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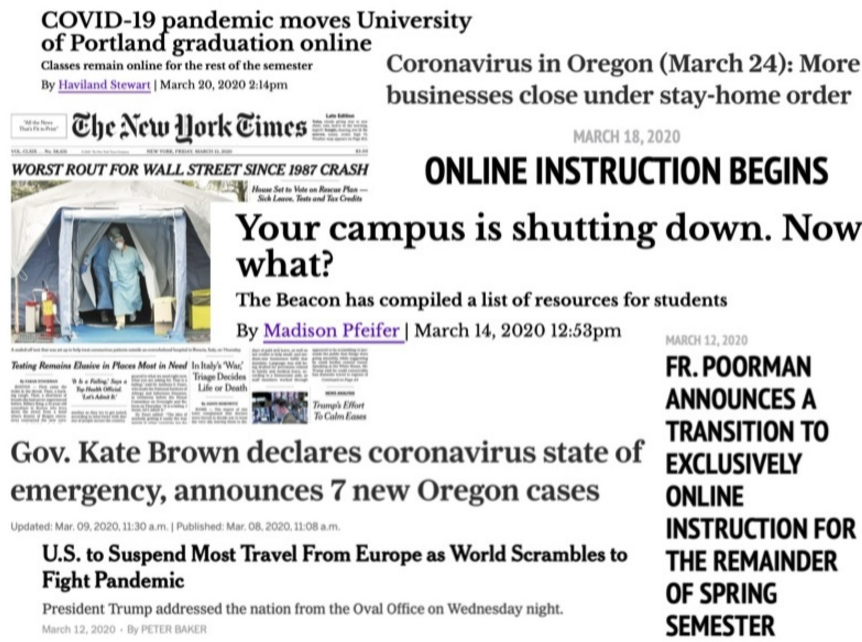
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PRF Spring Series Highlights Potential in Interdisciplinary Work at UP



Last month the program hosted three events that brought more than 70 students and faculty together to explore issues related to disciplinary stereotypes and silos, potential connections between the humanities and other fields, and how we might put interdisciplinary education to work on UP’s campus. The first event in the series, the **“Humanities versus STEM?” roundtable**, drew 35 attendees to listen to 6 faculty and students discuss how cultural perceptions of academic disciplines have affected their own experiences of work and education. The roundtable was followed by two hands-on workshops for students and faculty to get pragmatic experience in putting interdisciplinarity to work for them: a **student workshop hosted with the Career Education Center**, where 20 students from across CAS joined together to learn how to frame interdisciplinary projects and liberal arts coursework on their résumés; and a **speed networking event** where 16 faculty (from an impressive range of fields including theology, biology, music, environmental studies, nursing, business, English, and psychology) paired up to develop areas of potential collaboration, like exploration-level courses for the new Core, or reading groups on a topic of shared interest. Workshop participants also tested a new **Faculty Collaboration Database** the PRF program developed to begin exploring how UP might facilitate lasting connections across disciplines. The events demonstrated the keen interest on UP’s campus for future collaborations not only between the humanities and STEM fields, but more broadly between CAS and the professional schools as well.

[Contribute to the beta version of the Faculty Collaboration Database>>](#)



College After Covid Working Group Leads Conversations, Builds Archive on Anniversary of Campus Shutdown

This week marks the two-year anniversary of the UP campus shutdown, bringing with it a flood of memories of March 2020 for many here and across the globe. The College After Covid working group has spent the year capturing how members of the UP community experienced that moment in 2020 as well as the return to campus this past year. The goal of the project is to create an archive that both preserves this moment and helps us understand it in new ways. Want to get involved? Read on for upcoming opportunities to add your voice to the archive:

- **Campus Conversations:** The group is hosting two small group conversations (F 3/18 1:00-2:15 and Th 3/24 4:15-5:30) that will bring faculty, students, and staff together to share their experiences of the return to campus life and listen to the perspectives of others. Participants can expect food, drink, and lively conversation. There are a few spots left, so if you’re interested, send an email to Jen McDanel, mcdanel@up.edu.
- **Community Interviews:** Want to be entered to win \$100? All you have to do is interview a friend about their experience returning to campus this year and submit the video to the archive. [Follow the link](#) for more information.
- **Survey:** a quick and easy way to [record your perspective](#); your responses will be archived and analyzed as part of the larger project.

[Read more about College After Covid>>](#)



PRF Showcase to Feature Interdisciplinary Projects, Engage Campus Community

The PRF program will host an open-house showcase of the 2021-22 working group projects on April 21, 5-7pm, in Franz Hall. Expect interactive exhibits that you can browse, a festive atmosphere with food and drink from local purveyors, and opportunities to participate in hands-on exploration of interdisciplinary work on issues important to our community. Stay tuned for details ahead of the event!



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