

Higher Education and Democracy
 Notes from Harry Boyte's Keynote Address
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What is	Liberal	Communitarian	Civic populist/Commonwealth
Democracy?	Elections	civil society (Non-profits)	work of citizens
The citizen?	Voter	volunteer	co-creator
Civic learning?	Civics	service	public work
Politics?	Who gets what? Partisan	to be avoided	negotiating differences to do public work
Higher education's role	expert/civic service provider	more education	agents and architects of democracy

Reading Resources

1. Legacy Resources

Jane Addams

Twenty Years at Hall House
Democracy and Social Ethics

Charles Payne

I've Got the Light of Freedom

Scott Peters

2. "Technocratic Creep"

Ann Fadiman

The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down

Thomas Bender

Intellect and Public Life

James Scott

Seeing Like a State

Ellen Langemann

The Politics of Knowledge

John Jordan

Machine Age Ideology

3. Democratic Movement

New Student Politics- CC

Mike Gecan

Going Public

Sara Evans & Henry Boyte

Free Spaces: The Sources of Democratic Change in America

John de Graff Ed.

Take Back Your Time

Bernard Crick

In Defense of Politics

Project for Public Spaces

www.pps.org

Center for Democracy and Citizenship

www.publicwork.org & www.publicachievement.org

Civic Practices Network

www.cpn.org

Public Work

Definition: The sustained, visible efforts of a diverse mix of citizens who solve problems and co-create things or processes of lasting civic values

Involves (and can be evaluated in terms of): civic products and public capacities (skills, habits, democratic thinking, imagination, etc)