



SERVICE LEARNING AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT THROUGH HIGHER EDUCATION

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PLACE-BASED JUSTICE: AN ANTI-RACIST FRAMEWORK FOR UNIVERSITY-COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

ABSTRACT:

Place-based community engagement is a long-term, university-wide commitment to partner with local residents, organizations, and other leaders to focus equally on campus and community impact within a clearly defined geographic area (2018). For years, colleges and universities have made increasing commitments to place. However, as the sociocultural and legal landscapes of higher education shift, the impact of initiatives has varied. In this workshop, presenters will support participants in navigating and responding to this changing landscape.

THEMATIC FOCUS: DISSONANCE & RESILIENCE

BIO(S):

AUDRYANNA REED

Audryanna Reed serves as the inaugural Associate Director for High-Impact Practices at Southern Methodist University. In this role, she leads the Engage Dallas initiative, a place-based community engagement initiative addressing community needs in South and West Dallas. Audryanna earned her B.S. in Hospitality Management from the University of North Texas to start her event planning career. After reading the book *Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson, she knew that she wanted to make a career shift. It was time to dig into the heart work. Audryanna now holds a Master of Liberal Studies with a dual concentration in Organizational Dynamics and Human Rights & Social Justice from Southern Methodist University. In her work

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with Engage Dallas, she gets to embrace many of her personal values while cultivating opportunities for students and community partners to collaborate.

GAVIN LUTER

Gavin Luter is the Managing Director of the UniverCity Alliance, a network of leaders at University of Wisconsin-Madison serving as the front door for local governments who want to leverage teaching, research, and service to improve their communities. Gavin's expertise is in developing and growing university/community partnerships and has created models and frameworks about how to achieve sustainable, equitable, and democratic partnerships. He serves as Chair for the Place-Based Justice Network and Managing Director for the Educational Partnerships for Innovations in Communities Network.