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# The Engaged Democratic Civic University

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# DEMOCRACY IN CRISIS

- Pandemic
- Increasing inequalities
- Increasing racism, anti-Semitism, xenophobia
- Increasing attacks on science, knowledge, and democracy
- Declining trust in major institutions

# UNIVERSITY'S INFLUENCE AND IMPACT

- New ideas and technologies
- Engines of local, national, and global economies
- Anchor institutions
- Teach the teachers—and the teachers' teachers



# PURPOSES OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN U.S.

- Education for democratic citizenship

“[A]n *Inclination* join’d with an *Ability* to serve Mankind, one’s Country, Friends and Family . . . should indeed be the great *Aim* and *End* of all Learning” (Franklin, 1747)

- Knowledge to advance the human condition

“to serve as the scientific basis of further study, and of practical reform” (Du Bois, 1899)

# HISTORY OF UNIVERSITIES AND ENGAGEMENT IN U.S

- Colonial Colleges
- Land-Grant Universities
- Historically Black Colleges and Universities
- Urban Research Universities
- Burgeoning Engaged University



# TYOLOGY OF UNIVERSITIES

1. Traditional Liberal Arts
2. Neoliberal Entrepreneurial University
3. Democratic Civic University



# CREATING THE DEMOCRATIC CIVIC UNIVERSITY

- Community Partnerships
- Universal Problems Manifested Locally
- Democratic Purpose, Process, Product



# NETTER CENTER AS A CASE STUDY

- Academically Based Community Service (ABCS)
- University-Assisted Community schools (UACS)
- Democratic Anchor Institution





# WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE

1. Searching Critique
2. Noah Principle
3. A Global Movement



# THE GLOBAL MOVEMENT



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- Council of Europe
- International Consortium
- Organization of American States
- International Association of Universities



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# CONCLUSION

“Democracy must begin at home, and its home is the neighborly community.” (Dewey, 1927)

Democracy must begin at home, and its home is the neighborly democratic civic university and its local community partners.

