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**Spring 2018 Seminar Series**

**“The Sustainable Communities Collaborative at Penn State:  
Enhancing Student Learning through Engaged Scholarship.”**

**Presented By  
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Michele Halsell holds an Ed.D. in Human Resources and Workforce Development from the University of Arkansas. She earned a Masters in International Management from Thunderbird (Garvin School of International Management), as well as a Bachelor's degree in French from Hendrix College. She currently serves as a member of the STAR Community Rating System Steering Committee at the national level.

Michele Halsell has been working in the field of sustainability since 2007 when she accepted the position of Managing Director of the Applied Sustainability Center at the University of Arkansas. Her work at the ASC emphasized place-based sustainability and developing education and outreach programs aimed at community leaders. Examples include *Energy, Jobs & the Economy* workshops for Arkansas Legislators, *Sustainable Energy Scorecards and Education for Municipalities*, *Summer Energy Academy for Municipal Leaders*, the *Sustainable Communities Summit*, and *EcoLogical Communities*, a public outreach program. She also worked closely with the City of Fayetteville to facilitate data collection for the city's STAR reporting.

**Wednesday, February 7, 2018  
12:00 PM  
304 FOREST RESOURCES LAB**