| **Mission of the Gulf-South Summit** | To promote networking among practitioners, research, ethical practices, reciprocal campus-community partnerships, sustainable programs, and a culture of engagement and public awareness through service-learning and other forms of civic engagement. |
| **Date** | Pre-conference Workshops, March 2, 2011  
Conference, March 2-4, 2011 |
| **Location** | Hotel Roanoke and Conference Center, Roanoke, Virginia |
| **Host** | Virginia Tech |
| **Theme** | CIVIC ENGAGEMENT FOR OUR CHANGING COMMUNITIES |

Is the world turning faster these days or does it just seem like it? Alvin Toffler’s predictions for “future shock” -- too much change in too short a time---now seem very close to reality. Although we experience stress in our social spaces as this change momentum increases, many of us will continue to find solutions to some of the seemingly intractable problems facing our communities. A focus on civic engagement, community partnerships, service learning are all vital ingredients to meeting changes successfully. Service to others has never been more necessary that in 2011.

Join us for a dialog this spring to find and develop possible actions to engage your communities in the solutions to these issues and others:

- Changing demographics and diversified communities;
- Economic, financial, and workplace instability;
- Environmental distress and sustainability;
- Need for our communities to meet food, shelter, and healthcare disparities.
Engaged citizens can change the world one community at a time. A broader dialog between citizens, educational institutions and communities can be the start of global solutions to many of the issues of our times. This conference may just be the stimulus of that conversation.

| Participants | Individuals or teams comprised of higher education faculty, staff, students, and partners from K-12 schools and community organizations. Last year's event in Athens, Georgia attracted over 430 participants. |
| Format | • Pre-Summit Workshops.  
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• Multiple Concurrent and Poster Sessions with speakers selected through a competitive Request for Proposal process  
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