The Ford School's Program in Practical Policy Engagement (P3E) is excited to offer unique remote engaged learning opportunities impacting the City of Detroit; the City of Livonia, Michigan; and the State of Michigan this winter. The Practical Community Learning Project (PCLP) will consist of three semester-long policy-based community projects. A selected group of students will work virtually with P3E’s Community Engagement Manager and a community partner on a designated initiative. During Winter 2021, we will partner with Detroit Action, Livonia Citizens Caring About Black Lives, and State Representative Joe Tate’s office.

**Office of State Representative Joe Tate**

State Rep. Joe Tate was just elected to his second term representing Michigan’s 2nd House District, a diverse community that covers part of Detroit’s Lower East Side, Grosse Pointe Park, Grosse Pointe City, and Grosse Pointe Farms. The project will involve researching and identifying sources of funding to be used for the maintenance, repair, and construction of water infrastructure along the Detroit River and Lake St. Clair.

During the project, students will:

1. Review historical background of the canal system in the Jefferson-Chalmers neighborhood of Detroit and the seawall along Lakeshore Drive.

2. Subject to data availability, capture costs of bringing both infrastructure systems to a state of good repair.

3. Identify and analyze local, state, and federal government sources of funding (e.g. grants, low interest loans, etc.) that can be procured to support the repair and upgrades of designated water infrastructure systems.

4. Identify comparable infrastructure projects in the United States that have been completed or are in progress.

**Detroit Action**

Detroit Action aims to build the power of individuals and families to challenge the root causes of poverty, advance justice, and promote human development through neighborhood-driven community organizing and civic engagement. The project will involve policy research and writing policy recommendations related to Michigan’s Task Force on Jail and Pretrial Incarceration.

During the project, students will:

1. Support the ongoing research conducted by Detroit Action staff to advance drug policy efforts.
2. Participate in virtual meetings to gain relevant information, a deeper understanding, and pertinent data to design policy recommendations.

3. Meet virtually with elected officials for research on drug policy issues.

4. Research current information, data, and policies to create a toolkit for Detroit Action. Research will include identifying potential sources of opposition among proposed policies and barriers of support from stakeholders and legislators.

Livonia Citizens Caring About Black Lives

The Livonia Citizens Caring About Black Lives (LCCABL) group is a private non-profit membership organization. LCCABL is a vibrant and growing community committed to anti-racism in Livonia, MI. The project will involve an examination of diversity, equity, and inclusion policing issues in the city of Livonia, Michigan.

During the project students will:

1. Examine the correlation between race and interactions with police in Livonia. This research is a quantitative analysis of Livonia residents and non-residents and their likelihood to interact with the local criminal justice system.


3. Evaluate the available data and identify any gaps in data that can and should be acquired through a FOIA request.