



June 17, 2025 · 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

- 8:30 - 8:35      Welcome to RISE: Opening Remarks  
*Tricia Coates, Leahy Institute for Rural Partnerships and Office of Engagement, University of Vermont*  
Grand Maple Ballroom (overflow seating: Chittenden Bank Room and Jost Foundation Room)
- 8:35 - 8:45      Presidential Welcome  
*Dr. Marlene Tromp, President Designate, University of Vermont*  
Grand Maple Ballroom (overflow seating: Chittenden Bank Room and Jost Foundation Room)
- 8:45 - 9:30      Keynote: Research as a Public Good  
*Dr. Mark Becker, President, Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities*  
Grand Maple Ballroom (overflow seating: Chittenden Bank Room and Jost Foundation Room)
- 9:30 - 9:45      Overview of the Day  
*Tricia Coates, Leahy Institute for Rural Partnerships and Office of Engagement, University of Vermont*  
Grand Maple Ballroom (overflow seating: Chittenden Bank Room and Jost Foundation Room)
- 10:00 - 11:00    Breakout Sessions: Making Research Work for You  
Grand Maple Ballroom: Communicating the Work  
*Panelists: Christopher Kojzar, UVM College of Arts and Sciences; Ben Cooley, UVM Complex Systems and Community News; Karen Anderson, Vermont Public*  
*Moderator: Susan Evans McClure, VT Arts Council*
- Frank Livak (overflow seating: Chittenden Bank Room): Asking the Right Questions  
*Panelists: Colin Anderson, UVM Institute for Agroecology; Jackie Pratt, Stowe Electric; Paige Brochu, UVM Spatial Analysis Lab; Samatha Koehler, UVM Water Resources Institute*  
*Moderator: Ernesto Mendez, UVM Institute for Agroecology*
- Mildred Livak (overflow seating: Jost Foundation Room): Building Effective Teams  
*Panelists: Roz King, UVMMC; Dan Kopin, VELCO; Alex Farrell, Commissioner, VT Department of Housing and Community Development*  
*Moderator: Bettyjo Bouchey, UVM PACE*
- 11:00 - 11:30    Networking Break: Local Food and Craft Market  
Livak Fireplace Lounge
- 11:30 - 12:30    Breakout Workshops: Making Research Work for You  
Grand Maple Ballroom: Creative Communication Strategies  
*Facilitator: jen berger, UVM Program in Art and Art History/At the Root*
- Frank Livak (overflow seating: Chittenden Bank Room): The Question Lab  
*Facilitator: Abigail Crocker, UVM Justice Research Center*
- Mildred Livak (overflow seating: Jost Foundation Room): Recipes for Good Partnerships  
*Facilitator: Sarah Henshaw, Leaves of Change Vermont*



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- 12:45 – 1:45      Lunch and Learn Sessions
- Grand Maple Ballroom: Pathways to Housing  
*Speakers: Alex Farrell, Commissioner, VT Department of Housing and Community Development; Miro Weinberger, Let's Build Homes/UVM Patrick Leahy Honors College*
- Frank Livak (*overflow seating: Chittenden Bank Room*): It Takes a Village: How Schools and Health Partners Team Up  
*Speakers: Bernice Garnett, UVM College of Education and Social Services; Heidi Schumacher, UVM Health Network*
- Mildred Livak (*overflow seating: Jost Foundation Room*): From Innovation Hubs to Co-Working: Creative Solutions for Vermont's Rural Economy  
*Speakers: Chris Maggiolo, Black River Innovation Campus; Lucia Campriello, Hula; Andrew Van Leuven, UVM Community Development and Applied Economics*
- 2:00 - 2:05      About the RISE Menu: A Focus on Sustainable and Locally Sourced Foods  
*Presented by: Nicole Reilly, Sodexo*  
Grand Maple Ballroom (*overflow seating: Chittenden Bank Room and Jost Foundation Room*)
- 2:05 - 2:20      ARC Student Entrepreneur Pitches  
Grand Maple Ballroom (*overflow seating: Chittenden Bank Room and Jost Foundation Room*)
- 2:20 – 2:40      Leahy Institute Partnership Award  
*Presented by: Senator Patrick Leahy (ret.)*  
Grand Maple Ballroom (*overflow seating: Chittenden Bank Room and Jost Foundation Room*)
- 2:40 – 3:10      Front Porch Follies Performance  
Grand Maple Ballroom (*overflow seating: Chittenden Bank Room and Jost Foundation Room*)
- 3:10 – 3:15      Front Porch Forum Remarks  
*Presented by: Michael Wood-Lewis, Front Porch Forum*  
Grand Maple Ballroom (*overflow seating: Chittenden Bank Room and Jost Foundation Room*)
- 3:15 – 4:15      Keynote Panel: Research as a Public Good  
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*Introduction: Dan Smith, Vermont Community Foundation*  
*Panelists: Kirk Dombrowski, UVM VP for Research and Economic Development; Jennifer Stromsten, Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation; Sky Barsch, VTDigger*  
*Moderator: Mike Pieciak, VT State Treasurer*
- 4:15 – 4:20      Final Remarks and Wrap Up  
Grand Maple Ballroom (*overflow seating: Chittenden Bank Room and Jost Foundation Room*)  
*Tricia Coates, Leahy Institute for Rural Partnerships and Office of Engagement, University of Vermont*
- 4:30 – 5:30      Poster & Networking Reception  
Livak Fireplace Lounge