



SERVICE LEARNING AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT THROUGH HIGHER EDUCATION

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## **EMPOWERING STUDENTS, NOURISHING COMMUNITIES: A STUDENT-LED MODEL FOR COMBATTING FOOD INSECURITY**

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### **ABSTRACT:**

Food insecurity remains an issue across the US, impacting individuals and families. The Campus Kitchen Project stands as a beacon of hope, harnessing the power of college students to address this challenge. We will explore the impact of the CKAU, demonstrating how student-led initiatives can effectively recycle food, create nourishing meals, and foster community engagement. Attendees will gain insights into CKAUs operational model, student leaders, and best practices for replicating this model on other campuses.

**THEMATIC FOCUS: LISTENING CLOSELY | RESONANCE | PLAYING  
AROUND**

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

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