

Call for Participation

41st Annual Meeting of the Urban Affairs Association New Orleans, Louisiana

March 16-19, 2011

Reclaiming the City: Building a Just and Sustainable Future

Rebuilding efforts--in New Orleans, Port au Prince and other parts of the world--provide an opportunity to examine the paths selected for public policy and private investment, and how these decisions shape the future of urban places. Six years after the devastating effects of Hurricane Katrina, New Orleans is in the midst of a large-scale rebuilding effort and redefinition of place. Powerful dynamics at the local, regional, national and international levels filter various values and interests to yield a powerful development logic. This logic determines the nature of change, its impacts, and most importantly, who benefits and who ultimately pays. New Orleans provides a dramatic and significant context to examine the processes and outcomes of change. However, developmental change in New Orleans has much in common with transformative processes that occur in other urban places. Critical perspectives suggest that change and transformation of cities across the globe, increasingly favors private capital, large institutions, and visitors. This bias poses certain challenges to the possibility of building a just and sustainable future for cities. The conference is an invitation to consider a broad range of concepts and strategies for rebuilding that can yield urban futures that are both equitable and sustainable. The challenges embedded in seeking such futures are significant. The conference will seek to identify ways to overcome those barriers while *reclaiming the city*.

In keeping with the tradition of UAA Annual Meetings, we encourage proposals that focus on the conference theme as well as submissions on the array of research topics typically found at UAA conferences:

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

Proposal Deadline—October 1, 2010

Proposals can be submitted for papers, panels (a group of 3–5 formal papers with moderator), colloquies (formal discussions without papers), breakfast roundtables (informal discussions) and posters. UAA Conference policy limit participants to one presentation/session role per annual meeting. Do not submit multiple proposals. However, participants can be co-authors on multiple papers. Proposal submissions are accepted only on-line at the UAA website. You do not have to be a member of UAA to submit or participate in the conference. There are no fees for proposal submissions. However, if your proposal is accepted, you must register and pay registration fees associated with your membership category (e.g., member or nonmember or student).

On-line proposal submission site opens: July 1, 2010

Proposal Decision Date: Acceptance or rejection notices will be sent by November 15, 2010.

Registration Policy and Rates

ALL participants (faculty, students, practitioners) must pay the appropriate registration fees for their membership category prior to arriving at the conference site. Session organizers should inform potential panelists that registration is required. Registration is completed on-line via the UAA website by credit card, personal check or institutional check. Rates for the 2011 conference will be advertised by July 1, 2010.

Other Important Information

Visa/Passport Regulations

All international participants should become familiar with U.S. travel and entry requirements. Please visit www.uscis.gov/portal/site/uscis for the latest visa/passport requirements. Letters of invitation for visa applications will be provided **only to persons accepted as conference presenters**.

Hotel Accommodations and Rates

The conference will be held at the Sheraton New Orleans Hotel. A reservation link will be available at the UAA website. Room rates for the conference will be: Main house: 155/165 (single/double); Club level: 185/195 (single/double), suites: 285 and up; additional person fee-\$10.00. All guest room rates are quoted exclusive of applicable state and local taxes, which are currently 13% and a \$3 occupancy tax per room per night. These guest room rates will be offered by Hotel 3 days prior and 3 days after the meeting dates, subject to availability of guest rooms at the time of reservation.

Exhibitors

Exhibit space is provided on a first-come, first-serve basis. Early contact with the UAA Office is advised. Fee information and space reservations will be available on the UAA website by July 1.

UAA website: www.udel.edu/uaa (conference registration, hotel reservations, etc.)