

# Hampton Roads Civic Engagement Summit

## “Our Region, Our Future”

- 8:30 a.m. Registration and Continental Breakfast
- Youth Civic Engagement Video WHRO’s *Be There, Be Counted*  
“Hampton Roads Performs” Video and Demonstration Hampton Roads Partnership
- 9:00 a.m. Welcome Jim Oliver  
Message from Bob O’Neill
- Summit Moderator - Suzette Denslow, Chief of Staff for Richmond Mayor Dwight C. Jones
- 9:20 a.m. Key Presentation - Chris Gates, Executive Director,  
Philanthropy for Active Civic Engagement (PACE), Denver, Colorado
- 10:00 a.m. Break
- 10:15 a.m. The Batten Surveys Dr. Quentin Kidd, Christopher Newport University  
Introductory “youth voices” video produced by Rebecca Miller
- 10:45 a.m. Breakout Sessions - Small Group Dialogue to Generate Recommendations
- 11:50 p.m. Reconvene and Vote Suzette Denslow, Suzanne Puryear, David Campt  
Technology-Aided Consideration of Recommendations from Small Groups
- 12:30 p.m. Adjournment Suzette Denslow

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### About the Videos

The *Be There, Be Counted* video being shown during the registration time and the break, features the voices of young Americans discussing how they engage in the political process and why they think it is important to build a more responsive government. It is from a project of the WHRO Center for Regional Citizenship to encourage more informed and active political participation, with a special focus on young citizens.

The video “Hampton Roads Performs” was produced to introduce the public to a new Internet-based information resource for the citizens of Hampton Roads to find data related to regional public concerns.

Rebecca Miller, Communication major from Virginia Wesleyan College, is an Intern at the WHRO Center for Regional Citizenship. She shot, directed and edited the Survey presentation introductory video.



## Information on the Speakers



**Suzette Denslow** is Chief of Staff for Richmond Mayor Dwight C. Jones. She is a native of Richmond and has a B.S. in Urban Studies from Virginia Commonwealth University and a Masters in Public Administration from the University of Virginia. She has extensive experience in local government having worked for the Virginia Municipal League for over a decade. Prior to working with the Virginia Municipal League, Suzette worked for the cities of Richmond and Charlottesville. Suzette also spent two years working for the Tennessee Municipal League as the Executive Director. Most recently Suzette served as the Legislative Director and Deputy Director of Policy under Governors Mark Warner and Timothy Kaine. Suzette has served in Governor Doug Wilder's administration as the Deputy Secretary of Education and also with the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission (JLARC).



**Chris Gates** has been Executive Director of the Philanthropy for Active Civic Engagement (PACE) since June 2006. PACE is an organization founded to bring more attention and focus to the issues of civic engagement and to encourage more members of the philanthropic community to make civic engagement a part of their funding priorities. In this role Gates speaks extensively around the country and world on the broad topic of civic engagement, including civic education, leadership training, community problem solving, political reform and democratic renewal. He previously served for eleven years as President of the National Civic League, a national 112-year-old advocacy organization that was founded by Teddy Roosevelt and focuses on revitalizing America's democracy at the local level.



**Dr. Quentin Kidd, Ph.D.** is an Associate Professor of Political Science in the Department of Government at Christopher Newport University. Dr. Kidd is also the Director of the University's Center for Public Policy. He received a B.A. and a M.A. in Political Science from the University of Arkansas and a Ph.D. in Political Science from Texas Tech University. His academic concentration was American Politics. Quentin Kidd is a frequent speaker and media commentator on politics and the author of multiple surveys organized by the University's political center. His research areas of interest include American Politics, Citizenship/Civic Participation, American Political Behavior, Virginia Politics and Southern U. S. Politics.

**David Campt**, keypad facilitator, of the DWC Group specializes in helping organizations and communities engage every person's voice in conversations about tomorrow's possibilities. Through creative facilitation and innovative technology, DWC helps groups find new collaborative strategies for creating smarter organizations and building stronger communities. DWC clients range from the White House to European NGOs, community foundations to Fortune 500 businesses. Visit [www.theDWCgroup.com](http://www.theDWCgroup.com) for information.

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## Break-out Questions

The questions today begin to build a mutual operating agreement – our regional civic compact – a consensus for a productive partnership that defines our common future through intentional, sound, informed and sustainable public decisions.

### Question #1

What do we recommend as specific improvements for information and communication that make the public process better for all parties and increase mutual trust?

### Question #2

From this list, what are the top two priorities for information and communication improvements?

### Question #3

What principles related to public decision making processes would we recommend that would support intentional, sound, sustainable public decisions and also increase mutual trust?

### Question #4

What principles do we agree to offer to the larger group?