Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning
54th Annual Conference 2014 Call for Papers and Posters

BIG IDEAS, GLOBAL IMPACTS

Theme Description

Today’s planning researchers and practitioners grapple with “big ideas”. From big data to fundamental restructuring of the world’s economy to climate change, the challenges of planning have changed dramatically. These challenges are daunting but they provide unprecedented opportunities for planning to have global impacts like never before. With these big challenges in mind, the Philadelphia conference aims to provide opportunities to address the big issues of today and tomorrow. Indeed, as the birthplace of one of history’s biggest ideas, that of the constitutional democracy, Philadelphia is an apt location to think big.

While the conference—as always—welcomes submissions that address a diverse set of planning issues, the Local Host Committee Co-Chairs and the leadership of the conference have identified possible “Big Ideas” sessions for which we especially invite submissions. The possible Big Ideas sessions and their corresponding tracks are shown below. Abstracts for these sessions will go through the same peer-review process as other abstracts. Authors of abstracts intended for Big Ideas sessions should include the words “Big Idea abstract” and an abbreviated title of the Big Idea session from the list below in one of the key word boxes.

Authors may wish to collaborate to form pre-organized sessions around these Big Ideas sessions. (Please see notes later on submitting pre-organized sessions). Abstracts not accepted for Big Ideas sessions will—like all other abstracts—be considered for other sessions. Individual presenters or organizers of Big Ideas pre-organized sessions may recommend discussants but the Local Host Committee, the National Conference Committee, and the Track Chairs may also recommend presenters and/or discussants for these sessions.

Possible “Big Ideas” topics (organized by track) include:

1. Analytical Methods and Computer Applications: How is “big data” changing planning?
2. Economic Development: (A) Where will tomorrow’s jobs come from? (B) Detroit: A progress report
3. Environmental Planning and Resource Management: What does the IPCC’s 5th Climate Change Assessment Report (AR5) mean for planning in the U.S. and abroad?
4. Gender and Diversity in Planning: How are immigrant communities revitalizing and re-energizing cities in the U.S. and globally?
5. Housing and Community Development: After forty years of the CDBG and Section 8 programs, is it time to rethink federal community development policy?
6. International Development Planning: Slum upgrading: Which programs really work?
8. Planning History: After fifty years of advocacy planning, U.S. metropolitan areas remain severely segregated. Has advocacy planning failed? Did it really ever take root?
9. Transportation and Infrastructure: (A) “The Transit Metropolis” at 15: Global innovations in transit and urban development; (B) Has high-speed rail hit a global plateau?

The Co-Chairs of the Local Host Committee:
- John D. Landis, Crossways Professor and Chair, Department of City and Regional Planning, University of Pennsylvania, jlan@design.upenn.edu
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- Deborah Howe, Professor and Chair, Department of Community and Regional Planning, Temple University
The Department of City and Regional Planning at the University of Pennsylvania, the Department of Community and Regional Planning at Temple University, and the Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy at Rutgers University will jointly host the 2014 ACSP conference in Center City, Philadelphia.

The Conference Committee of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning and the Local Host Committee cordially invite proposals for individual papers, complete pre-organized sessions, roundtable discussions and poster presentations for the annual conference of the Association. The invitation is extended to faculty and students of ACSP member programs and to scholars and scholarly practitioners outside the ACSP family who are concerned with planning cities and regions.

**NEW FOR 2014 - BIG IDEAS SESSIONS:** The Local Host Committee Co-Chairs and the leadership of the conference identified possible “Big Ideas” sessions. These Big Ideas sessions build on the conference’s theme “Big Ideas, Global Impacts.” The possible Big Ideas sessions and their corresponding tracks are listed in the theme description. Abstracts for these sessions will go through the same peer-review process as other abstracts.

**REVIEW:** Proposals will be reviewed by track chairs and anonymous reviewers. These will either be rejected or accepted. However, there may be a short period during which a few authors will be invited to revise and resubmit their work for reconsideration, with acceptance based on meeting published deadlines and a second review of the proposal. The invitation to revise and the final decision is left to the individual track chair. Track chairs are particularly interested in pre-organized paper sessions and informal roundtables that assess and synthesize the state of knowledge, revisit “classic” works, and review major new studies. If you expect to propose such a session, discuss this with your track chair(s).

**Poster Session & Competition:** Posters are a highly effective way to present one’s research. For 2014 we enthusiastically encourage faculty and Ph.D. students to submit poster proposals highlighting their work. The conference will feature the posters at a scheduled session time, during which authors will present their studies. For further information on developing an effective research poster, please see the advice posted at [www.acsp.org](http://www.acsp.org) ➔ Student Network ➔ Resources. All posters should be no larger than 30 x 40 inches, in either portrait or landscape orientation. Authors may present both a paper and a poster. A competition will be held for Best Poster.

**Different this year! Awards:** There is the Best Poster award determined at the conference, as well as pre-determined faculty awards and student paper awards. As always, student travel awards are bestowed for attendance at the conference. All ACSP participants are eligible for these awards and those interested will find submission criteria and other details at [www.acsp.org](http://www.acsp.org) ➔ Awards. 2013 and 2014 student’s award winning papers will be highlighted in one or two special sessions.

**The Fate of Your Abstract Submission:** Whether accepted or rejected, you should expect to receive constructive comments by the review committee. Disagreements with these comments should be addressed to the appropriate track chair for discussion. Many excellent proposals are rejected due to lack of space on the final conference agenda.

