



**Urban Affairs Association
37th Annual Meeting
April 25–28, 2007
Seattle, Washington**

Cities and Migration: Opportunities and Challenges

Call for Participation

Cities, and urban policies, are intrinsically connected to broader patterns of population movement - of migration at international, national, regional and intra-metropolitan levels. This has always been true, but the increasing scale of migration poses new opportunities and challenges for urban planning, urban politics and social relations in cities. Thinking about the different dimensions of migration raises a number of issues that we hope to see discussed at the 2007 UAA Annual Meeting. What are the forces that are driving migration - both the migration of populations and the migration of firms/industries and therefore employment? How have cities planned for the evolution of migration patterns, to the city and within the city? Should these practices be rethought in light of the scope of present day population movements? How do schools plan for who will be in the classrooms in 5 or 10 years time? What kind of housing stock do we need to meet the needs of migrants through the various stages of their insertion into new urban locations?

Diversity has always marked cities and recent migration waves have added levels and intensities of diversity. How are cities meeting these challenges and opportunities? How do national and sub-national policies frame, help or hinder local efforts? What are the mechanisms by which residents make their voices heard and participate in urban politics and policy-making? Increasingly rapid mobility and diversity of urban populations has also called for programs, policies and activities aimed at social inclusion, integration and/or the development of urban citizenship. How should we understand these developments? Are cities becoming primary foci for identity? Should they be?

Holding the 37th Annual Meeting of the UAA in Seattle in 2007 provides a very appropriate site for exploring this theme - highlighting, among other trends, national migration from east to west over the North American continent, and international migrations from the Pacific Rim. We hope that the theme and the location will be of particular interest to international colleagues and those interested in cross-national comparisons. Proposals approaching the theme from varied perspectives are welcome. Suggested topics include:

- migration within city-regions
- back to the centre and out to the urban fringe
- the impact of national immigration policies on cities
- rural migrants in the cities
- urban policies for the management of diversity
- new immigration trends and their evaluation
- successful policies for immigrant women
- urban voting patterns and spatial patterns of diversity
- governance in the midst of increasing diversity
- comparing urban experiences of different migrant groups

In keeping with the traditions of UAA Annual Meetings we also encourage proposals on the full variety of urban research topics typically found at our conferences (e.g. health, transport, environmental issues, education, poverty/welfare, race/ethnicity, gender relations, economic development, urban theory, urban finance, urban politics, planning, growth management, globalization and cities, technology and urban society). Domestic, international and comparative cases studies play an important role in the conference. **UAA Institutional members are encouraged to submit proposals of special interest to their on-going research and program development efforts.**

PROPOSAL SUBMISSIONS: DEADLINE: OCTOBER 1, 2006.

You are invited to submit proposals for papers, panels (a group of 3–5 formal papers with moderator), colloquies (i.e. formal discussions without papers) and breakfast roundtables (i.e. informal discussions). UAA submission policies limit participants to one paper presentation per annual meeting. However, participants can be co-authors on multiple papers. Participants are discouraged from serving in more than one session due to potential scheduling conflicts. Proposal submissions are accepted on-line at the UAA website: www.udel.edu/uaa

REGISTRATION POLICY AND RATES: All Participants Must Pre-Register AND Pay The Appropriate Fees For Their Membership Category. Registration is done on-line via the UAA website (www.udel.edu/uaa). Payment can occur either on-line via credit card or through personal or institutional check payments. See the registration website link for further information. Rates have not been set for the 2007 Annual meeting. However recent rates have ranged from \$325/380 (member/nonmember) for early registrants, to \$365/420 for late registration. Registration fees cover two receptions, two lunches, three breakfasts and five coffee breaks. UAA members receive a discounted registration rate. To become a member, visit the UAA website. Details regarding 2007 conference fees will be posted on the UAA website by October 1, 2006.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS AND RATES

The UAA Annual Meeting will take place at the Westin Seattle Hotel in the city's lovely downtown area. The hotel is well-known for its location in the center of Seattle's shopping and restaurant district, a few blocks from the famous harbor front, Pike Place Public Market. Recent renovations have made the hotel a top choice among business and leisure travelers, thanks in part to its famous "Heavenly Beds." The UAA has negotiated favorable rates for this lodging. The room rates are: \$165.00 for a single or double plus applicable taxes (currently 15.6%, but subject to change). The above rate is good until April 4, 2007. The rate applies also to the period 3 days prior and 3 days after the meeting dates subject to availability of rooms at the time of reservation. All participants are responsible for making their own lodging reservations and for paying charges associated with their reservation. **EARLY RESERVATIONS ADVISED!** Hotel reservations can be made on-line via the UAA website beginning October 1, 2006.

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2007 Urban Affairs Association Annual Meeting (April 25-28, 2007; Seattle, Washington) -Key Deadlines-

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| October 1, 2006: | Deadline for submitting a proposal |
| December 1, 2006: | Acceptance/rejection notices sent to proposal submitters |
| February 1, 2007: | Early registration payment deadline |
| March 1, 2007: | Late registration payment deadline |
| April 4, 2007: | Deadline for making hotel reservations at conference rate |

UAA website: www.udel.edu/uaa (for program information, conference registration, hotel reservations, air transport discounts, etc.). Questions concerning conference: 302-831-1681 (country code 001) or e-mail: uaa-conf@udel.edu