1. I have been dreaming of a "team" or "layer" of Research Mobilization staff at the UW. They would be distributed across the Library, the Research Office, Communications, and in a new position in Community Research Engagement. As in, this team would be made up of at least four people who worked with each other but also worked from their respective offices with faculty members to help us develop our research projects in ways that make them more accessible and publicly relevant. This sort of coordination would help identify to researchers the resources and expertise available on campus, and would certainly strengthen our ability to name UW's research supports in grant applications in order to attract more monies. Research support needs to be distributed across the university, not only concentrated in the Research Office, particularly given that the tools for dissemination are spread across departments including the Library and Communications.

2. The University of Toronto has an initiative called "From Backpack to Briefcase - b2B" (!) organized by their Alumni + Friends department. http://alumni.artsci.utoronto.ca/b2b/   My colleagues at UofT say that it is fantastic, and that their respective academic departments and students really benefit from this. This would be a great way to recognize the "successes" of UW graduates and to position them to mentor current students. I know at UW that individual faculty and departments organize these types of things for themselves, and that once a year or so the university has distinguished alumni appear at convocation, but I'm imagining something organized by our Alumni services *for* departments that is more systematic and ongoing.

Thanks for the opportunity to contribute,

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