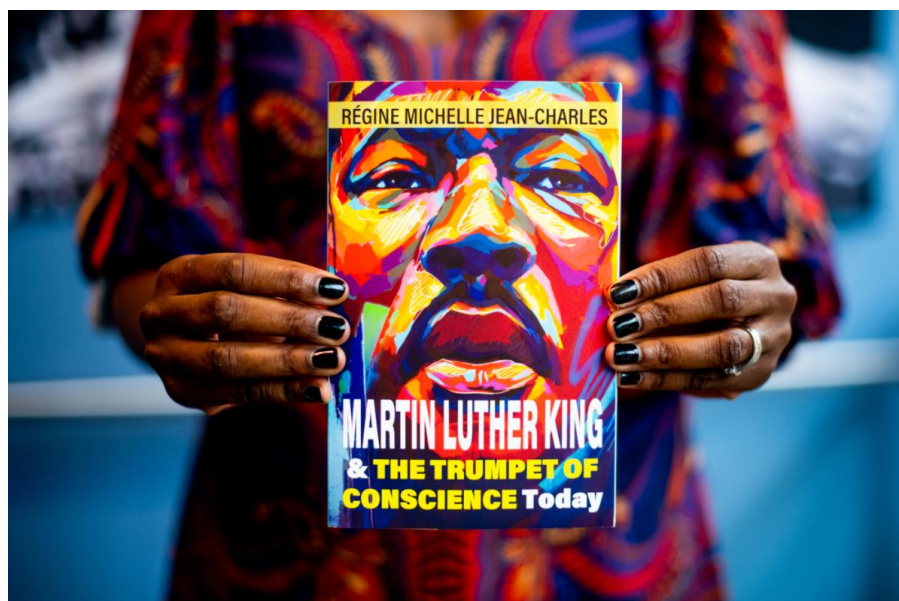
- Highlights from the Fall & Start of Spring Semester like Northeastern's Celebration of MLK Jr. Day, BPS Field Day, and honoring our community partners in Charlotte, NC
- Upcoming Engagement & Event Opportunities like our [Community-Based Data Trainings](#), our [RFP to host an AmeriCorps Fellow](#) at your organization, and the [Publicly-Engaged Scholar-in-Residence event](#) from Community-Engaged Teaching & Research
- Campus Spotlights of Community Engagement and Community Stories
- More Events and Opportunities from Northeastern and Beyond



Highlights from the Fall and Start of Spring Semester

CCE Welcomes New Senior Leadership

In December, our Senior Vice President of the Office of General Counsel, Ralph Martin III concluded ten years of outstanding service to Northeastern and began his well-deserved retirement. Ralph's departure has ushered in new changes for the Office of City and Community Engagement. Recently, it was announced that City and Community Engagement will join our colleagues in federal and state-level Government Relations and become part of External Affairs at Northeastern. With this change, CCE welcomes new leadership under Senior Vice President of External Affairs, Michael Armini. Joining the university in 2008, Mike has an extensive history in senior leadership in higher ed, with an expertise in marketing, communications, and external impact. The CCE team wishes Ralph Martin the very best in his retirement, and is excited to be serving under Mike's leadership. We look forward to new possibilities to strengthen our local partnerships and relationships with our communities as part of the External Affairs team.

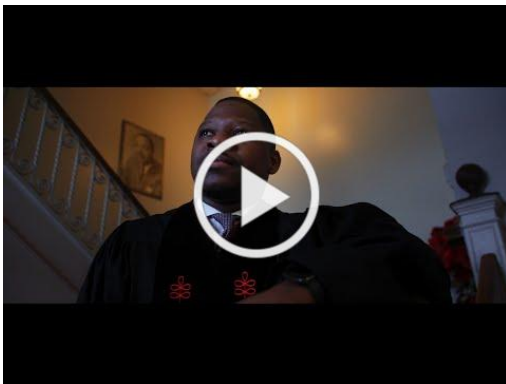


of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

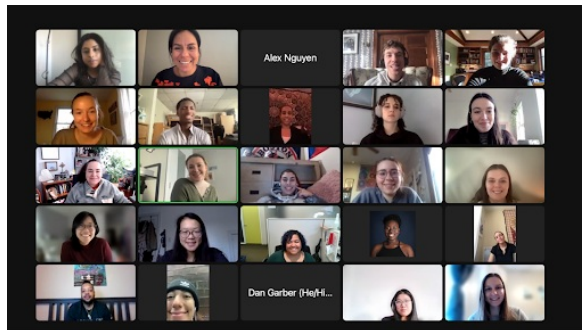
[Dream: Voting Rights and the Threat to Justice Everywhere":](#)

