Pitt u.lab Hub Adaptive Space

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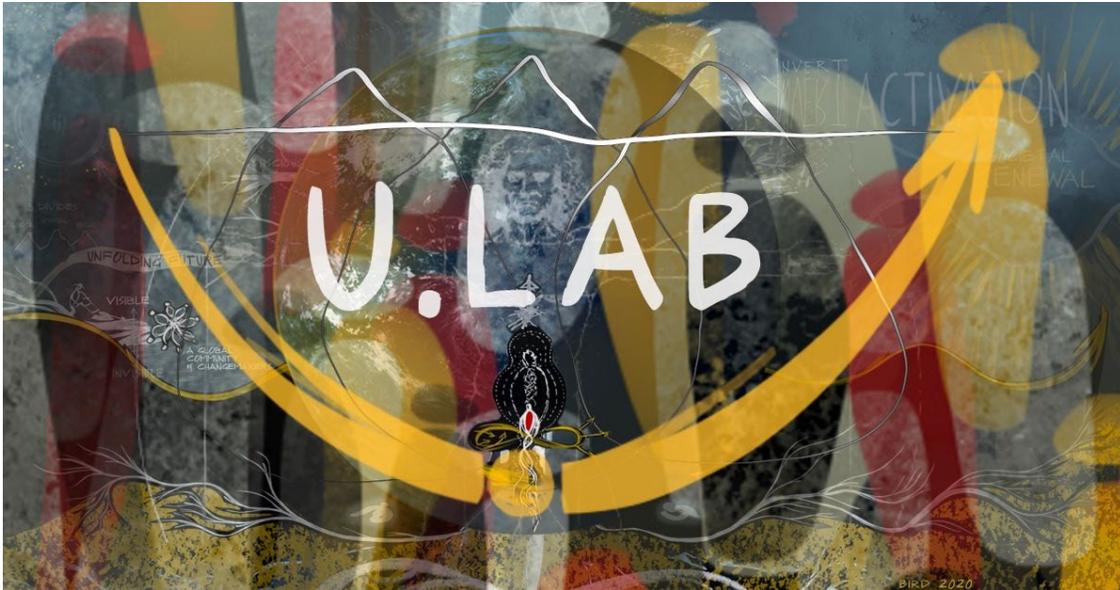
Dear Pitt u.lab hub community,

We are pleased to announce that we have received continued support for the Pitt u.lab hub 2020-21 annual cycle. We would like to express our deep gratitude to Debbie Demchak, Mike Labriola and Jennifer Reitzell of PNC Charitable Trust.

In August we will be welcoming our second cohort of the Pitt u.lab hub members! We will host two taster sessions to introduce this new year's program to both new and existing hub members. With new funding, we will be able to enhance our u.lab hub activities and introduce a new program called "Adaptive Space".

Due to the pandemic, all our fall 2020 programs will be conducted virtually on Mighty Network.

In this newsletter, you will find **Pitt u.lab hub August events** to introduce you to our new annual cycle.

1. [Pitt u.lab hub virtual taster sessions](#) on Aug. 11 and 20, 2020

2. [Adaptive Space course open house](#) on Aug. 27, 2020

3. [Adaptive Space Mighty Network](#) for virtual community engagement

Pitt U.lab Hub Virtual Taser Session

Please join us for our 2020 Pitt u.lab hub taster session, and look forward to:

• Learning about activities the Pitt u.lab hub & Adaptive Space team are planning for this year, and how you can get involved

• Experiencing the Theory U process in 60 minutes through interviewing, journaling and prototyping

• Meeting new and current u.lab enthusiasts from across Pittsburg and beyond

• Learning about how u.lab can power your innovative ideas in all aspects of work and life

Pitt u.lab hub has a lot to offer to its members. To name just a few: systems leadership development with Theory U framework, cross-sector

relationship building, local and global movement building, and prototype development support. We are committed to providing the support infrastructure for socially innovative ideas, and in the process uniting aspiring change makers from across Pittsburgh and beyond.

