

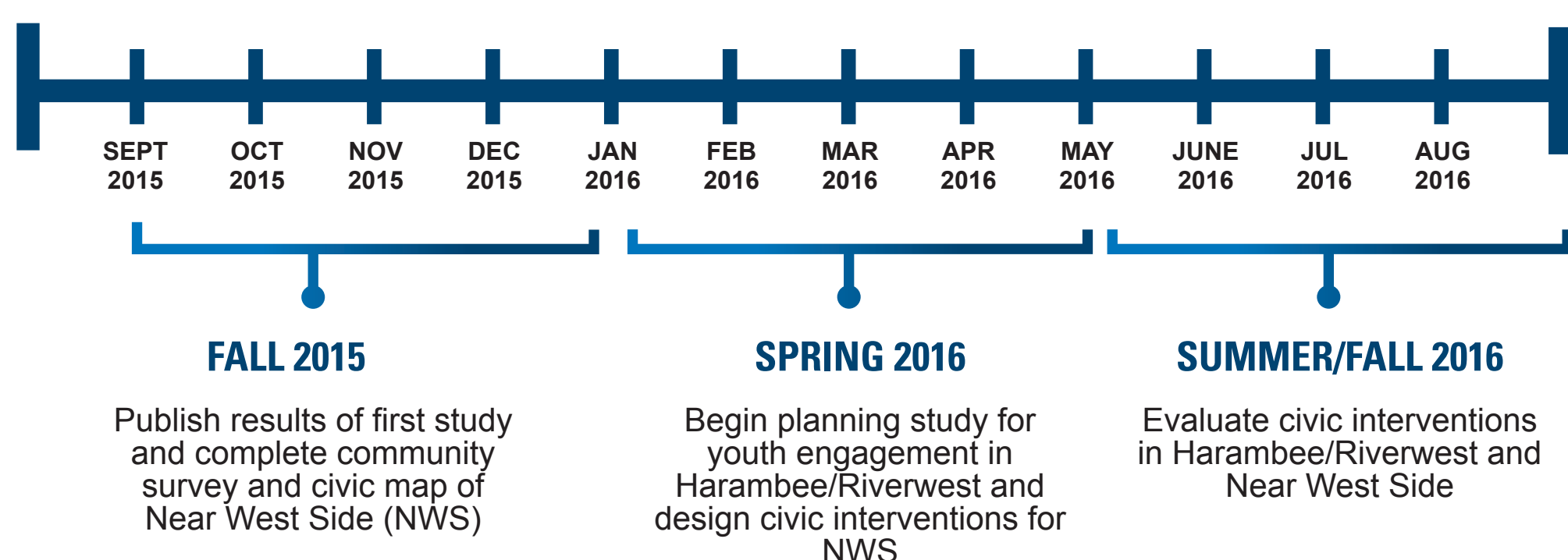


An Engaged Community Partnership to Promote Interpersonal Peace Among Young People in Milwaukee

We Aim To Cultivate A Relationship Between Milwaukee Public Theatre, Marquette University's College Of Nursing And Center For Peacemaking, And Young People From Milwaukee To Promote Youth Development And Interpersonal Peace By Engaging In Arts-based, Community-based Participatory Action Research Projects.

Our first CBPR project, Afro-Latino Youth Performance Collaboration, is an Afro-Latino percussion-based performing arts troupe involving students from Bruce Guadalupe Community School and Milwaukee High School of the Arts. This project teaches applied ethnomusicology techniques and peace skills to build youth leadership, assertive communication and collaboration skills, self-respect and cultural identity exploration through Afro-Latino musical culture.

MILESTONES



BEYOND BOUNDARIES Social Responsibility and Community Engagement

This proposal fits two themes of the strategic plan namely **research in action** and **social responsibility and community engagement**. Our innovative community academic partnership provides a meaningful and mutually beneficial way for community partners including professionals and youth and their families and MU students and faculty to get to know each other and to work on projects that enhance the community. In our partnership, young people will be key players in identifying and prioritizing strengths and struggles. They will have active roles in development of CBPR projects that generate community leadership, afford direct benefits to the participants, address pressing issues, and promote solidarity with young people and communities in Milwaukee.



ABOUT OUR TEAM

Barry Applewhite, Milwaukee High School of the Arts (MHA) Principal
Ruth Ann Belknap, MUCN Researcher/ Evaluator, Innovation Grant
Johanna De Los Santos, Bruce Guadalupe Project Coordinator, Proyecto Bembe Co-Founding Director
Aneisha Denson, MHA Artistic Coordinator
Kristin Haglund, Marquette College of Nursing (MUCN) Research/Evaluator, Innovation Grant
Meaghan Heinrich, Wisconsin Conservatory of Music (WCM) Community Outreach
Ya Ya Kambaye, Xalaat Africa Founder & Musical Director
Patrick Kennelly, MU Center for Peacemaking Director
Roxy Kess, Xalaat Africa Director, MHA Dance Instructor, & Marquette University (MU) Lecturer
Barbara Leigh, Milwaukee Public Theater (MPT) Artistic/Producing Director
Cecilio Negron, Proyecto Bembe Co-Founding Director & Master Latin Percussionist WCM & MPT

The impetus for the cultivation of this team arises from shared concern and deep commitment to the advancement of peace, health and human flourishing. We intend that this partnership will build trust between the community and university in order to facilitate participation of young people who are vulnerable to experiences of violence and are difficult to access. We bring together a team with specifically relevant and complementary experience.



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