Your story as an engaged scholar

Your next project

What you care about

Your role: think about your expertise as much as your job description. Consider your calling, your institution’s mission, and the ways that your knowledge makes a difference on your campus or in your field.

What you care about: what are the issues that you care for? Think about your profession, your campus, your community, your world. What motivates you as you look to the future? Are there areas of teaching and research in your discipline that you consider merely “academic,” functioning at the level of theory, that may or may not fit in a given context you care about? What can you do about that? How do you want your scholarship or teaching to make a difference? To whom should it make a difference?

Action step: what might you do to bring together your expertise and what you are about? Could it be a course, a research project, a collaboration, activism, a new creative work? Who could you partner with? What goals might you set? What preparation would be needed to undertake such a project? Who or what scholarship could help inform your choice of methodology? What would results look like to you? Why would they matter? How could your work be disseminated?

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