



***Program Overview & Description.*** The Malcolm Wallop Civic Engagement Program at UW, co-directed by **Dr. Jean Garrison** and **Dr. Jason McConnell** from the UW School of Politics, Public Affairs, and International Studies, started in 2017 with the commitment to host projects and meaningful dialogue on local, state, national, and international issues of significant interest to Wyoming students and communities. The Wallop Civic Engagement Program is inspired by former Wyoming Senator Malcolm Wallop who, in his distinguished career serving in the U.S. Senate for three terms and in the Wyoming Legislature, is remembered for his commitment to civil discourse, public education, and public service.

***Community Resilience Project.*** The Profiles in Wyoming Resilience Research Project has gathered under-represented community voices through participant submissions of pictures and narratives they provide in response to three prompts: barriers and opportunities to success in education, employment, and community resilience. By capturing Wyomingites' experiences, in their voices, the project adds a rich context and texture to economic and behavioral data, which can be used in Wyoming college & K-12 classrooms, to inform Wyoming Innovation Partnership economic development priorities, and develop a deeper understanding of what resilience means in different Wyoming communities. It employs PhotoVoice – a research methodology designed to capture people's perspectives of their lives through photography and narrative. To date, the project has gathered and coded 900 images from Wyoming and surrounding states. We worked with the Wyoming Geographic Information Science Center (WyGISC) to develop a purpose-designed interactive website (e.g., a map) where students, the public, and policymakers can use these data to better understand each other by learning of their neighbors' barriers and opportunities – as seen through their eyes and told in their own words (see <https://surveys.wygisc.org/ResilienceMap/>). We are working with WyGISC to build upon the integrated cyberinfrastructure (discussed above) to develop our mobile application to expand this project. Currently, we are reaching out to communities and civic organizations who would like to partner with us to develop profiles of their communities using this project model.

***K-12 Curriculum Project.*** In response to COVID-19, the program created its signature K-12 Curriculum Project to address an immediate need to provide free multimedia resources for social studies and English language arts teachers across the state. The online catalog is available free to all as an open access resource on the UW's WyoLearn platform at <https://civic.catalog.instructure.com/>. The project pairs UW content expertise, largely from the College of Arts and Sciences, but also from community college faculty, and pedagogical expertise from the College of Education, to create curriculum content that includes video lectures and a teacher resource guide with discussion questions, activities, and links to open access materials. These materials are available free to teachers to be used as they best suit their course needs. Educators have used materials from the K-12 Curriculum Project in 63 schools in 20 out of the 23 counties across Wyoming and the Wind River Reservation.

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