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*NATIONAL LEADERS COME TO NORTH CAROLINA TO EXAMINE AMERICAN CIVIC ENGAGEMENT  
Redesigning Democracy Summit Hosted by Institute for Emerging Issues*

**RALEIGH, N.C., December 5, 2012** – The Redesigning Democracy Summit, hosted by the [Institute for Emerging Issues](#) on December 9-10, 2012, is focused on improving citizen engagement. This two-day workshop brings together national leaders in the fields of policy, technology, design, and more to analyze the current state of our democracy. The event will showcase creative and promising practices, as well as discover new ways to ignite citizen involvement, investment, and leadership.

“People are turning away from public life,” says former North Carolina Governor and IEI Board Chair James B. Hunt, Jr. “It is important that we find ways to bring new ideas and citizens into our efforts to work together.”

“There is so much at stake. As global dynamics, emerging technologies, and social patterns change our national landscape, we face complicated challenges,” says Institute for Emerging Issues Director Anita Brown-Graham. “The Redesigning Democracy Summit brings together the perspective, experiences and innovative ideas needed to help IEI use its new Emerging Issues Commons to engage broad and diverse groups of people across North Carolina.”

The two-day event will be held at the Emerging Issues Commons, a new multimedia, civic engagement platform and installation located inside the James B. Hunt Jr. Library on NC State’s Centennial Campus. It will also be broadcast live online courtesy of Raleigh’s WRAL News on [Sunday](#) and [Monday](#). The public is invited to participate using Twitter dedicated hashtag #RDS12 or by emailing questions or comments to IEI at [emergingissues@ncsu.edu](mailto:emergingissues@ncsu.edu).

A full participant list for the Redesigning Democracy Summit is available [here](#).

**MEDIA REGISTRATION DETAILS**

EVENT: Institute for Emerging Issues Redesigning Democracy Summit  
DATE: December 9, 5:30 – 8:30 PM | December 10, 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM  
LOCATION: The James B. Hunt Jr. Library at NC State University  
1070 Partners Way, Raleigh, NC 27606  
MEDIA ACCESS: December 9, 4:30 PM | December 10, 7:30 AM  
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