

## **Stewart Community Engagement Forum Set for November 8 at UW**

The University of Wyoming (UW) invites the community to the Stewart Community Engagement Forum on Friday, November 8, from 3:30 PM to 4:30 PM at Coe Library 506. This free event is open to all UW students, employees, and the public.

The forum will feature presentations from UW faculty on their service-learning course development, alongside updates from students who received the prestigious Stewart Family Service Award. The event will also provide information on funding opportunities available for faculty and students interested in expanding their involvement in service-learning activities in 2025.

Featured speakers include two faculty members selected as Community Engaged Faculty Institute (CEFI) fellows for the 2023-24 academic year: Dan Fetsco, an Assistant Lecturer in Criminal Justice from the College of Arts and Sciences, and Jennifer Ingwerson-Niemann, an Associate Lecturer in Animal Science from the College of Agriculture, Life Sciences, and Natural Resources. They will discuss their efforts to integrate service-learning into their courses.

Students who are 2024 recipients of the Stewart Family Serviceship Award will also present their service projects, each supported with a \$5,000 grant:

- Jessica L. Petri, an undergraduate student, will present her project titled "Community Empowerment: Teaching English to Burmese War Refugees for a Brighter Future." In collaboration with Karine National College, she is providing English language instruction to Karenni refugees in Thailand. Jessica is pursuing dual degrees in Secondary Social Studies Education and Political Science, with a minor in the Honors College.

- Graduate students Theresa Andrzejewski, Alison Tassone, and Kaitlyn Breitenfeldt will present their project, "Laramie Autism and Developmental Services (LADS)." This initiative, in partnership with Albany County School District #1 and other local organizations, aims to provide free developmental screenings and ongoing psychological support for youth and families.

Theresa is a fourth-year clinical psychology PhD student with a bachelor's degree in psychology from Samford University. Alison is a second-year clinical psychology PhD student with a BS from Brandeis University and an M.Ed. from Harvard University. Kaitlyn is also a second-year PhD student in clinical psychology, having majored in psychology at the University of Illinois.

The forum is sponsored by the Stewart Family Serviceship Award, Wallop Civic Engagement Program, Office of Community Engagement, and the Service, Leadership, and Community Engagement (SLCE) office.

For more information about the event, please contact the Office of Community Engagement at [engage@uwyo.edu](mailto:engage@uwyo.edu) or (307) 766-4129.

More details about the Stewart Family Serviceship Award can be found at  
<https://www.uwyo.edu/sppais/opportunities/sppais-scholarships/sppais-stewart-award.html>.

Information about the Community Engaged Faculty Institute is available at  
<https://www.uwyo.edu/engagement/index.html>.

Join us to celebrate community engagement and witness the positive impact of UW students and faculty in our communities!