2014-15 Engaged Fellows at a Glance

Dr. Tania Alameda-Lawson, Assistant Professor, CCPA
Tania’s research interests center on innovative designs for collective parent, family, and community engagement; full-service community schools; and inter-professional education and training programs. As an Engaged Fellow, Tania is developing an interdisciplinary course to assist students and community members in exploring how local institutions such as libraries are valuable community spaces.

Dr. Lina Begdache, Research Assistant Professor, Health and Wellness Studies
Lina teaches courses on Nutrition Related Diseases, Metabolism, and Cell and Molecular Biology in the Departments of Health and Wellness Studies and Biology. As an Engaged Fellow, Lina is developing a course to support the integration of nutrition curriculum into local schools.

Dr. Siobhan Hart, Assistant Professor, Anthropology
The Engaged Fellows Program supports Shiobhan in developing a course that examines the tangible and intangible aspects of cultural heritage and current approaches that engage with contemporary local, descendant, and diasporic communities.

Anne Larrivee, Reference Librarian
Anne teaches bibliographic instructional classes and serves as a research liaison for Anthropology, Social Work, Human Development and Africana Studies. As an Engaged Fellow, Anne is developing a course to provide students with a basic understanding of the roles and settings in which social workers practice, with particular emphasis on an assets-based approach to building local communities.

Dr. Jennifer Stoever, Associate Professor of English
Jennifer teaches courses on African American literature and race and gender representation in popular music and is Director of the Binghamton University Sound Studies Collective. The Engaged Faculty Fellows Program will support Jennifer in the design and implementation of an artistic historical soundwalk in Binghamton, a project intended to provoke a better understanding of how the past of an area shapes its present and how present occupants locate themselves in the community and come to know each other.
Jennifer Wegmann, Lecturer, Health and Wellness Studies
Jennifer teaches health and wellness courses to engage students in the development of personal tools important for life-long health. Her courses assist students in improving nutrition, self-care and attitudes toward wellness. As an Engaged Fellow, Jennifer is designing a course in collaboration with local schools that addresses self-esteem and self-worth.

Dr. Lisa Yun, Associate Professor of Asian American Studies and English
As an Engaged Fellow, Lisa is developing digital content, platforms and further research on local narratives of migration and belonging. Lisa also founded and coordinates the Community Engagement Program, a structured course-based platform that cultivates and supports students with a passion for service, success, and self-development.