

CALL FOR PARTICIPATION



45th Annual Meeting of the Urban Affairs Association

Transnationalism from Above and Below: The Dynamics of Place-making in the Global City

Miami, Florida~~~~April 8-11, 2015

Abstract/Proposal Deadline: October 1, 2014

(Late proposals or abstracts are not accepted)

Cities have become the central nodes in global networks of exchange—of information, capital, goods, and relationships. While cities in this context are places of promise, innovation, and mobility, they are also the sites of significant challenges. The persistence of poverty and inequality, crime and violence, social exclusion and discrimination, and environmental degradation in cities, reveals the parallel reality of urban distress confronting policymakers, planners, and social actors at all levels. This year’s conference theme focuses on place-making in the “global city,” with particular attention given to the actors, processes, strategies, and contingencies that shape urban settings and urban life. Thus, the conference theme will explore actions and processes from above (e.g. transnational capital and political institutions), as well as below (e.g. the work of civil society organizations, and the everyday actions of ordinary people).

Miami provides an apt setting for this exploration. Long established as a link between the United States and Latin America and a stronghold of Cuban American culture and political power, Miami remains a regional destination for immigration. The city has become a destination hub for residents from South America and the Caribbean. In addition, Miami remains home to substantial Anglo and African American populations. It has also moved from its prominent role as a trading hub for transactions with Latin America to a substantial site of international banking, finance, information technology, and other high-end service industries. Moreover, as a coastal city in an era of climate change and increasingly high-profile natural disasters, Miami represents a city poised for change through global environmental processes. Against this backdrop, the conference will examine how cities are adapting to meet global economic and environmental imperatives, who is engaged in leading these changes, and what opportunities and challenges these leaders face in mediating local outcomes.

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 in Urban Contexts
- Disaster Planning/Disaster Management for Urban Areas, Cities and National Security
- Economic Development, Redevelopment, Tourism, Urban Economics, Urban Finance
- Education, Schools, Higher Education Institutions
- Environmental Issues, Sustainability, Urban Health, Technology and Society
- Globalization, Multi-national Urban Issues
- Governance, Intergovernmental Relations, Regionalism, Urban Management
- Historic Preservation, Space and Place
- Historical Perspectives on Cities, Urban Areas
- Housing, Neighborhoods, Community Development
- Human Services and Urban Populations, Nonprofit/Voluntary Sector in Urban Contexts
- Immigration, 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, Diversity
- Social Capital, Democracy and Civil Society, Social Theory, Religion and the City
- Urban Communication (Urban Media Roles, Urban Journalism, Social Media/Technology in Urban Life)
- 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 July 1, 2014) 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**-- (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)

UAA will not accept any proposals (of any kind) after October 1, 2014, 12 mid-night Central Daylight Time (CDT) or 5:00am GMT. The online submission site will close at 12:01 am CDT. Acceptance or rejection notices will be sent by November 17, 2014

Participation Policy ---One Session Rule

Individuals are limited to participating (as a presenter, speaker 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. Policy exception: persons asked to play a service role for UAA can participate in one additional session.

Conference Hotel and Participant Registration Rates

All conference activities (except where noted) will take place at The Intercontinental Hotel located along Miami's Biscayne Bay. The UAA website will have a direct link for hotel reservations beginning June 1, 2014. **WARNING**: The conference occurs the week after Easter when many schools will be on holiday which will fill up most hotels. The UAA block of rooms is expected to fill up by January 1. Make your reservation early! **ALL PARTICIPANTS** (faculty, students, practitioners) must pay the designated fees for their registration category. Registration rates will be posted on the UAA website by June 1, 2014.

Conference Planning

Local Host Committee Members: Chair-Nicole Ruggiano, Jean-Claude Garcia-Zamor, Malik Benjamin (Florida International University), and Richard Grant (University of Miami)

Program Committee: Chair, Robert Chaskin (University of Chicago), Yasminah Beebeejaun (University College London), Cecilia Giusti (Texas A&M University), Deirdre Oakley (Georgia State University), and Carlos Arturo Flores Villela (National Autonomous University of Mexico)

Questions?

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