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Abstract:

Recognizing the yearning of our Millennial students for spiritual relevance within the educational process, this session will elicit the perspectives of service-learning directors, scholars and professors from faith-based institutions on their efforts to make the connection between their various faith traditions and service-learning. Scholars from Messiah College and Azusa Pacific University have been invited as contributors due to their long-term interest, practice and research around this important issue. The Workshop format will provide opportunities for participants not only to ask questions, but also to contribute their own experience in building on the strengths of this Millennial generation especially as it relates to the potential for helping to address their needs for a holistic education valuing spiritual development and focusing on meaning, relationship and purpose. Workshop contributors have been selected for their both their practical experience and their research around faith traditions and the development of "interfaith competence" among college students.