# Social Issues and Outcomes

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Fighting for the Nation’s Future: 
The Founding of MIT in a Time of War 
February 7, 2012

“William Barton Rogers was voting for a new future for America.... This new economy embraced a new social contract, one that rewarded not inherited privilege but curiosity, ingenuity, and hard work.”
“He believed universal education was not only a safeguard of democracy but also an essential tool of social stability and social justice.”

“He endowed us with values that still guide us today: useful work founded on science; hands-on learning; meritocracy; hard work; service.”
William Barton Rogers

“I want to found an Institute dedicated to the dignity of useful work.”
The mission of MIT is to advance knowledge and educate students in science, technology, and other areas of scholarship that will best serve the nation and the world in the twenty-first century. The Institute is committed to generating, disseminating, and preserving knowledge, and to working with others to bring this knowledge to bear on the world's great challenges. MIT is dedicated to providing its students with an education that combines rigorous academic study and the excitement of discovery with the support and intellectual stimulation of a diverse campus community. We seek to develop in each member of the MIT community the ability and passion to work wisely, creatively, and effectively for the betterment of humankind.
“We learned from experiment and experience what might be expected to happen if a given set of forces started to act. In short, our feet were set at last in the way of real knowledge. We learned how to observe, how to record, how to collate, and how to conclude.”
MIT students have been involved and concerned about social justice and social service as long as I’ve been around.
1910
• Technology Community Association work with immigrants around Boston

1914
• Tech Catholic Club

1937
• Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity (later co-ed)

1953
• Educational Studies Program
1960’s

• MIT Social Service Committee
  – 12 major programs
  – 200 volunteers
  – local neighborhoods

• Community Service Fund was started by a vote of the faculty

• Tutoring Plus was started by five community mothers with the help of many MIT students (still running!)
1970’s

• Student social consciousness and social action

• “Generally faculty sided with students against the administration, which mediated hostility”

• “Dan Nyhart, Dean of Students, was very welcoming and created a great positive rapport”

• Political Science “Urban Action” seminar focused on health and human services
1980’s

• Weaker sense of political consciousness on campus yet culture of service persists
• “Shirley McBay, Dean for Student Affairs, was passionate about equality”
• 1988: PSC formed by Dean Shirley McBay with help from Priscilla King Gray
• “There was a collection of notebooks for thumbing through to find out about volunteer placements in the local area.”
• “The PSC was a useful place to go but it was just a resource: lack of emphasis on learning, preparation, experience.”
1990’s

• CityDays established as foundation program
• First PSC Fellowships
• Panhellenic Society and PSC start Giving Tree
• KEYs program
• Science Expo
• ReachOut
• First PSC-sponsored project wins $50K Competition
2000 – present

- PSC develops new strategic plan, starts assessment, and restructures its programming, developing many collaborations around the Institute
- International Fellowships
- Service Learning Initiative
- IDEAS Competition
- Internships
- Four Weeks For America
- Broader Impacts Initiative
- Outreach Database is started to enable the public to access MIT's public service opportunities.
- PSC Grants exceed $50,000 per year
- IDEAS Global Challenge launched as part of MIT 150th
PSC History Overview

PSC in 1988
• 1 part-time professional staff
• Support for local volunteering

PSC in 2012
• 8 full-time professional staff
• 20 programs
• ~2500 MIT students annually
  – 2200 working in US
  – 250 working internationally
• Faculty, staff, and alumni involvement
• Increasingly, more depth of engagement and higher levels of achievement
• International reputation
The PSC Today

• Hub for MIT’s public service activities
• Provide extraordinary educational opportunities
• Contribute to MIT’s impact on the world
• Available to the entire MIT community
• Facilitate service to people in any geographic area
public service center

MIT Public Service Center
web.mit.edu/mitpsc/
MIT students are changing the world. The MIT Public Service Center makes it possible for those who need it the most. Transforming students, transforming ...

Grants - Fellowships & Internships - Service Learning - PSC Outreach Database

Public Service Center
www.psc.cornell.edu/
Join in for a day of service! January 7, 2012. Sign up today! Alumni in Los Angeles celebrate the Public Service Center's 20th Anniversary with a fall Cornell ...

Students - PSC Student Service Programs - About Us - Faculty

Cal Corps Public Service Center
publicservice.berkeley.edu/
The Cal Corps Public Service Center is in the University of California Berkeley's Division of Student Affairs - Opportunities A-Z | Support Cal Corps | About | UC ...

News for public service center

Public meeting Thursday on closing Tacoma mail processing center
TheNewsTribune.com - 1 hour ago
The US Postal Service is inviting public comments Thursday night on its proposal to close its mail processing center on Pine Street and move its functions ...

680 related articles
What do we do?

• Offer 20+ programs
  – Wide range of activities
    • General volunteering to invention
    • One-day service events to company formation
  – Any location
    • Local, US, international
  – Different levels of support
    • Volunteer opportunities and funded resources

• Serve whole MIT community
  – Graduate and undergraduate students, alumni, staff, faculty
  – Facilitate interaction and communication among people and across programs
PSC Service to the Institute

**Institute Mandates:** Federal requirements, “town-gown” relationships

**Institute Priorities:** Int’l experience, K-12 outreach, US manufacturing

**University-University Relations:** consulting with universities around US and worldwide

**Whole Institute:** Culture of service and celebration

- Alumni Engagement: IDEAS Global Challenge, Alumni Service Trips
- Faculty Research: Broader Impacts Initiative
- Student academic work: Fieldwork, thesis work, service learning
- MIT Outreach initiatives

**Value to students**

- Orientation to an urban campus environment
- Experiential learning
- Opportunities for extraordinary accomplishments
Program Snapshot

• Local volunteer and service programs
  – Freshman Urban Program, CityDays, Giving Tree, etc.

• Funded domestic and international opportunities
  – Grants
  – Internships
  – Fellowships
  – Community Service Work-study
  – Four Weeks for America

• Faculty and departmental outreach
  – Service learning
  – Broader Impacts
  – Outreach database and group interactions

• Teamwork and Entrepreneurship
  – FSILG&D Service Challenge
  – IDEAS Global Challenge
What sorts of public service?

• Ongoing work with New Orleans neighborhood redevelopment
• Assisting the Indonesian National Planning Agency on disaster relief infrastructure in Aceh
• Starting a company to provide accessible, clean toilets in the Nairobi slums, while converting waste to energy and fertilizer
• Lots of education projects
• Wherever humanitarian ambitions lead
• Challenge
• Trust
• Support
• Resource
India Mobile Initiative
PRISA DIGITAL PARTNERS WITH ASSURE LABOR AS IT ADDS OVER 100,000 USERS IN MEXICO

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Assured Labor's Mexican brand EmpleoListo enables employers to instantly connect with job seekers that lack consistent access to the internet.

MIAMI, Fla. – July 14, 2011 – PRISA DIGITAL, the new group designed to lead the digital transformation of PRISA, and Assured Labor, the premier recruitment platform for jobs in emerging markets, announced today that they are partnering to connect Mexican workers with local jobs using mobile phones and the Internet. Assured Labor also announced that it has registered more than 100,000 job seekers in Mexico and over 800 companies have posted jobs through the service.
“Let us not be content to wait and see what will happen, but give us the determination to make the right things happen.”

Horace Mann 1837
Thank you!

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