



SERVICE LEARNING AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT THROUGH HIGHER EDUCATION

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## **BUILDING STUDENT ENGAEMENT IN EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING THROUGH INSTITUTIONAL COLLABORATION**

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### **ABSTRACT:**

Engaging students in the work of Public Service and Outreach is essential to building stronger communities. This session will highlight how one university collaborated across multiple outreach units to create shared best practices for establishing, managing, and assessing experiences that embed students in impactful community-based experiential and service-learning opportunities.

### **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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