



SERVICE LEARNING AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT THROUGH HIGHER EDUCATION

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BUILDING EMPATHY USING IMMERSIVE TECHNOLOGY

ABSTRACT:

Experiential learning is ideal for many students of the current generation. This presentation outlines the use of virtual reality experiences to introduce students in a Communication Studies survey course to concepts and cultures. Our Center for Civic Engagement has invested significantly in building an immersive technology lab that helps students grow closer in understanding to their fellow citizens in a time of incomprehensible polarization.

THEMATIC FOCUS:

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

BIO:

Professor Friesen (MA Texas A&M 93) is Professor of Speech Communication and Coordinator of the Center for Civic Engagement at LSC-Tomball. He has practiced service-learning for over 23 years and presented the results at local, state and national conferences. His current interest area is immersive technology as a means of helping students learn more about their communities and to become effective citizens.

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