

# Vision for the Future

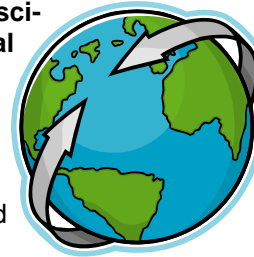
The Center is currently undertaking an assessment of community groups and governmental agencies in southwest Washington with respect to research, data collection and analysis, with the goals of :

- Building **re-search teams** to collect baseline data, and to track and analyze data of particular concern to under-represented communities in areas such as health care, education, employment, housing and the criminal justice system.
- Creating a **social and environmental justice-related research and data clearinghouse** that enables community groups to access research on issues of concern to them.
- Integrating community research needs into graduate and undergraduate coursework.

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## Other Major Goals for the Center include:

- Helping to catalyze opportunities for extramural funding by **identifying funding sources for interdisciplinary research**, providing **assistance in grant preparation**, and offering **grant-writing workshops** to faculty, students and community partners.
- Working with faculty and community groups to **develop and coordinate graduate and undergraduate research across disciplines to address pressing regional issues from multiple disciplinary perspectives**
- Seeking **major donors** to support multiple interdisciplinary research projects and establish foundation and fellowship awards.
- Developing a **paper and digital archive on Pacific Northwest Social Movements** (including the Civil Rights Movement, women’s suffrage, labor unions, environmental groups) and secure grant funding.
- Creating an annual **CSEJ research fellowship** that would be open to both national and international scholars, and to human rights activists, writers, artists or academics facing persecution in their home countries.
- Serving as a **campus-wide clearinghouse for service learning**, developing and promoting service learning opportunities across disciplines and colleges.
- Developing an **“alternative spring break”**



service learning immersion program enabling WSU students to gain familiarity with issues relating to poverty, labor, homelessness and discrimination.

- Developing web resources (i-chat) to facilitate **student to student dialogue internationally**.
  - Holding **regularly scheduled colloquia** on social and environmental issues of broad interest to the university and wider community.
    - Gaining national recognition for an **annual conference** that brings together researchers, activists, community partners to address social and environmental justice issues of regional, national and global concern.
  - Creating an **online archive** of CSEJ-sponsored research, colloquia and public events (including podcasting of videotaped events) to make CSEJ activities accessible to the public both locally and globally.
  - Facilitating the production and dissemination of **video documentaries** created by faculty and student researchers and activists in collaboration.
  - **Continue to facilitate the employment of skilled graduates** with commitments to social and environmental justice.
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