Community engaged research is centered around the concept of involving community members into the research process. However, researchers may not always know how the community views and understands our processes. This forum will be a time to hear from non-academic panelists who have worked on community engaged research projects, supported community in participating, and helped create research ideas. Join us to learn how academics can partner with community to engage in research and ensure equitable involvement. Hear community members’ perspective on the research processes and protocols and how they view research. This forum will allow ample time for an audience question and answer session.