Submission of Conference Papers and Publication of Final Papers

Conference participants are encouraged to submit their conference papers to be posted at the conference website by January 31, 2017. The length of papers should be between 5,000 and 7,000 words, including references and endnotes. They should be sent electronically to Dr. Kristie Roberts-Lewis, Troy University at kroberts@troy.edu. Authors should use the most recent edition of the American Psychological Association style guidelines (http://www.apastyle.org/) for paper format. The papers should be submitted in a Microsoft Word or compatible format.

Special Symposium Edition

Participants may submit their revised papers after the conference for possible publication in a Special Symposium edition of the Journal of Public Management and Social Policy. All papers submitted for the journal will be peer reviewed and the authors will be notified of the final publication decisions by May 30, 2017.

Registration Fees

Early registration is $250 and Student Registration is $150 on or before February 15, 2017. Late registration, after February 15, 2017, is $300 and $200 respectively.

The conference will be held at the Sheraton Atlanta Hotel, 165 Courtland Street, NE, Atlanta, Georgia 30303. There are a limited number of rooms available at $179 per night.

More information about the conference program, registration and hotel is available at the COMPA conference website.

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Call for Proposals

Emerging Strategies Leading to a More Inclusive and Diverse Society

The U.S. population continues to become more culturally and ethnically diverse. This has shed light on the disparities that often exist in education, housing, employment, health and the justice system among communities of color that have traditionally been marginalized. The challenges and opportunities posed by managing changes in political ideologies, societal values, and demographics requires a paradigm shift to include a systematic examination of public policies and practices. These inequities have broadened the public discourse and led to the call for public policy reforms to remedy these disparities. Public administrators will need to increase their cultural competency and engage in asset-based thinking that focuses on finding solutions that embrace a strength-based approach to seek out what is effective in responding to a multicultural society. The goal of the 2017 COMPA conference is to accentuate the relationship between academics, practitioners, students and communities that are necessary for sustainable collective action in solving many pressing issues posed by being responsive to the often competing needs of a diverse multicultural society.

The conference program committee is pleased to invite proposals from academics, practitioners and students that relate to the conference theme and sub-themes noted below:

Track 1: Social Equity and Fairness
Track 2: Gender Discrimination & Public Policy
Track 3: Disparities (Healthcare, Housing, Education, Employment)
Track 4: Citizen Participation, Corporate Relations & Community Engagement
Track 5: Community, Economic & Urban Development
Track 6: Minorities and the Criminal Justice System
Track 7: Wealth Management and Finance
Track 8: Role of Nonprofits & Faith-based Organizations
Track 9: Contemporary Pedagogies for teaching Todays Public Administration Students
Track 10: Preparing Public Administrators for Emerging Careers in Public Management

The proposal should include the following information:

• Proposal title
• Abstract limited to 500 words or less
• Presenter(s') name, institutional affiliation, address, phone number, fax number, and email address.

Submission of Paper and Panel Proposals

The conference program committee welcomes proposals for high-quality conceptual papers, qualitative and quantitative empirical research papers, and policy- and practice-oriented papers. In addition to individual paper proposals, the committee encourages the submission of complete panels consisting of no more than three papers. Panel submissions should bring together complementary papers that address similar research questions or topics. Panel proposals should provide information on the overall theme of the panel and indicate how each of the proposed papers connects to the panel's theme.

Proposals from students and individuals at all stages of their careers are welcome. The deadline for submission of proposals is October 31, 2016. Proposals will be evaluated by the conference program committee and proposers will be notified of the committee's decisions via email by December 15, 2016. Email your proposals to Dr. Talya D. Thomas, Jackson State University at Talya.D.Thomas@jsums.edu and Dr. Michael E. Orak at Virginia Union University at meorak1@vuu.edu. For students, send your proposals to Dr. Gloria Billingsley, Jackson State University at gloria.j.billingsley@jsums.edu