



Service Learning for the Public Good

Red Rocks Community College presents the
National Community College Conference on Service Learning and Community Engagement
May 18-19, 2018
Lakewood, Colorado

Call for Proposals (Deadline: November 17, 2017)

Red Rocks Community College is pleased to announce the Call for Proposals for its 2018 National Community College Conference on Service Learning and Community Engagement.

This dynamic and relevant conference is an opportunity for community college faculty, staff, and administrators to network and learn about promising practices in the field of service learning and community engagement. The Red Rocks Community College conference planning committee seeks experienced community college faculty, practitioners, and their community partners as conference presenters, to share the value of service learning in giving students real-world experience that helps to build their academic skills and commitment to their local communities.

Theme and Speakers

The theme of the conference, Service Learning for the Public Good, speaks to the importance of the work that community colleges do every day: reaching and teaching diverse populations; offering opportunities to convene around important local, regional, and national issues; helping students succeed academically and in their chosen careers; and working hand-in-hand with local organizations to build reciprocity in community partnerships. At a time of change in our national and international spheres, we invite you to join our conversation by submitting proposals that address the conference theme. How can we ensure service learning benefits the public good, whether in curricular or co-curricular settings?

The Red Rocks Conference planning committee is excited to announce that the opening speaker will be Paul Hernandez, PhD, chief diversity officer at Lansing Community College in Michigan and author of *The Pedagogy of Real Talk*. Dr. Hernandez is a nationally recognized speaker and leader in college access and success, community outreach, and pedagogy for educators working with underserved and underprepared students and those at risk of dropping out of school.

Other speakers will be announced in the coming months.

Session Formats

The conference features one-hour interactive workshops and 30-minute roundtable sessions. Workshops may comprise group or individual presentations and must include interactive work or experiential activities to enhance participants' learning. Roundtables are informal discussions on a particular topic led by one or two facilitators. All session proposals should be targeted to audiences at introductory, intermediate, and/or advanced levels.

Proposals will be evaluated based on the session's topic or focus; relevance to community college audiences; connection to the theme of Service Learning for the Public Good; interactive/experiential components of the session; roles/contributions of presenters; and contribution to current conversations in the service learning and community engagement field. Successful proposals should address each of these topics. All approved presenters will receive a copy of Dr. Paul Hernandez's book, *The Pedagogy of Real Talk*.

In addition to plenary and concurrent sessions, the event offers three preconference workshops designed specifically for community college faculty, staff, and administrators:

- An Introduction to Service Learning and Community Engagement
- Preparing for the 2020 Carnegie Community Engagement Classification
- How to Build and Institutionalize a Service Learning Center

Registration

Online registration will open in January 2018. The conference includes breakfast, lunch, and breaks each day. Individual rates are as follows:

- College faculty/staff/administrators: \$325
- Community partners: \$200
- Students: \$100
- Preconference workshops: \$75

Location

Located in suburban Denver, the Red Rocks Community College campus offers a relaxed environment in which to learn from and network with colleagues from across the country. Easy access from Denver International Airport and a setting in the foothills of the Rocky Mountains makes this the ideal place to reflect on the academic year and plan new service learning opportunities for your students and community partners.

Proposal Deadline

Proposals are due by 11:59 pm MST, Friday, November 17, 2017. Acceptance notifications will be sent by January 2018.

Red Rocks Community College and the conference planning committee reserve the right to edit session titles or descriptions for the conference program. Please note that all selected presenters will be responsible for their own expenses (registration, travel, accommodations, etc.) related to the 2018 Red Rocks Conference. A/V equipment (computers, projectors, screens, and wireless Internet) will be provided at no charge in all meeting rooms.

To submit a proposal or download a PDF version of the Call for Proposals and instructions, visit [Call for Proposals at RRCC Conference 2018](#).

For More Information

If you have questions about the conference or the Call for Proposals, please contact one of the conference co-chairs:

- Wendy Bird, wendy.bird@rrcc.edu, 303.914.6319
- Toni Nicholas, toni.nicholas@rrcc.edu, 303.914.6632

Proposal Submission Format

This format is listed for informational purposes only. All proposals must be submitted online via the conference website.

Presenter Details

Primary Presenter

First Name

Last Name

Title

Institution or Organization

Address1

Address2

City

State

Zip

Email

Phone

Co-Presenter 1

First Name

Last Name

Title

Institution or Organization

Email

Phone

Co-Presenter 2

First Name

Last Name

Title

Institution or Organization

Email

Phone

Co-Presenter 3

First Name

Last Name

Title

Institution or Organization

Email

Phone

Session Details

Session Title (15 words maximum)

Session Type (select one: 1-hour workshop or 30-minute roundtable)

Session Description (for conference program; 100 words maximum)

Session Design (topic background, relevance to conference theme, session format, participant learning objectives, presenter roles, presentation outline and activities; 350 words maximum)

Session Audience/Track (select all that apply: introductory, intermediate, advanced)

Presenter Information (list short bios and prior conference presentations for each presenter; 250 words maximum)