Unconference Roundtable Discussion

Closing the Gap: Creating a New Agenda for Engaged Research

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What is and is not considered engaged research? From activist/advocacy work on behalf of communities to service-learning on behalf of universities, the range of activities that academia considers engaged scholarship has expanded over time. However, as we confront a reckoning on race and retooling education as a consequence of COVID, panelists and attendees will work together to determine what engaged research should consist of now. Further, attendees will craft a new agenda that both redefines engaged research and describes the institutional support necessary to advance that platform. The panel of engaged researchers will share their insights concerning practice and pedagogy, and will guide a broader discussion that asks: What should a new agenda for engaged research contain?