

Public & Community Engagement

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Richard Elgar connects the community to issues and speakers of national and global importance through his role as associate director of the Foley Institute for Public Policy and Public Service.

In addition to organizing policy forums in Olympia with the Secretary of State's office and special events in Spokane, Richard manages a popular lunch-hour speaker series on the Pullman campus. Faced with growing interest and limited in-person space, he led the initiative to create the institute's YouTube channel where live and recorded presentations further expand the reach of information and opportunities for discussion.

Richard also facilitates a range of public policy and political science internships that provide critical learning opportunities for the next generation of civic leaders.

He recently tapped his international experience to improve public understanding of the new U.S. citizenship test by coordinating a series of articles in *The Spokesman Review*. As chair of the board of directors for Alternatives to Violence of the Palouse, his organizational and consensus-building skills add strength to a valuable local resource.

Richard embodies the Foley legacy of public service and the impact of town-gown engagement.

