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POVERTY

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

Poverty 101

Poverty Education Beyond 101: A Consortium Approach



Shepherd Higher Education
Consortium on Poverty

Shepherd Program History

Washington and Lee University

- Shepherd Investment and Program Launch
 - 101 as a Gateway Interdisciplinary Course
 - Summer Internships
 - Capstone Seminars
- Emerging Purpose
 - Education for professional, civic, and political work
 - Relevant to all majors and career trajectories



Shepherd Program History

Washington and Lee University

- Coordinated Program Additions
 - Discipline-Based Courses
 - Fieldwork Course
 - Pre-orientation Program
 - Intense Service and Leadership Program
 - Service Program with Alternative Break Trips
 - Community-Based Research
 - Civic Initiatives
 - Campus Kitchen
 - Post-Graduate Placement and Education



Shepherd Program History

Washington and Lee University

- Minor in Poverty and Human Capability
 - Gateway + Internship + Capstone + Ten Credits + Combination of Co-curricular Activities
 - 20-30 Minors
 - Integrated with all Majors
- Graduates
 - Influence on different careers & citizen engagement
 - Graduate studies and fellowships
 - Self-Reported Effects



Shepherd Consortium Program History

- Rebecca Blank & David Bradley
- January 2011 Meeting Near Dulles Airport
- Memorandum of Understanding
 - Common Purpose
 - Interdisciplinary Gateway Course
 - Common Internship
 - Capstone Experience
 - Adapted to Institutional Capacities and Mission

Consortium Common Purpose

The Shepherd Higher Education Poverty Consortium enables collaboration among member institutions for the purpose of initiating and advancing *sustained curricular and co-curricular education focused on poverty and human capability in order to prepare students for a lifetime of professional and civic efforts to diminish poverty and enhance human capability.*

Shepherd Consortium Program History

- 2012 Internship Culminating with Conferences at the Clinton School of Public Service in Little Rock
- 501-c-3 receiving donations and membership fees
- Nineteen or Twenty Members and Others Pending



SHECP Members

Baylor University

Berea College

Centre College

College of Wooster

Cleveland Clinic Lerner College of Medicine

Elon University

Furman University

Hendrix College

John Carroll University

Marymount University

Middlebury College

Millsaps College

Niagara University

University of Arkansas at Little Rock

Spelman College

University of Notre Dame

Virginia Military Institute

Washington and Lee University

Morgan State University (pending)



SHECP Members

Collaborating Institution: Clinton School of Public Service—University of Arkansas

Considering 2014 Membership

Bucknell University

Transylvania University

University of Kentucky

University of Vermont



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Consortium Components

- Internship Infrastructure
 - Application and Placement
 - Orientation
 - Housing and Togetherness
 - Closing Conference
- Symposium
 - 2012—Sheldon Danziger & Panelists
 - 2013—Kathy Edin, Ron Haskins & Kirsten Lodal



Consortium Components

- Website: <http://shepherdconsortium.org/>
- Promising Practices
- Consultation
- Assessment



Consortium Goals

- **Promote Sustained Poverty Studies for Undergraduate and Professional Education**
- **Enrich Poverty Studies with Collective Programing**
- **Aspirational: Hundreds or Thousands of Informed Graduates Engaged in Professional, Civic, and Political Activities to Diminish Poverty**

