

45th Annual Meeting of the Urban Affairs Association
Miami, Florida
April 8-11, 2015

Call for Participation

Abstract/Proposal Deadline: October 1, 2014

(Late proposals or abstracts are not accepted)

The Urban Affairs Association (UAA) is the international professional organization for urban scholars, researchers, and public service/nonprofit professionals. UAA is dedicated to: creating interdisciplinary spaces for engaging in intellectual and practical discussions about urban life. Through theoretical, empirical, and action-oriented research, the UAA fosters diverse activities to understand and shape a more just and equitable urban world. This goal is sought through a number of activities including an annual spring conference. This year's annual conference will consist of several dynamic elements. Here are some of the key components:

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

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 is a regional destination for immigration, yet remains home to substantial Anglo and African American populations. The city now plays a prominent role as a regional trading hub encompassing 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 is poised for change through global environmental processes. Against this backdrop, the conference plenary and individual presentations 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.

Special Track on Urban Health: Proposals for papers, posters and pre-organized sessions are welcomed for a special conference track on urban health. As cities become the dominant context for human life, researchers have increased their focus on understanding the role of urban contexts in determining health outcomes. This track provides an opportunity to explore research on a broad array of health indicators and trends in cities, as well as the relationship between urban conditions such as housing, schools, jobs, and environmental factors, and disparities in health.

[Special Track on Geopolitics in Latin America](#)
[Workshop on Urban Education Activism](#)

Professional Development Workshops for Graduate Students

Local Study Tours (e.g., Housing Redevelopment; Environmental Sustainability Projects; Immigration Projects). Details available in January.

Special conference scholarships for presentations related to urban communication/media roles in urban contexts/urban design/architecture

We welcome proposals for presentations that address any of the topics listed below in any context across the globe:

UAA Approved Topic 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 Policy in Urban Contexts, Educational Institutions and Urban Inequalities
- Environmental Issues, Sustainability
- 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 in Urban Areas
- 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
- SPECIAL TRACK: Urban Health
- SPECIAL TRACK: Cities in Contemporary Geopolitics: Latin America and Beyond

Proposal Submission Formats and Policies

Submit a [proposal](#) through the UAA website 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 midnight 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. **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 and payment links will be posted on the UAA website.

Conference Planning

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