While the omicron surge prevented us from gathering in person this year, this did not stop our community from celebrating the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. On Monday January 17th, members of our university and Boston community gathered virtually for "*A Tribute to the Dream: Voting Rights and the 'Threat to Justice Everywhere.'*" The program featured many notable speakers - host **Gabriela Taveras**, MBA'22, MLK Fellow and member of the Graduate Students of Color Collective, and keynote speaker Kristen Clarke, Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights at the U.S. Department of Justice. Attendees also listened to a conversation between **Régine Jean-Charles**, Director of Africana Studies, Dean's Professor of Culture and Social Justice, and author of *Martin Luther King and The Trumpet of Conscience Today*, and **Margaret Burnham**, University Distinguished Professor of Law and Director of the Civil Rights and Restorative Justice Project. The program also spotlighted Northeastern School of Law alum, **Reverend Willie Bodrick II**. Originally from Atlanta, Rev. Bodrick II is now the Senior Pastor of the Twelfth Baptist Church in Roxbury, where Dr. King himself preached and worshipped in the 1950s during his time as a theology student at Boston University.

Watch Rev. Bodrick's story here:



For our AmeriCorps program, the Massachusetts Promise Fellowship, MLK Day is recognized as a day of service - "a day on, not a day off". Historically, MPF has spent the day serving in person at several of its host site partner organizations across Massachusetts. Keeping the health and safety of its members, youth, and partners in mind, this year MPF connected virtually to reflect on the year of service and strengthen our MPF community.



We were joined by Kara Hayes from Suffolk's Center for Restorative Justice, Mswati Hanks from Turn It Around-Charlestown Coalition, and two youth facilitators to learn about Restorative Justice and Circle Practices. Looking forward to the second half of the service year, we are reenergized by our time spent together honoring MLK.



BPS Students return to campus for CCE's first Field Day since 2019

After a two year hiatus, we were overjoyed to bring back BPS Field Day in December. For many years just before the winter break, CCE has partnered with BPS schools to bring young Boston students to the bleachers of Matthews Arena and the Cabot Center to cheer on the Huskies. This year, students from the Condon, Edison, Murphy, and Timilty schools joined us to cheer on the Northeastern Women's basketball team against the BU women's team, and celebrated a huskies win! Thank you to our BPS teachers who partnered with us to organize this fun tradition.





Annual Food and Toy Drives raise over \$1,700 for local families in need

Thank you to all our colleagues who supported our Annual Food and Toy Drives this year! With your help, we raised over \$1,700 in monetary donations in addition to food donations and many wonderful toys, games, and books for the children in our communities. Every year, these donations make a difference for local families in need. Our food drive donations went to families served by the Grant Manor Tenants Association Food Bank in Roxbury, and our Toy Drive donations went to children served by our community partners and neighbors at Lenox Camden Housing, Alice Taylor Housing, Mission Main Housing, Roxse Homes, Bromley Heath, and the Tobin Community Center. With the pandemic continuing to impose health and economic challenges on our communities, we are especially grateful for our community's generosity.





Charlotte Campus Celebrates 10-year Anniversary with Inaugural Heart of Charlotte Awards

In October, we were thrilled to join our Charlotte campus for their 10-year Anniversary celebration and Bouvé College colleagues for the inaugural Heart of Charlotte Awards, Pancakes and Partnerships Breakfast. Community organizations and leaders were honored with grants for their outstanding service to the Charlotte community. Additionally, five organizations were recognized with the following awards:

- Frontline Worker of the Year - Atrium Health
- Educational Leader of the Year



- Common Wealth Charlotte
- Community Leader of the Year - Christ Centered Co.
- Community Partner of the Year - Community Culinary School
- Community Engagement Award - Northeastern Student Nurses Association



Congratulations to all the honorees, and thank you for your tireless service to the Charlotte community!



