The Center for Community and Nonprofit Studies in the School of Human Ecology presents

**Liberating Service Learning**

**Monday, December 14th, 12:00-1:15 PM**
Room 2211 (2nd Floor), Nancy Nicholas Hall

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“Adapted from my new book, ‘Liberating Service Learning’ (in press), this presentation is designed to challenge our thinking about higher education community engagement. It questions the prioritization and theoretical/philosophical underpinnings of four core concepts of service learning: learning, service, community, and change. ‘Liberating service learning’ reverses the prioritization of the concepts, beginning with change, then community, then service, then learning. The theory of change recognizes the importance of structural conflicts in society, the theory of community emphasizes a unitary rather than exchange model, the theory of service draws from community organizing and development models, and the theory of learning works from popular education and focuses on constituencies and communities as much as students.”

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