



SERVICE LEARNING AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT THROUGH HIGHER EDUCATION

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### BRIDGING CAMPUS AND COMMUNITY: COLLABORATIVE SOLUTIONS FOR HOUSING NEEDS

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#### ABSTRACT:

Housing instability presents critical challenges across all communities. In two Georgia counties, the University of Georgia Archway Partnership's Issue Work Group model is addressing these needs through collaboration with community partners and resources from UGA. Leveraging student engagement, faculty mentorship, and data-driven decision-making, two community issue work groups have developed initiatives, conducted research, and mapped assets. This session highlights strategies for higher education-community collaboration, experiential learning, and building sustainable solutions to local housing challenges.

#### THEMATIC FOCUS:

**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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