CAMPUS SPOTLIGHTS

Community Service and Civic Engagement welcomes new team members

Community Service and Civic Engagement (CSCE) welcomed new staff members to the team! **Kerrian Johnson** is the new Site Manager of Jumpstart, the national early education organization that trains college students to serve in neighborhood preschools. **Lisa Morde** is the new Assistant Director of Civic Engagement, overseeing the Alliance of Civically Engaged Students (ACES) and the Northeastern Votes Coalition. Additionally, Nancy Figueroa accepted a new role as the Assistant Director of Community Partnerships and Impact. They join current staff members Hilary Sullivan, CSCE Director, and Tim Krumreig, leader of the Community Volunteer Program (CVP) and Alternative Breaks.



Asst. Director of Civic Engagement, Lisa Morde (left) and Jumpstart Site Manager, Kerrian Johnson (right)

The team also welcomed two new student co-ops, **Lauren Elkins** and **Kelly Durning**. Lauren is a second year psychology and

music combined major with a minor in ethnomusicology. Her favorite experience with community engagement was through the public school summer music program in her hometown, and she continues to volunteer there each year.

Kelly is a second major with a Spanish and Sociology Major with a Spanish Minor. Her first significant experience with community engagement was a Habitat for Humanity Trip to Baltimore, MD. Currently she is serving with St Marks Community Education Program as an assistant English teacher.

Students serve around New England during Fall Alternative Weekends

This year the Alternative Breaks program expanded to include Fall Weekend trips to locations across New England. 40 Northeastern volunteers and student leaders engaged in exciting service and learning activities that included several community-centered focus areas.

- Environmental Sustainability & Housing in Portland, Maine
- Food Insecurity in Providence, Rhode Island
- Environmental Conservation & Sustainability in Portland, Maine
- Environmental Education & Conservation in Laconia, New Hampshire



Check out [more photos](#) from Fall Alternative Weekends and [read about each trip HERE!](#)

Service-Learning Virtual EXPO

Service-Learning showcases Fall semester community projects in Virtual Expo

Service-Learning closed out the Fall 2021 semester with a fantastic [Virtual Expo!](#) Take a look at some examples of the collaboration between our community partners and service-learning classes:

Solar Policy Research: Check out this service-learning artifact created by Professor Stephens' graduate students for the Energy Democracy & Climate Resilience course. They developed a story map website representing solar policy research for InvestPR and TSK Energy Solutions. A big thanks to Alyssa Rose, Awa Sane-Darboe, Carlos Arriaga Serrano, and Ariel Estevez Perez, the remarkable students who made this project possible!



Food Justice: Explore this artifact created by Professor Berkey's undergrad students for the Food Justice & Social Change course. This e-portfolio details what students did for their service work, including pictures from their volunteering work and information about their community partner, Old West Church. A big shout out to Lily Alai, Hannah Crimmins, Julia Foley, Maya Haney, Olivia Karp, Haoran Kong, Hailey Mahon, Abigail Urbin, Kay Vollmar, and Ziming Zhao, the outstanding students that participated in this project!



[View more artifacts on the Virtual Expo website!](#)



School of Public Policy and Urban Affairs Research Team Selected for new Boston Climate Report

Congratulations to our colleagues in the School of Public Policy and Urban Affairs on being selected to conduct research for the new Boston Climate Progress Report!

