



## **Registration now open for CPPR's Alternative Futures for Kansas: A Civic Imagination Workshop**

What if we hit peak water on a global scale? What would happen if tuition and fees at public colleges were eliminated? How would an additional increase in mortgage rates affect prospective and current homeowners?

The Center for Public Partnerships and Research (CPPR) is hosting the [Alternative Futures for Kansas: A Civic Imagination Workshop](#) on Nov. 15. to engage in questions like these with one of the leading practitioners and teachers of futures thinking, Jake Dunagan, Governance Lab director at the [Institute for the Future](#).

Futures Thinking turns “what if” questions into a creative and proactive discipline that can help us identify opportunities and engage in the possibilities of events that can completely reshape our lives. The Alternative Futures Workshop participants will learn how to investigate the future by developing strategic foresight skills and how to share critical feedback. Dunagan will guide participants in futures thinking by exploring multidisciplinary tools and strategies. And [KU Life Span Artist-in-Residence John Sebelius](#) will help participants in creating future artifacts to support each scenario session with tangible elements that can ground and inspire an expansive exchange of ideas.

“Kansas has big questions to tackle, and no one sector or person has all the answers. The Civic Imagination Workshop provides a space for us to come together and think through alternative scenarios and see where we can take action today,” said Jackie Counts, executive director of CPPR. “We believe in the wisdom of the collective—in the students and community members of Lawrence— and their impact on future generations.”

Alternative Futures for Kansas: A Civic Imagination Workshop is co-sponsored by the University of Kansas: Achievement & Assessment Institute, Common Book, Hall Center for the Humanities, J. Wayne & Elsie M. Gunn Center for the Study of Science Fiction, and the Lawrence Arts Center. The in-person workshop is scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 15 from 9AM to NOON at the Jayhawk Room in the Kansas Union. The event is open to the public, but registration will be limited to 100 people. For more details and registration information, visit [cpr.ku.edu/alternative-futures](http://cpr.ku.edu/alternative-futures)

For previous coverage of CPPR's approach to foresight, visit [aai.ku.edu/how-cppr-futures-thinking](http://aai.ku.edu/how-cppr-futures-thinking).