



SERVICE LEARNING AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT THROUGH HIGHER EDUCATION

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## **EXPERIENCE UGA AMBASSADOR PROGRAM: BUILDING TRANSFORMATIONAL COMMUNITY LEADERS THROUGH SERVICE-LEARNING**

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### **ABSTRACT:**

This poster will share qualitative and quantitative data highlighting the impact of the year-long Experience UGA Ambassador program and the innovative curriculum that prepares college students to support experiential learning and higher education access opportunities for K-12 school children.

### **THEMATIC FOCUS:**

**Convergence and Intersections: How increasing or decreasing hyperconnectivity can impact community engagement.**

**Floods and Droughts: Too much of one thing, not enough of another. How complimentary partnership can fill the gaps.**

**Gauging the Waters: Using research and assessment to course correct or gain deeper insight.**

### **BIO:**

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