

General Call for Participation
47th Annual Conference of the Urban Affairs Association

April 19-22, 2017 | Hyatt Regency Hotel | Minneapolis, MN
Abstract/Proposal Submission Deadline: October 1, 2016

The Urban Affairs Association (UAA) welcomes abstract/proposal submissions examining a wide array of topics that explore urban places, policies, and populations. Here is the list of official conference topic categories:

UAA Conference Topic Categories	
Arts, Culture in Urban Contexts	Labor, Employment, Wages, Training
Urban Disaster Planning, Management, Cities and National Security	Land Use, Growth Management, Development, Planning
Economic Development, Redevelopment, Tourism, Economics, Finance	Poverty, Welfare, Income Inequality
Education Policy in Urban Contexts, Educational Institutions & Inequalities	Professional Development, The Field of Urban Affairs
Environmental Issues, Sustainability	Public Safety in Urban Areas, Criminal Justice, Household Violence
Globalization, Multi-national Urban Issues	Race, Ethnicity, Gender, Diversity
Governance, Intergovernmental Relations, Regionalism, Management	Social Capital, Democracy/Civil Society, Social Theory, Religion
Health and Urban Communities	Urban Communications (Media, Journalism, Technology)
Historic Preservation, Space and Place	Urban Design, Urban Architecture
Historical Perspectives on Cities, Urban Areas	Urban Indicators, Data/Methods, Satisfaction/Quality of Life Surveys
Housing, Neighborhoods, Community Development	Urban Politics, Elections, Citizen Participation
Human Services & Urban Populations, Nonprofit/Voluntary Sector	Urban Theory, Theoretical and Conceptual Issues in Urban Affairs
Immigration, Population and Demographic Trends in Urban Areas	Urban Issues in Asia and the Pacific Rim
Infrastructure, Capital Projects, Networks, Transport, Urban Services	Urban Issues in Central & South America and the Caribbean
Special 2017 Conference Topic: Challenging Enduring Urban Injustices: Race, Ethnicity, Space, and Political Economy	

2017 Special Conference Topic

Challenging Enduring Urban Injustices: Race, Ethnicity, Space, and Political Economy

In addition to the official topic categories listed above, each year the Program Committee identifies a topic for special consideration. For 2017, the special topic is: "Challenging Enduring Urban Injustices: Race, Ethnicity, Space, and Political Economy," Papers and sessions accepted under this topic will be identified as Special Topic presentations in the online and printed program.

Rationale for the Special Topic:

While urban inequalities, deprivations, and dispossessions along racial/ethnic, spatial, political, and economic lines continue to intensify around the globe; the response to these inequalities is inadequate for creating peaceful, equitable, and stable communities. Urban scholars devote vast amounts of energy to documenting the empirical dimensions of urban injustice, yet there is less research—and even fewer praxis-informed methodologies—on how injustice might be significantly reduced. Further, many urban activities, processes, and mechanisms that are in a nascent (and possibly ephemeral) state, and which hold potential to successfully transform structures that lead to injustice, have not been nurtured by the academic community, by traditional social science methods, or by communication venues.

Consequently, the special 2017 UAA-sponsored conference topic calls attention to the need to develop feasible alternatives that right the ongoing wrongs, that is, that address the multiple and enduring injustices plaguing urban life across the planet. Race and ethnicity are central to this line of inquiry, particularly given their recent salience in visualizing American urban injustice and the social movements that erupted in efforts to transform urban space and urban processes. However, injustice stemming from political economies of urban place is allocated along many axes of human identity, including gender, sexuality, religion or spiritual belief, disability and health status, and in each of these areas exist micro and macro practices that both create and undermine enduring injustice.

Minneapolis provides an apt setting for exploring this theme. The Twin Cities metro area, though doing relatively well as a whole, has significant disparities – especially in educational outcomes, incomes, and incarceration rates -- with which local officials and activists are trying to grapple. Over the past few years numerous organizations including the

region's planning body, business roundtable groups, and nonprofit advocacy organizations have put questions of spatial inequities and racially disparate social and economic outcomes at the top of the region's agenda.

Proposal Submission Formats and Policies

A proposal can be submitted through the UAA website for a:

- Research paper presentation - (proposal requires an abstract) OR
- Pre-organized panel -(proposal requires a panel summary, group of 4-5 paper abstracts/ 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)—best option for persons who are in early stage of their research

Abstract/Proposal Deadline: UAA will not accept any proposals (of any kind) after October 1, 2016, 12 midnight Central Daylight Time (CDT) or 5:00am GMT. Acceptance or rejection notices will be sent by November 30, 2016.

Participation Policy – One Session/One Presentation Rule

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

Local Host and Conference Program Committee Members

2017 Local Host Committee: Ed Goetz (Univ. of Minnesota, USA), Ryan Allen (Univ. of Minnesota, USA), Greg Lindsey (Univ. of Minnesota, USA); **2017 Conference Program Committee:** David Imbroscio (Univ. of Louisville, USA), Lisa Bornstein (McGill Univ., Canada), Lucia Capanema-Alvares (Universidade Federal Fluminense, Brazil); Karien Dekker (RMIT Univ., Australia), Kevin Keenan (College of Charleston, USA), Cathy Liu (Georgia State University, USA), Leslie Martin (Univ. of Mary Washington, USA)

UAA Contact Information

Questions? Visit: <http://urbanaffairsassociation.org/conference/> (for info on proposal submissions, registration, hotel reservations, etc.), or contact us at conf@uaaemail.org or 1-414-229-3025.