The Importance of Timing in Engaged Scholarship

University Timeframe vs. Community Timeframe

- **Universities** have a timeframe based on academic calendar (quarter or semester) which must be accommodated for effective community engagement.
- **Communities** have a timeframe that is continuous throughout the year and is often based on events or issues.

University Readiness vs. Community Readiness

- **Universities** have restrictions about when to undertake community-based projects based on the availability of funding, time, and other resources.
- **Communities** must be ready to participate in engaged scholarship; it cannot be forced upon them by zealous engaged researchers.

The temporal challenge of engaged scholarship is to find a way to accommodate the timeframes and readiness of all participants in order to effectively bridge the gap between the academy and communities.