

University of Vermont Engaged Scholar in Residence

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“Engaged Scholars in Public Universities: Recognizing and Rewarding Excellence”

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4:30 PM—Poster Viewing—Billings, Great Hall

5:00 PM—Keynote Address—Billings, North Lounge

6:00 PM—Reception—Billings, Marsh Lounge

Every day at UVM countless faculty engage individually and collectively with students, staff, and community partners in teaching, research and service that serves the public good. Much of this work falls into the category of what has been widely described as “engaged scholarship” or the “scholarship of engagement.” Such work is often interdisciplinary, collaborative, boundary-spanning, and opens doors to multidirectional discovery and teaching where expertise is shared. KerryAnn O'Meara, a national expert on faculty community engagement and reward systems, will join us to consider the work of engaged scholars in public research universities. She will present findings from research showing the challenges engaged scholars face as the goals and purposes of their work, approaches to the pursuit of knowledge, assumptions about peer review and rigor, partners in knowledge production and significance differ in part or whole from that of peer scholars. O'Meara will report on how exemplar engaged scholars navigate these challenges to make critical contributions and share some of the key reward system reforms and strategies institutions have put in place to create better academic homes for engaged scholars.

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