"The Boston Foundation is proud to announce a new project, the inaugural Boston Climate Progress Report. This report is the culmination of years of discussion with the City of Boston's Environment Department in the Mayor's Environment, Energy and Open Space Cabinet, along with our partners at the Green Ribbon Commission. Last spring, we worked with a group of experts in the climate field to help design the project and then invited proposals from researchers. We have selected a team led by **Joan Fitzgerald**, Ph.D., Professor of Public Policy & Urban Affairs, Northeastern University, to conduct the research for this report. Joan is joined by colleagues, **Ted Landsmark**, Director, Dukakis Center, Distinguished Professor, School of Public Policy & Urban Affairs, Northeastern University; **Kaitlyn Alarez Noli**, Assistant Professor of Public Policy and Health Sciences, Northeastern University; and Michael Jay Walsh, Ph.D., an independent decarbonization consultant..." [Read more](#)

Scout Labs partners with City of Boston to improve Summer Eats Program



[Scout Labs](#), Northeastern University's student-led design organization is working with Boston's [Mayor's Office of Urban Mechanics \(MONUM\)](#) and the [Office of Food Access \(OFA\)](#) researching and improving the City of Boston's Summer Eats Program to combat youth food insecurity by providing food to kids when school lunches are unavailable.

"Through Boston Summer Eats, community centers can apply for grant funding to serve

food to kids and their families, no questions asked. In order to receive funding, these sites must also have some form of activity for kids to participate in on-site...Scout Labs' goal on this project is to come up with a design solution that will improve participation in the program and engagement on-site. Potential areas for improvement we've identified include the outreach methods utilized by the program to pull in participants, as well as the on-site experience itself..." - Noah Berkowitz, Director of Scout Labs



Visit [Scout Labs' website](#) and learn more about the [Summer Eats](#) program!

Student Organization Teaches Financial Literacy to BPS Students

Northeastern Finance For the Community (FFC) is a volunteer-based, student-led organization that teaches personal finance to Boston Public High School students. Members instruct BPHS students through the use of small group activities, presentations, and games.

Learn more about
FFC!



Upcoming Engagement Opportunities & Events

HOST A MASSACHUSETTS PROMISE FELLOW!



THE MASSACHUSETTS PROMISE FELLOWSHIP
PROPOSAL FOR 2022-2023 NOW OPEN!



Host a Mass Promise Fellow at Your Organization - Proposals due February 8th!

Looking to build capacity at your organization? Want to bring an emerging leader and youth worker onto your team? Applications to host an AmeriCorps Massachusetts Promise Fellow are now open! Nonprofits, city agencies, and schools committed to serving youth in grades 6 -12 may apply to host a Fellow for the 2022-2023 year. **Applications are due February 8th by 5pm EST.**

For more information about hosting a Mass Promise Fellow and how to apply click [HERE](#).

Contact Mass Promise Director Christine Roque at c.roque@northeastern with questions.

Apply to host a Fellow!

CETR Welcomes Dr. Tania Mitchell as this year's Publicly-Engaged Scholar-in-Residence

Are you interested in building community with others working toward ethical community engagement practices?

Join us for this **two-day event on February 17th and 18th** with Publicly-Engaged Scholar-in-Residence **Dr. Tania Mitchell!** This event will feature discussion-based sessions led by campus and community partners, workshops about anti-racist community engagement, and an opportunity to connect and co-create around principles of ethical community

engagement. Attendees can choose as many (or few) of the public events as they'd like, and anyone registered will have access to recorded sessions and the resources shared before, during, and after the event. Registration is open to anyone who has an interest in community-engaged work.

COMMUNITY-ENGAGED TEACHING & RESEARCH
AT NORTHEASTERN:

PUBLICLY ENGAGED SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE

This two-day event will feature discussion-based sessions led by campus and community partners, workshops about anti-racist community engagement, and an opportunity to connect and co-create around principles of ethical community engagement. Attendees can choose as many (or few) of the public events as they'd like and anyone registered will have access to sessions that are recorded, and to the resources that are shared before, during, and after the event.

WITH
DR. TANIA
MITCHELL



Register here:
<https://bit.ly/PESIR2022>



Learn more and register!

Upcoming Community Informatics Trainings with BARI

Are you looking to become more comfortable with gathering and aggregating data? Do you want to take an urban informatics approach to tackling issues in your community?

