How can cities increase informed participation in local civic endeavors, including voting? What are the tactics, policies or programs that will lead to persistent civic engagement in local communities?

While voter turnout in presidential elections was 57.5 percent in the 2012 election, the typical turnout for recent mayoral elections in large U.S. cities is a mere 25.8 percent. And the future doesn’t look particularly promising, with market research showing very little overlap today between those who always vote in local elections and young, college-educated citizens.

This Learning Lab will inform Knight’s research agenda on increasing informed local civic participation that will guide our grantmaking strategy for engagement.

**Agenda**

- **8:15 – 8:30 a.m.** Welcome
- **8:30 – 9:00 a.m.** Dana R. Fisher, University of Maryland
- **9:00 – 9:30 a.m.** Aaron Weinschenk, University of Wisconsin – Green Bay
- **9:30 – 10:00 a.m.** J. Eric Oliver, University of Chicago
- **10:00 – 10:30 a.m.** Melissa Marschall, Rice University
- **10:30 – 11:00 a.m.** Elizabeth Bennion, Indiana University South Bend
- **11:00 – 11:30 a.m.** Costas Panagopoulos, Fordham University
- **11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.** Todd Rogers, Harvard University
- **12:00 – 12:30 p.m.** Donald Green, Columbia University
- **12:30 – 1:00 p.m.** Hahrie Han, Wellesley College
- **1:00 – 1:30 p.m.** David Nickerson, University of Notre Dame
- **1:30 – 1:45 p.m.** Closing remarks