

# Call for Participation

42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Urban Affairs Association  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania April 18—21, 2012

## ***Rethinking the Future of Urbanism: Cities and Regions in a Post-Industrial Era***

Pittsburgh transformed itself into the quintessential post-industrial city, but what does it mean for a city to be post-industrial? How have some urbanized areas like Pittsburgh and its surrounding region adapted to economic, demographic, political, environmental, and social changes over time, whereas others have struggled? Which challenges and opportunities do post-industrial urban areas face and how do they compare to other places? To better understand post-industrial urbanism, the conference will address causes and consequences of population shifts, growing social and economic inequalities, the environmental impacts from industrial and post-industrial economies, and changes in political relationships. The conference presents an opportunity for scholars to consider the origins and effects of increased innovation and social, economic, and cultural diversity in post-industrial cities and other urban areas in the United States and beyond.

The following kinds of questions help us explore the past, present, and future of post-industrial cities and regions:

- What is the future economic role of post-industrial urban areas?
- What is the impact of the financial crisis on post-industrial cities?
- Which roles will post-industrial cities play in state and national politics and policy in the future?
- What are the impacts of post-industrial urbanism on people and places within a region?
- How will the emerging global climate change crisis affect the future of cities?
- What does urban sustainability mean and is it possible?
- Finally, how have the economic, political, technological, and social forces in post-industrial cities transformed the meaning of community in urban areas?

Meeting in Pittsburgh, a city that has redefined itself, affords us the opportunity to use local, regional, state, national, and global perspectives to examine where cities have been, where they are now, and where they are going.

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
- Disaster Planning for Urban Areas, Disaster Management, Emergency Preparedness, Cities and Security
- 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
- Historic Preservation, Space and Place
- Housing, Neighborhoods, Community Development
- Human/Social Services, Nonprofit Sector
- 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 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 Deadline, Formats and Conference Schedule**

#### **Proposal Deadline: October 1, 2011**

Proposals can be submitted for papers, panels (a group of 4–5 formal papers with moderator), colloquies (4-5 formal discussants without papers), breakfast roundtables (informal discussions led by 1-2 conveners), and individual posters. **UAA Conference policy strictly limits participants to one session 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 a proposal or participate in the conference. There are no fees for proposal submissions. Proposal Decision Date: Acceptance or rejection notices will be sent by **November 21, 2011**.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Conference sessions can occur anytime over the four –day period of Wednesday (April 18) through Saturday (April 21). Individual presenters cannot be guaranteed a specific presentation time slot within those days.

### **Conference Hotel and Registration Rates**

The conference will take place at the Wyndham Grand Pittsburgh Downtown Hotel located at the intersection of the city’s famous three rivers. Very competitive room rates have been secured for conference attendees: \$119/129 (single/double) plus applicable state and local taxes.

ALL participants (faculty, students, practitioners) must pay the appropriate registration fees for their membership category. Session organizers should inform potential panelists that registration is required. Rates for the 2012 conference will found on the UAA website by July 1, 2011.

### **Conference Planning**

**Local Host Committee Co-Chairs:** Sabina Deitrick and David Miller, University of Pittsburgh

**Program Committee:** Chair, Kathe Newman (Rutgers), Lynn Bachelor (University of Toledo), Lisa Bates (Portland State University), Peter Burns (Loyola University-New Orleans), Sarah Coffin (Saint Louis University)

**UAA Executive Office:** Margaret Wilder (Executive Director), Kay Seyedabbasi (Executive Assistant), Shelly Tillinghast (Event Planner)

UAA website: [www.udel.edu/uaa](http://www.udel.edu/uaa) (proposal submissions, registration, hotel reservations, etc.)