Through faculty-driven and student-engaged research, scholarship, and creative activity, Oakland University advances knowledge and art in a diverse and inclusive environment. One of the pillars of the University’s mission focuses on mobilizing the knowledge and expertise resident in its faculty. OU’s researchers take the knowledge they have created and the expertise they have developed out into the world.

**The Soundings Series**

The Soundings Series is an opportunity to:

 showcase the work of OU’s engaged researchers and public intellectuals

 learn how you can take your research public and make the world a better place

Each Soundings Series event will feature a talk by a successful, publicly engaged faculty member, describing his or her work and research career, along with an exploration and guided discussion of the skills, tools, and strategies required to operate as an engaged scholar.

**Benefits for the Speakers**

Faculty chosen to participate will have the opportunity to present at a Soundings Series event.   
Additionally,

 The speaker and their work will be featured in the OU News (print story and video)

 The speaker will meet with staff from the OU Development and Alumni Relations Office to discuss the   
possibility of fundraising to support their works

 The speaker will meet with Research Office staff to explore foundation or other external support

The anticipated audience for the Soundings Series includes faculty, students, university administrators, alumni, and external donors and potential collaborators. These events allow faculty to share their expertise, explore collaboration opportunities, and learn from each other.

**Why Should You Attend?**

The Soundings Series showcases great examples of faculty successfully taking their work out of the lab, the field, the archive, or the studio and using it to make a positive difference in the world. The world needs you to learn how to take your work out into the world. Attend these events and learn how to become a community engaged scholar yourself!

**Selection Process**

The Research Office will take nominations. Faculty can self-nominate or you can nominate others. Nominations are open to faculty of all ranks. Nomination form is on the next page.

Interested faculty or nominators should fill out the application and send to:

Leanne DeVreugd, [ldevreug@oakland.edu](mailto:ldevreug@oakland.edu), Phone: 248-370-4516

**Soundings Series Nomination Form**

**Nominated by:**

* **Self 🞎 Other (include nominator’s name):**

**Applicant Name: Office:**

**Title/Rank: Phone Extension:**

**Department: E-mail:**

**Presentation Information:**

**1. Title for the Soundings Series presentation:**

**2. Summarize your (or the nominee’s) research topic to be presented for the Soundings Series.**

**3. Describe your (or the nominee’s) activities as an engaged scholar. Explain how you (or the nominee) have publicly shared knowledge and research and any impact that has resulted.**