

2013 Call for Participation

Proposal Deadline: October 1, 2012

43rd Annual Meeting of the Urban Affairs Association
San Francisco, California April 3--6, 2013

Building the 21st Century City: Inclusion, Innovation, and Globalization

[With special tracks on Media & Urban Life, and Urban Issues in Asia & the Pacific Rim]

The narrative surrounding urban affairs is often filled with negative images. From racial and economic inequality to crime and inadequate housing, cities bear much of the brunt of society's problems. Urban scholars have articulated the causes and consequences of these ills. However, discourse on urban areas has understated the relative success of certain cities in addressing many of these challenges. Taking San Francisco as an exemplary case, the 2013 conference theme asks urban scholars to share the ways in which governments, individual residents, neighborhood groups, non-profits, and others have improved urban areas across the globe.

San Francisco embodies much of what is right about cities, but it also faces problems common to urban areas everywhere. It has earned a reputation as an inclusive city, one that champions citizens' rights and provides them significant access to the city's spaces and amenities. Despite its general orientation to inclusion, San Francisco has also experienced significant gentrification and has been the site of great contestations. Struggles over the "right to the city" have helped to shape its unique social, economic, and political landscape. These tensions raise important questions. Who has access in richly diverse cities? How is that access gained? When faced with exclusion, how can the marginalized penetrate local institutions and have a voice in larger society?

These questions are even more pressing when one considers that cities like San Francisco are at the center of innovation and the global economy. Its proximity to Silicon Valley begs the question: how can cities use the technology within their borders and across their regions to improve quality of life for their citizens? Its position on the Pacific Rim makes it an important economic location in an increasingly integrated world economy. How can cities take advantage of their role in the international economy to improve quality of life in the future? As cities develop in the 21st century, this conference theme asks its participants to describe and explain how cities everywhere deal with issues of inclusion, innovation, and globalization. The city of San Francisco serves as an appropriate context for this conference, because it has had major success in addressing these issues, while continuing to face new challenges.

In keeping with the tradition of UAA Annual Meetings, we encourage proposals that focus on an array of research topics including:

- 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
- Historical Perspectives on Cities, Urban Areas
- 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 Submission Formats and Policies

A proposal can be submitted through the UAA website (starting June 1, 2012) for a:

- Research paper presentation
- Pre-organized panel (a group of 4-5 papers with moderator)
- Pre-organized colloquy session (4-5 formal discussants without papers)
- Breakfast roundtable (informal discussions led by 1-2 conveners)
- Poster

Participation Policy

- **NEW: Individuals are limited to participating (as a presenter or moderator) in one (1) conference session only.** 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. You simply cannot be scheduled to participate in more than one session.
- Policy exception: persons who are asked to play a service role (e.g., plenary speaker, professional development session speaker) for UAA can participate in one additional session.
- **NEW: No late paper proposals will be accepted.** After October 1, only the poster option is available.

Proposal Review Decision Date: Acceptance or rejection notices will be sent by **November 19, 2012**.

Conference Hotel and Participant Registration Rates

All conference activities (except local tours) will take place at the Fairmont San Francisco Hotel located in the famous Nob Hill neighborhood. Very competitive room rates have been secured for conference attendees: \$199 (single/double) plus applicable state and local taxes. This rate applies 3 days before/after the event if rooms are available. Cut-off date for conference rate room reservations is March 4, 2013. Early reservations are strongly advised.

ALL PARTICIPANTS (faculty, students, practitioners) must pay the appropriate fees for their registration category. Registration rates will be posted on the UAA website by July 1, 2012.

Conference Planning

Local Host Committee: Chair, Genie Stowers (San Francisco State), Asha Agrawal (San Jose State), Corey Cook (U. of San Francisco), Jerry Eisman (San Francisco State), Marc Levin (UC-Berkeley), Ayse Pamuk (San Francisco State), Jasper Rubin (San Francisco State), Jennifer Shea (San Francisco State), Michael Teitz (UC-Berkeley)

Program Committee: Chair, Peter Burns (Loyola U.-New Orleans), Lisa Bates (Portland State U.), Steve Erie (UC-San Diego), Robert Chaskin (U. of Chicago), Gordana Rabrenovic (Northeastern U.)

UAA website: www.urbanaffairsassociation.org
(info on special tracks, proposal submissions, registration, hotel reservations, etc.)