**Multiple Program Placements:** Participants on the final program are limited to: one presentation of an individual paper whether in a formal paper session or a pre-organized formal paper session; one placement on a roundtable; one placement as a discussant of a formal paper session or of a pre-organized formal paper session; and one placement in the poster session. Substitutions are not permitted. If you have more than one appearance in one of the categories in this paragraph, in fairness to everyone, we will ask you withdraw the additional appearance(s) and to inform the appropriate track chair(s) prior to the scheduling of sessions.
**Final Paper Submissions:** You are required to submit a final paper to your session discussant by September 30, 2014. You are then required to submit your final paper to conference organizers by October 17, 2014. The names of authors that submit by the October 17th deadline and the title of their presentation will be highlighted in the program as having a paper available on request for attendees. Conference attendees use this information to judge the quality of sessions that they are considering attending. Papers are not considered “published” when submitted to the association for this purpose. Instructions for submitting your final paper can be found at [www.acsp.org](http://www.acsp.org) ➔ Conferences ➔ Annual Conference ➔ Abstracts, Sessions & Final Papers.

**Discussants:** Track Chairs may invite discussants for all paper sessions or may opt not to do so. We welcome suggestions for discussants proffered by authors and pre-organized session leaders. If you are willing to act as discussant, please indicate so at the abstract submission site. You will need an account on the abstract submission site to indicate your willingness to serve as a discussant. Feel free to also contact the track chair directly.

**Pre-Organized Sessions:** The conference committee respects and encourages the grouping of papers in pre-organized sessions but reserves the right to realign papers when it has all the proposals. Instructions for submitting a pre-organized session can be found at [www.acsp.org](http://www.acsp.org) ➔ Conferences ➔ Annual Conference ➔ Abstracts, Sessions & Final Papers (scroll down) ➔ Preparing and Submitting a Pre-organized Session. A pre-organized session requires one lead person to work in the abstract submission system before the other authors. This leader creates a session title and password that must be used by others who intend to present a paper in the session. We recommend this session organizer confirm a discussant for the session as well, and email notes to the conference coordinator so she can track the session’s successful submission: ddoddd@acsp.org.

**Submission Requirements:** Please note that poster proposals should contain the same information as paper proposals. If you think that any of the following requirements are inappropriate for your work, please provide other relevant information. You will not have the option to attach full bibliographies, reports, or full papers during the abstract submission process. Your abstract should contain the following information in about 600 words and be suitable for publication online without any further editing:

- Central theme or hypothesis: what research question are you trying to address?
- Approach and methodology: how will you address that question?
- Relevance of your work to planning education, practice, or scholarship
- Key words
- 3-5 major references to allow the track chair to place your work in its field [you will be limited to 5 references].

**New Information for Students:** If you are a masters or doctoral student, you may submit an abstract for a paper or poster based on research undertaken in collaboration with a faculty member. Students may also submit abstracts for papers or posters based on the results of research from their dissertation or thesis. The abstract submission system will require you to certify that either or both of these conditions are met, and you will be asked to include the name and e-mail address of your advisor or dissertation supervisor with your submission so that track chairs can confirm this information. Students may NOT submit abstracts for general purpose papers or for work done in preparation for qualifying exams. Guidelines for abstract submissions as well as what is acceptable as an abstract or poster presentation can be found at [www.acsp.org](http://www.acsp.org) ➔ Student Network ➔ Resources. Failure to follow these directions may result in the rejection of your proposal. There are no abstract submission fee refunds.

**Scheduling Constraints:** The ACSP recognizes ONLY religious holidays as valid reasons for scheduling requests. Once the schedule is created, authors who cannot present during their scheduled time must withdraw their paper from the program. We strongly recommend you do not make travel reservations until you know your paper presentation schedule, which should be available in late July.

**Submission and Fees:** You must submit your abstract using the online abstract management system. The required fee for online submission is $25 per abstract. The ACSP does not accept abstract submissions by fax or mail. Do not send your abstract directly to the track chair. The ACSP accepts personal or institution/company checks, purchase orders from your institution, or MasterCard or Visa. If payment for your abstract is not collected by the time the review process begins, your abstract will not be reviewed. There are no abstract submission fee refunds.

**Key Words** – provide at least one, but no more than five.
- Key words help track chairs in putting together coherent paper sessions.
- The Book of Accepted Abstracts published to www.acsp.org will have an index of key words.
2014 Theme Submissions - Use the words “Big Idea abstract” and an abbreviated title of the Big Idea session (see the theme of the conference) as key words to indicate that you are submitting to a Big Ideas session.

References – Authors should include references along with the text of their abstract. The abstract submission system will restrict the listing of references to a total of five (5) references.

Book of Abstracts: PROOFREAD, PROOFREAD, PROOFREAD your abstract submission while online! Accepted abstracts will be posted at the ACSP website, so it is important that references are complete, all names are spelled correctly, and the text is proofread thoroughly. We cannot edit your submission after publication and there will not be an opportunity for you to edit your work after the abstract submission deadline.

AICP Credit Eligibility: Prior to the conference, the tentative program is submitted for AICP Credit pre-approval so you know sessions you attend will be accepted for credit. After the conference is over, the ACSP submits the formal application for the entire annual conference program to be approved for AICP credit. During the abstract submission process, you will be required to choose from a pull-down menu to indicate any AICP-related topics from your abstract.

Track Information: The 2014 conference will be organized around fifteen tracks. You must indicate one track to which you are submitting the abstract. Many – perhaps most – topics cut across two or more tracks. If you are uncertain about the appropriate placement for your work, we encourage you to correspond with relevant track chairs before submitting the abstract. During the abstract submission process, you will be asked to indicate a second track to which the abstract relates closely.

Do not mail or email your final abstract submission directly to a track chair. It must be submitted through the abstract submission web site.

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www.acsp.org → Conferences → Annual Conference → Abstracts, Sessions & Final Papers
Abstract submission procedures can be found at this same link.

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