

CALL FOR PARTICIPATION—2014 UAA CONFERENCE

Borders and Boundaries in an Age of Global Urbanization

Urban Affairs Association Conference

San Antonio, TX

March 19-22, 2014

Abstract/Proposal Deadline: October 1, 2013

Urban areas have grown at an unprecedented rate in the last decade. More of the world's population now lives in cities than in any other context. International trade, capital investment and divestment, migration, and porous economic, social and political boundaries fuel this global urbanization. Enormous governance challenges result for megacities and fast-growing urban centers due to in-migration and other trends, particularly in the global south. Ethnic, racial and economic disparities across the globe create new tensions and vehicles for exclusion, while also creating interesting possibilities for cooperation and collaboration. Economic, political, and environmental crises further burden governance and demand innovative solutions to problems unique to global urbanization. All of this raises old and new civic and policy questions about boundaries and borders of global urbanization. Consequently, the 2014 conference theme is "Borders and Boundaries in an Age of Global Urbanization." The conference site, San Antonio, is a global city with a population of approximately 1.3 million, in a significant border region with boundaries that defy simple conceptualizations. It is one of the fastest growing cities in the United States, and one of its most ethnically diverse, with almost 70 percent of its native and immigrant residents being of Hispanic descent. It provides a particularly apt setting to explore borders and boundaries and how they shape urban affairs in the 21st Century.

To broaden the conference discourse on the theme of global urbanization, UAA will sponsor a special track on Urban Issues in Central America, South America, and the Caribbean. We welcome and will actively reach out to our research colleagues across these regions.

Topical Categories

In keeping with the tradition of UAA Annual Meetings, we encourage proposals that focus on an array of research topics including:

- Arts, Culture, Media
- Disaster Planning for Urban Areas, Disaster Management, Emergency Preparedness, Cities & Security
- Economic Development, Redevelopment, Tourism, Urban Economics, Urban Finance
- Education in Urban Contexts, Urban Schools, Higher Education Institutions and Urban Communities
- Environmental Issues and Cities, Sustainability and Cities, Urban Health, Technology and Society
- Globalization and Urban Impacts, International Urban Issues
- Governance in Cities /Urban Regions, Intergovernmental Relations, Regionalism, Urban Management
- Historic Preservation, Space and Place
- Historical Perspectives on Cities and Urban Regions
- Housing, Neighborhoods, Community Development
- Human/Social Services for Urban Populations, Nonprofit Sector in Urban Contexts
- Immigration Dynamics and Impacts on Urban Areas, Population and Demographic Trends
- Infrastructure, Capital Projects, Networks, Transport, Urban Services
- Labor, Employment, Wages, Training
- Land Use, Growth Management, Urban Development, Urban Planning
- Poverty, Welfare, Income Inequality
- Professional Development, The Field of Urban Affairs
- Public Safety in Urban Areas, Criminal Justice, Household Violence
- Race, Ethnicity, Gender, Identity, Diversity
- Social Capital & Urban Communities, Democracy & Civil Society in Urban Contexts, Religion & the City
- Urban Design, Urban Architecture
- Urban Indicators, Data/Methods, Satisfaction/Quality of Life Surveys
- Urban Politics, Elections, Citizen Participation
- Urban Theory, Theoretical and Conceptual Issues in Urban Affairs

Proposal Submission Formats and Policies

A proposal can be submitted through the UAA website (starting June 1, 2013) for a:

- Research paper presentation**--(proposal requires an abstract) OR
- Pre-organized panel**--(proposal requires a group of 4-5 paper abstracts with moderator) OR
- Pre-organized colloquy session**-- (proposal requires theme statement & names of 4-5 formal discussants) OR
- Breakfast roundtable**--(proposal requires theme statement & names of 1-2 conveners) OR
- Poster**--(proposal requires an abstract)

Participation Policy ---One Session Rule

Individuals are limited to participating (as a presenter or moderator) in one (1) conference session.

A conference session is defined as: a panel, a colloquy, a poster display, or a breakfast roundtable.

There is no limit to the number of papers/posters for which you are a co-author. But, you cannot be scheduled to participate in more than one session. Do not agree to participate in more than one session.

Policy exception: persons who are asked to play a service role (e.g., plenary speaker, professional development session speaker) for UAA can participate in one additional session.

Late Proposals

After October 1, 2013, UAA will only accept proposals for the poster option.

Proposal Review Decision Date Acceptance or rejection notices will be sent by November 18, 2013.

Conference Hotel and Participant Registration Rates

All conference activities (except where noted) will take place at The Westin Riverwalk Hotel located along the famous San Antonio River promenade. Very competitive room rates have been secured for conference attendees: \$179 (single/double) plus applicable state and local taxes. This rate applies 3 days before/after the event if rooms are available. Cut-off date for conference rate room reservations is February 20, 2014. Early reservations are strongly advised. The UAA website will provide a direct web link for hotel reservations.

ALL PARTICIPANTS (faculty, students, practitioners) must pay the designated fees for their registration category. Registration rates will be posted on the UAA website by July 1, 2013.

Conference Planning

Local Host: University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA)

Committee members: Heywood Sanders (Committee Chair), Chris Reddick, (Chair-UTSA Public Administration); Francine Romero (Assoc. Dean-UTSA College of Public Policy), Ivy Taylor, Public Administration.

Program Committee:

Chair, Gordana Rabrenovic (Northeastern University), Roland Anglin (Rutgers University), Robert Chaskin (University of Chicago), Cecilia Giusti (Texas A&M University), Deidre Oakley (Georgia State University)

Questions?

Visit the UAA website: www.urbanaffairsassociation.org (info on special tracks, proposal submissions, registration, hotel reservations, etc.), contact us at conf@uaaemail.org or 1-414-229-3025.