The 35th Annual Meeting of the Urban Affairs Association provides a particularly appropriate occasion to examine a fundamental question: In what ways are we borrowing from the future in order to create our current urban environments? The conference theme challenges us to assess the costs and benefits of urban development, and to explore ways in which we can promote urban communities that are both socially and politically equitable, and physically and economically sustainable. Currently much debate surrounds the role of market-driven urban growth and attendant effects such as wealth accumulation and uneven development. Urban areas are facing difficult policy choices as they attempt to carve a niche in the global economy, balance local and regional development pressures, and address social needs such as poverty and unemployment. How will cities survive uneven development, environmental problems, and growing social divisions over the next 20 to 30 years? How will governance shape and be shaped by these challenges? Is the idea of “sustainability” compatible with advanced capitalism? What are realistic alternatives to current practices? These provocative questions and others will form the basis of our 35th annual meeting. Utah will be the site for exploring alternative roadmaps toward a sustainable urban future.
Proposal Submission:

You are invited to submit proposals for papers, panels, colloquies and breakfast roundtables to the 35th Annual Meeting of the Urban Affairs Association. Given the importance of cross-national policy learning, we strongly encourage proposal submissions from our international colleagues in Europe, Asia, and Latin America.

Proposal Deadline: October 1, 2004

We anticipate a large demand for participation. Proposals received after the deadline will be considered on a "space-available" basis. Due to space constraints, participants are limited to involvement in a maximum of two sessions.

We invite proposals that address the conference theme and any of the broad array of urban affairs subjects found at past UAA conferences. Proposals should be submitted on-line at http://www.udel.edu/uaa. Proposals will be reviewed by the conference program committee, and potential participants will be notified of its decision no later than December 1, 2004.

Journal Submission:

The Journal of Urban Affairs invites submissions of all manuscripts from the conference. Selected papers from the conference will appear in the Spring 2006 issue of the journal and additional papers will be considered for future issues of JUA. Inquiries about journal submissions should be directed to Scott Cummings (Editor) at jua@slu.edu.

Hotel Accommodations:

Prime Hotel Salt Lake City Conference Center
Formerly the Wyndham Salt Lake City
215 West South Temple
Salt Lake City, Utah 84101

Participants are responsible for their own hotel accommodations. Negotiated room rates are $99.00(single) and $109 (double) plus tax (11.2%). Suites are also available at a negotiate rate. Room reservations can be made by calling (801) 531-7500 or toll-free at 1-866-864-3649. Be sure to indicate that you are with the Urban Affairs Association! Reservations received after 5:00pm on March 14, 2005 are subject to space and rate availability.

Membership:

By joining the Urban Affairs Association, you will receive discounted rates to the Annual Meeting as well as other member benefits, such as receiving the Journal of Urban Affairs, a refereed quarterly publishing manuscripts related to urban research and policy analysis of interest to both scholars and practitioners. All UAA members receive the Journal of Urban Affairs as part of their membership fee.

To find out more information about the UAA, or to receive updates on the Annual Meeting, please visit our website at www.udel.edu/uaa or call us at (302) 831-1681.