Our inaugural cohort (2019-2020) of the Pitt u.lab hub participants appreciated **the diversity in the community, the transformational journey** they embarked on in their personal and professional life, and **the safe space for reflection** the hub provided them.

We welcome members from all walks of life, so please spread the word and bring friends!

Taster Session # 1
1-3pm, Tuesday, Aug. 11, 2020

Taster Session # 2
1-3pm, Thursday, Aug. 20, 2020

Adaptive Space Course Open House

The Adaptive Space program enhances the Pitt u.lab hub by introducing a profound new course *Adaptive Space: Ways of Being and Seeing in Social Complexity.* This 12-week course offers an experience in community for learning: support, retreat and reflection-for-action, emphasizing ideas and practices for improving the way we work in the complexity of community in these times.

 Please join us for the Adaptive Space course open house, and look forward to:
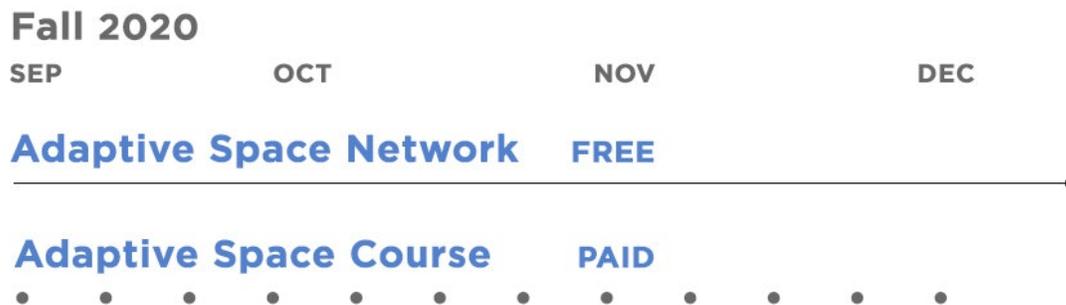
- Meet our amazing faculty Hannah du Plessis, I Medina Jackson & Marc Rettig

- Learn all about the course: structure, schedule, topics, costs, scholarship and more

- Learn about the relationship between the course and the Pitt u.lab hub community of practice

- Be the first to learn the possibilities for our spring 2021 programs

- Get all your questions answered and curiosity satisfied

 To learn more about **the Adaptive Space Course**, please visit the course description here.

Adaptive Space Course Open House
1-2pm, Thursday, Aug. 27 2020

Adaptive Space Mighty Network

Adaptive Space (2020–21) is an evolution of the Pitt u.lab hub (2019–20). While continuing to serve Pitt u.lab hub's original intention of supporting a learning community for the MITx MOOC u.lab: Leading from the Emerging Future, the Adaptive Space program has developed capacity to offer much more. It is one step further in prototyping a holding space for personal, organizational and societal transformation in Pittsburgh.

There are two parts to the Adaptive Space fall 2020 program:

<u>**The Adaptive Space Network**</u>

The Adaptive Space network, hosted within the Mighty Network platform, is free to join. Click here to join the network.

Within this network, we continue to offer **Pitt u.lab hub specific activities**, such as monthly live sessions that correspond with the u.lab MOOC, and coaching circles as close-knit peer support groups. In addition, we will also **host more activities to build stronger communities**. Along this line, we plan to host conversations with "local heroes", profile projects from network members, lead book clubs, and conduct open inquiries on certain topics. The possibilities are infinite.

The Adaptive Space Course

The ***Adaptive Space Course: Ways of Being and Seeing in Social Complexity*** is a new offering this year. This course will be taught within the Mighty Network platform. Click here to apply to the course.

During this 12-week course, we will cover a wide range of topics, including shifting power, seeing social complexity, embracing discomfort and conflict. To learn more about the course, please visit this.

The Adaptive Space spring 2021 program will be shaped by the needs and experience of our Fall participants.

The Pitt u.lab hub is committed to building community capacity for complex social challenges. We are excited about our program in this new year, and look forward to engaging with you at your level of commitment.

Hope to see you at our August events!

Best wishes to all,

Your host
Gemma Jiang, PhD