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Annual 2021 Conference Call for Papers

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Early Bird Registration Deadline January 15, 2021:

Members - \$250 | Non-Members - \$300

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The complexities of the 21st century, including the embedded uncertainties, place great responsibility on public administrators to be innovative when addressing concerns of the varied segments of the population. The emergent and convoluted nature of public sector problems/challenges call for new governance arrangements that encourage cross-sector collaboration in decision making and implementation as conduits to constructive and sustainable solutions for the realization of societal benefits. Public administrators at the local, state, national/federal levels remain critical to fulfilling the constitutional mandate of effective service to the people. The goal is to ensure adequate representation and participation of citizens in deliberative governance arrangements to promote administration in the public interest. The call to uphold public service values and principles such as social equity, accountability and performance, ethics, and integrity, as well as precepts in the constitution and the law, public interest, democratic participation, professional excellence, responsiveness, efficiency, empowerment, adequate and representative leadership, among other constructions espoused by ASPA, are even more urgent in these contemporary times. Admittedly, governance and administrative challenges present opportunities for innovative solutions by scholars, practitioners, and policymakers in ways that would promote the judicious utilization of human and material resources in service to the people.

The COMPA 2021 conference theme of "Governance, Collaboration, and Public Service Innovation in an Era of Uncertainty" thereby serves as a clarion call to all concerned public service leaders, scholars, administrators, nonprofit leaders, and community advocates/stakeholders to demonstrate their resolve for constructive and equitable actions for the greater good. The conference program committee thereby welcomes research and praxis from different backgrounds and methodological orientations, current updates to traditional models and frameworks, and other relevant emergent perspectives on all issues pertinent to public service. Proposals should be related to the conference theme and sub-themes as noted below:

Track 1: Social Equity and Justice (diversity, inclusion, LGBTQIA)

Track 2: Urban Planning/Development, Governance & Infrastructure (issues, challenges & sustainability)

Track 3: Disparities (Healthcare, Housing, Education, Employment)

Track 4: Public Policy and Management

Track 5: Public Budgeting, Finance, and Procurement

Track 6: Citizen Participation, Engagement & Empowerment

Track 7: Law and Criminal Justice

Track 8: Nonprofits Management & Leadership

Track 9: Education & Higher Education Administration

Track 10: Emergency and Crisis Management (Disasters, Pandemic & Healthcare Planning)

Track 11: Local Government, Leadership, and Ethics

Track 12: Big Data, Emerging Technology, and Artificial Intelligence

Track 13: Pan Africanism, Diaspora Affairs, and Internationalism/Comparative Public Administration

Track 14: Global Health, Systems, and Policy

Track 15: Business and Economic Development

Track 16: Career Services, Professional Development for Students & Young Professionals



In addition to individual paper proposals, the committee encourages the submission of complete panels consisting of no more than four papers. Panel submissions should bring together complementary papers that address similar research questions or topics. Panel proposals should provide information on the panel's overall theme and indicate how each of the proposed papers connects to the panel's theme.

Proposals from individuals at all stages of their careers are welcome. Proposals by graduate students are particularly encouraged. The deadline for submission of proposals is November 16, 2020. The conference program committee will evaluate proposals, and proposers will be notified of the committee's decisions via email. Email your proposals to compa2021dallas@gmail.com. Proposals should include the following information:

- Proposal Title
- Abstract (200 – 350 words)
- Presenter(s)' name, institutional affiliation, address, email address and contact number

The conference program committee will review proposals submitted before the deadline, especially proposals from interested parties from overseas who might need to go through a visa application process to enable participation at the conference. Thus, potential international conference participants are encouraged to submit their proposals early.

Best Paper Awards

Conference participants are encouraged to submit their completed conference papers by January 30, 2021. The submitted papers will eventually be available on the conference's website. The lengths of papers should be between 7,000 and 10,000 words, including references and endnotes. Papers should be sent electronically to compa2021dallas@gmail.com. Authors should use the most recent edition of the American Psychological Association style guidelines (<http://www.apastyle.org/>) when they format their papers. Papers should be submitted as a PDF or Microsoft Word document. The conference planning committee will evaluate full paper submissions and make the necessary determination.

- **1st Place-\$1,500**
- **2nd Place- \$1,000**
- **3rd Place-\$500**

An additional \$500 will be awarded to the best paper from an undergraduate student. All papers will be judged on clarity, coherence, organization, and relevance to the conference theme.

Special Symposium Edition

Participants may submit their revised papers after the conference for possible publication in Special Symposium editions of the Journal of Public Management and Social Policy or the International Journal of Organization Theory and Behavior. All papers submitted for the journals will be peer-reviewed.

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Poster Session Guidelines

Scholars are encouraged to participate in the poster presentation session to share research and interact with conference attendees. Poster sessions are especially useful for student scholars who would like feedback on their research. A poster presentation allows a presenter to provide a visual summary of their research and/or innovation to be displayed for sharing with conference delegates. This session will serve as a Pre-Conference event to be held on Thursday, February 25, 2021.

A poster should be self-contained and self-explanatory, allowing different viewers to proceed independently while providing the author an opportunity to supplement or discuss particular points raised in inquiry.

Posters will be selected for presentation by the Poster Session Co-Chairs in a double-blind peer-review process. Abstracts submitted for consideration of a Poster Presentation should use the following criteria:

- Identification of relevant conference theme(s) to which submitted (should cover the topical areas as outlined in the call for proposals).
- Written in English. Font: Times New Roman, size 12; APA formatting style.
- The title should be as brief as possible but long enough to indicate the nature of the study. Capitalize the first letter of each word (except conjunctions). No full stop at the end.
- An Abstract of between 300-400 words (plus between 2-5 references to support the evidence-base of the abstract content). (Any abstract that exceeds the required word count will not enter the review process).
- The abstract is required to include details of either research, development, or innovation, with sufficient information to enable the review panel to decide on appropriateness for Poster presentation in the conference's theme and context. (Any research reported **MUST** have commenced at the time of the abstract submission).
- Abstracts should clearly and concisely state the purpose, methods, results, and conclusions/discussions of the work.

Poster session proposals should be submitted by January 15, 2021, to compa2021dallas@gmail.com and include Poster Session Abstract in the subject line.