

# TRUCEN

The Research University  
Civic Engagement Network  
Annual Meeting

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Hosted by

**University of Colorado Boulder**

**April 6-8, 2024**

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Campus Compact

## Saturday, April 6

1:00 - 4:30 PM

**(Optional) Self-guided tours & exploration in downtown Denver**  
Curated by CU Boulder

**Begins at 3:30 PM**

**Registration & Check-In, Hilton Denver City Center, Penrose II**

5:00 - 8:30 PM

**Opening speaker & networking welcome reception, Penrose I & II**

5:00 - 5:45: Cocktail Hour & Networking

5:45 - 6:00: Welcome to TRUCEN

- Bobbie Laur, President of Campus Compact
- Mike Lightner, Vice President for Academic Affairs, University of Colorado
- Anne DePrince, Associate Vice Provost of Public Good Strategy and Research, University of Denver

6:00 - 6:30: Featured Speakers: Community Leaders

- Evon, Art, and Adriana Lopez, Community Advocates & Leaders, Valverde Neighborhood

6:30 - 7:30: Dinner

7:30 - 8:00: Featured Speakers: University Partners

- Carrie Makarewicz, Associate Professor & Department Chair, Department of Urban & Regional Planning, University of Colorado Denver
- Cara DiEnno, Executive Director, Center for Community Engagement to Advance Scholarship and Learning, University of Denver

8:00: Closing Remarks

## Sunday, April 7

7:45 AM

**Meet in Hilton City Center Lobby to Depart for Boulder**

8:00 - 8:30 AM

**Travel to Boulder (find a buddy to sit with!)**

8:30-9:00 AM

**Continental Breakfast**

9:00 - 9:15 AM

**Welcome Remarks and Framing for the Day**

- David Meens, Director, Office for Public and Community-Engaged Scholarship, University of Colorado Boulder
- Ann Schmiesing, Executive Vice Provost for Academic Resources, University of Colorado Boulder
- James Roland, TRUCEN Leadership Committee Representative and Senior Director of Civic and Community Engagement, Emory University

9:15 - 10:45 AM

**Navigating your Place-based Mission**

During this interactive session, we will break attendees into two groups:

1. Hyperlocal engagement
2. State-wide engagement, with a particular emphasis on rural community engagement

Facilitators:

- Jamilah Ducar, Executive Director of the Engaged Campus, University of Pittsburgh (Hyperlocal Facilitator)
- Laura Martin, M-Partner Director and Associate Director of the Grisham-McLean Institute for Public Service and Community Engagement, Ole Miss (State-wide Facilitator)

10:45 - 11:00 AM

**Break**

# Sunday, April 7 (cont'd)

## 11:00 AM - 12:15 PM Organizing for Impact

- Moderator: Neeraja Aravamudan, Director, Ginsberg Center, University of Michigan
- Briana Huett, Associate Director, Office of Outreach & Engagement, University of Connecticut
- Robin Bachin, Associate Professor and Assistant Provost for Civic and Community Engagement, University of Miami
- Shalom Staub, Assistant Dean and Executive Director, Center for Community Engagement, University of California Los Angeles
- Kwesi Brookins, Vice Provost for Outreach and Engagement, Michigan State University

## 12:15 - 2:15 PM Working Lunch: Reporting Out and Workshopping Outcomes from the 2022-2023 Sustained Conversation Groups

12:15 - 12:45: Lunch

12:45-2:15: 2023-2024 Sustained Conversation Group Report-Outs & Discussion:

- Supporting Equity-Focused Community-Based Research (Co-Facilitators: Clayton Hurd and Maranda Ward)
- Strengthening Student Learning and Engagement for a Challenged Democracy (Co-Facilitators: Renee Brown & Nancy Thomas)
- Cultivating Community Voice in our Engagement Programs (Facilitator: Doug Barrera)

