Is It Engaged Scholarship?

This tool can be helpful for a campus looking to demarcate what is and isn't engaged scholarship.

The 3 P's	Where's the Engagement? ¹		Where's the Scholarship?	Notes
	Community Involvement	Community Benefit		
Purpose(s)	To what extent was the community involved in identifying the matter to be investigated or addressed?	To what extent is the purpose of the project to benefit the community?	To what extent is the purpose of the project to contribute to a body of knowledge? To what extent will the anticipated scholarship benefit the scholar's body of work?	
Process(es)	To what extent is the community involved in the various stages of the project?	To what extent will the community benefit <i>during</i> the project?	To what extent will the community's involvement contribute to advancing knowledge? To what extent is the scholarship on, by, and/ or with the community?	Similar to what we ask with Service-learning: to what extent will the community experience advance student (academic and civic) learning?
Product(s)	To what extent is the community involved in determining and/or writing/creating the final product(s)?	To what extent does/will the product benefit the community?	To what extent does/will the scholarly product benefit the scholar's productivity? To what extent does/will the scholarly product contribute to a body of knowledge?	

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