In partnership with the [Boston Area Research Initiative \(BARI\)](#), City and Community Engagement is hosting FOUR trainings this semester on the Boston Data Portal for community-based organizations. The training will cover the [Boston Data Portal](#), an online platform where visitors of all experience levels can browse, map, analyze, and download a variety of data describing the people, places, and neighborhoods of Boston. [Registration is now open](#) for the first session on Tuesday, February 15! Registration for the following sessions will open closer to the dates.

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Urban Informatics: Boston Data Portal Training with BARI

Tuesday, February 15, 2022
Tuesday, March 15, 2022
Tuesday, April 12, 2022
Tuesday, May 17, 2022

1:00 PM - 2:30 PM EST
Sessions to be held on Zoom

For questions contact bari@northeastern.edu

Register here for the 2/15 Training!

COMMUNITY STORIES FROM NEWS@NORTHEASTERN

How a forgotten hat led him to preach at MLK's pulpit

"In 1951, Martin Luther King Jr. traveled north from his home in Atlanta to attend Boston University, a pursuit that eventually led him to the Twelfth Baptist Church in

Roxbury, where he preached and worshiped while completing his theology degree.

Seventy years later, the Rev. Willie Bodrick II finds himself treading a parallel path—after attending Georgetown University, Harvard Divinity School, and the Northeastern School of Law, the Atlanta native is now the fourteenth senior pastor of the historic Twelfth Baptist Church."

[Read full article](#)



An ode to the (now digital) Boston Phoenix newspaper

"As with just about every other newspaper anywhere in the world, the Phoenix struggled to make the transition from print to digital, which ultimately led to its demise in 2013. But thanks to a joint agreement by Northeastern University and the Internet Archive, a nonprofit library dedicated to making a variety of media accessible to the public, most of the Phoenix archives now live on the web in searchable form."

[Read full article](#)



Fresh Truck: A mobile market bringing healthy food to communities who need it the most

"An early morning hum of activity buzzes through the About Fresh headquarters in Roxbury every day as local workers stock their bright green buses with eggplant, garlic, bananas and other produce. The company, created by Northeastern graduates Josh Trautwein and Annika Morgan, began in 2013 with a mission to expand access to healthy, affordable food. The mobile market, called Fresh Trucks, makes stops in several Boston neighborhoods, selling fruits and vegetables at below-market prices."

[Read full article](#)



At Boston's newest public art exhibit, seeing is hearing

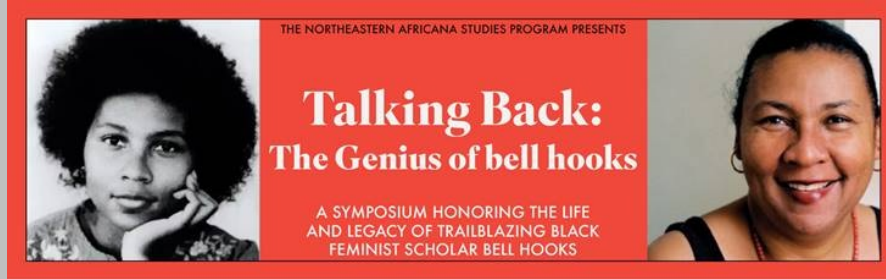
"First, you notice the colors. The organic blue is dappled with bright orange leaves adorning a large round horseshoe turned lucky side up—with two giant cherries on top.

And so it is only natural that you take the hard left from Huntington Avenue and walk along Richardson Plaza near the School of Law, as more colors and shapes pull you along."

[Read full article](#)



MORE OPPORTUNITIES TO GET INVOLVED
FROM NORTHEASTERN AND BEYOND



[Talking Back: The Genius of bell hooks A Symposium Honoring the Life and Legacy of Trailblazing Black Feminist Scholar bell hooks](#)

[BARI Conference 2022: Data, A Community Journey - Call for Proposals due February 2nd at 12pm ET](#)

[Northeastern Dorm Upsizing Public Meeting 2/16](#)

[Fenway Civic Association Annual Meeting 2/8](#)

[Innovation Islands: Mini Grant Opportunity for Community Organizations](#)

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