## 2:15 - 2:30 PM Break

## 2:30 - 4:00 PM Holistic Community Engagement Approaches – Climate Solutions as Case Study

2:30 - 3:00: CU Boulder campus-level investment and coordination

- Keynote w/ Q&A: “How Research Strengths and Signature Events Support Collaboration and Engagement: The United Nations *Right Here, Right Now* Climate Summit as a Case Study,” *Vice Chancellor & Chief Communications Officer Jon Leslie, Strategic Relations & Communications*

3:00 - 4:00: Break-out groups for brief presentations from CU Boulder sustainability and climate solutions program leaders, followed by interactive and generative discussion.

- Leveraging *Right Here, Right Now* in External Partnership Development, *Lori Call, Associate Vice Chancellor for Local Government & Community Relations*
- How deans and directors advanced division or unit-level goals through *Right Here, Right Now*, *Max Boykoff, Professor, Environmental Studies*
- How *Right Here, Right Now* advanced campus sustainability efforts, *Chris Ewing, Vice Chancellor and Chief Facilities Officer, Infrastructure & Sustainability*
- Integrating *Right Here, Right Now* in curricular and co-curricular engagement opportunities, *Patrick Chandler, Outreach & Engagement Associate, Cooperative Institute for Environmental Sciences*
- Leveraging *Right Here, Right Now* to advance student engagement in climate solutions, *Jasmin Barco, Assistant Director of Energy and Climate Justice, Environmental Center*

## 4:00 - 4:30 PM Campus Walking Tour

## 4:30 - 5:30 PM Networking Reception at Alumni Center

## 5:30 PM Depart for Denver

*Those who would like to stay in Boulder to explore are welcome to. There is regional public bus transportation available to return to Denver. The bus runs from Boulder to Downtown Denver every 30 minutes with the last bus departing at midnight.*

## Monday, April 8

7:00 - 8:00 AM	<b>Breakfast</b>
8:00 - 9:00 AM	<b>Kick-off and Introductions for 2024-2025 Sustained Conversation Groups</b> Facilitated by Laurel Hirt, Director, Center for Community Engaged Learning, University of Minnesota
9:00 - 9:45 AM	<b>Welcome remarks from GivePulse, George Luc, Co-Founder and CEO</b> <b>Peer to Peer Coaching</b> Facilitated by Bobbie Laur <i>This is a space where participants each bring a project/initiative that they are working on and need support/advice on connected to the topic of effectively organizing your institution and ecosystem for impact</i>
9:45 - 10:00 AM	<b>Break</b>
10:00 - 11:30 AM	<b>Nuts and Bolts of Civic and Community Engagement Lightning Presentations and Follow-up Roundtables Discussions</b> Facilitated by Renee Brown, Director, Center for Community Engaged Learning, Michigan State University  Confirmed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Montana State University: The MSU Public Engagement Fellowship Program</li><li>• Tulane University: Community partner in residence program</li><li>• University of Michigan: Storytelling for Social Change</li><li>• Harvard College: Academic certification for civic engagement work</li><li>• University of Notre Dame: Enhancing the social impact of grants</li><li>• Dartmouth College: Winter break community-based learning programming- Dartmouth's new ImpACT Winterim Leadership Intensive</li></ul>
11:30 AM - 12:00 PM	<b>Visioning for TRUCEN Going Forward:</b> Facilitated by Laurel Hirt and James Roland <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Networking session topics for the coming year</li><li>• Showcase visit ideas and needs</li><li>• New programming ideas</li><li>• Fostering Connections</li></ul>
12:00 - 12:30 PM	<b>Closing Remarks &amp; Box Lunch</b>

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**1:15 PM**      **The Compact24 Conference officially kicks off!**  
TRUCEN Annual Meeting attendees who are also joining us for Compact24 should stop by the Compact24 registration desk in Lower Level 2 of the Hilton Denver City Center to check-in and pick up their Compact24 name tag.