



**Urban Affairs Association
38th Annual Meeting
April 23—26, 2008
Baltimore, Maryland**

1968 Revisited: Cities 40 Years Later

Call for Participation

Forty years after the assassinations of Martin Luther King and Robert Kennedy, the riots of 1968, the tumultuous Democratic Convention in Chicago and the signing of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, cities and metropolitan areas have experienced vast changes. Out of riots, turmoil and devastation, America in many ways has become a nation transformed. Some cities are revitalized—but many urban areas are still facing the same challenges they did in the 1960s, as well as new ones related to globalization, population decentralization, increased immigration, growing income inequality, and heightened concerns about the sustainability of cities. Baltimore is the perfect location to examine urban realities and urban myths. How has the reality and perception of cities, suburbs, and metropolitan areas changed? What issues from the past era are still relevant? What are the best and promising practices for sustaining what is good, and addressing what is challenging about urban life? Who shapes “urban agendas” and whose interests are being served? How does the American urban experience of the last four decades compare to that of cities in other parts of the globe?

Among the many potential sub-themes, conference sessions will address a variety of critically important issues, including:

- Urban revitalization – Why do some areas recover and grow while others do not?
- Urban real estate boom – What does “success” mean for city governments in terms of citizen expectations?
- Displacement: what happens to the poor after redevelopment?
- Racial and ethnic divides: the impact of ethnic minorities on discussions of race relations
- The challenges of the post-industrial city in a global context

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. **urban 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 ongoing research and program development efforts.

PROPOSAL SUBMISSIONS: DEADLINE: OCTOBER 1, 2007

You are invited to submit proposals for papers, panels (a group of 3–5 formal papers with moderator), colloquies (formal discussions without papers) and breakfast roundtables (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) by credit card, personal or institutional check. Rates have not been set for the 2008 Annual meeting. However, recent rates have ranged from \$335/390 (member/nonmember) for early registrants, to \$395/450 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 2008 conference fees and registration procedures will be posted on the UAA website by October 1, 2007.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS AND RATES

The UAA Annual Meeting will take place at the **Sheraton Inner Harbor Hotel** in the exciting Harborplace redevelopment area. The hotel has easy access to major shopping and dining on the harbor, and is a short distance to major tourist attractions such as the National Aquarium, Camden Yards Baseball Park, and the enticing neighborhoods of Little Italy and Fells Point.

Rates are \$162 single/double; \$182 triple room, and \$202 quad room and subject to availability until March 24, 2008. Currently the rates are subject to taxes of 12.5%. Subject to availability, the rates are available three days prior to the conference and three days after the event. All participants are responsible for making their own lodging reservations and for paying charges associated with their stay. **EARLY RESERVATIONS ADVISED!** Reservations can be made on-line at the UAA website beginning October 1, 2007.

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October 1, 2007: Deadline for submitting a proposal

December 1, 2007: Acceptance/rejection notices sent to proposal submitters

February 1, 2008: Early registration payment deadline

March 1, 2008: Persons on the program must register and pay fees by this date

March 24, 2008: 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