

# Presidents' Civic Engagement Steward Award

## Eric Fure-Slocum

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Over the past several years, Eric Fure-Slocum, Assistant Professor of History, has used academic civic engagement pedagogy to enhance learning in at least five different courses and has assumed leadership in supporting other faculty interested in this approach to teaching. Eric thoughtfully developed and integrated a variety of civic engagement projects into American Conversations, a four-course sequence on ideas that have shaped United States history and culture. Specific projects have included Voting and Citizenship, Local Vistas and Sustainability, Immigration and Ethnicity in Local Schools and Our American Lives: Globalization & Citizenship Radio Projects. Eric also developed and taught *Ideals to Action: Cultivating Social Change*, a course that encourages students to develop project plans for community-based organizations as they explore social change history and theory. Over the past two years, Eric has served as the faculty supervisor for nine students completing academic internships with nonprofit organizations. Eric also generously shares his expertise and ideas with other faculty interested in course-based civic engagement. In the summer of 2008, Eric co-facilitated the Civic Engagement Faculty Institute, an initiative that involved eighteen faculty and community partners. He continues to serve as a mentor to numerous faculty, staff and students who seek to learn about and initiate meaningful civic engagement.

