



SERVICE LEARNING AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT THROUGH HIGHER EDUCATION

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## **DEMOCRACY: HARMONIZING CIVIC ENGAGEMENT ON COLLEGE CAMPUSES**

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### **ABSTRACT:**

This interactive 60-minute workshop is designed to empower campus changemakers to enhance civic engagement on their college campuses. Through collaborative activity and discussions, participants will explore strategies for voter registration drives, fostering positive discourse, and building long-term civic initiatives. By the end, attendees will leave equipped to create a campus culture that hits the right notes for sustained democratic involvement and community impact.

**THEMATIC FOCUS: LISTENING CLOSELY | DISSONANCE &  
RESILIENCE | LEARNING THE CHORDS**

### **BIO(S):**

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Margaret Rooyackers is a dedicated higher education professional with a B.S. in Public Health and an M.Ed. in Higher Education Leadership from Mercer University, where she now serves as Assistant Director of Service and Civic Engagement. She advises MerServe, Mercer's service programming board, and Mercer Votes, the voter engagement board. Through the Center for Engaged Learning, she actively collaborates on service-learning initiatives. Currently pursuing her PhD in Education at Mercer, Margaret is passionate about empowering students through service and civic engagement.

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