

Dr. Richard Florida Headlines HCI's National Summit

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Dr. Florida is Hirst Professor in the School of Public Policy at George Mason University and an adjunct scholar with the American Enterprise Institute in Washington, D.C. Throughout his distinguished academic career, he has also been a visiting professor at M.I.T. and Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government. In addition, he has served as an advisor to the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, the U.S. Department of Commerce, the U.S. Congress, state and local governments, the Canadian government, the European Union, the Japanese government, and multinational corporations.

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