Imagining America Grant  Call for Proposals for Syracuse University faculty  Due 2/20/09

**Imagining America: Artists and Scholars in Public Life (IA)** is a national consortium of 80+ colleges and universities committed to public scholarship in the arts, humanities, and design currently hosted by Syracuse University. In addition to its national responsibilities, IA is committed to nurturing opportunities for Scholarship in Action locally.

The purpose of the Imagining America Grant is to pilot new courses or add a significant engagement component to already-existing courses. An interdisciplinary approach is appreciated but not required. Courses should provide opportunities for public scholarship and practice that link the community and campus and:

- Demonstrate the likelihood of becoming sustainable;
- Serve a democratic purpose (such as, to encourage significant community participation around a relevant issue, help solve a shared problem, and modestly contribute to the revitalization of Syracuse);
- Incorporate the arts, humanities, or design.

Members of the SU faculty are invited to submit proposals by **February 20th, 2009** for courses to be taught in Spring 2010. Faculty members may apply for up to $5,000, which may include funds for: community members to facilitate components of the course; administration or planning expenses incurred by non full-time people; modest honoraria for guest lecturers; snacks; special and necessary course materials; and transportation.

Each application must include three hard copies & one electronic (email) copy of:

- Project synopsis including conceptual framework, description of in-class learning, out-of-class experience, and relationship among them (2-3 pages, approx 500-750 words)
- Statement of the benefit of the experiential component for students & for community (one page)
- Budget including other sources of income (within one page)
- A letter of support from the Dean of the College and Chair of each participating department (attached to the hard copies).

Applications must include all of the above materials, submitted together. A selection committee composed of two 2008 IA Grant recipients, Margaret Himley and Kendall Phillips, along with IA director Jan Cohen-Cruz, will review materials and select awardees, who will be announced by April 15th. IA will transfer funds to awardees’ departmental budget officers in July, upon receipt of a one-paragraph project synopsis. Upon course completion, grant recipients will need to write a brief report of the course experience for students and community and a description of steps to integrate the course in the curriculum in the future. We also request that the group of grantees meet with Cohen-Cruz twice, once just before and once just after running the course.

If you would like to discuss your proposal or participate in a workshop to develop a community component of a course, call Jan at 443-8590 or email her at jcohencr@syr.edu.

Please send inquiries and proposals to: jmhaft@syr.edu  ATTN: Imagining America Grants. 2008 Awardees may not apply in 2009.