The 2015 Local Hosts, Texas Southern University and Texas A&M University, invite you to the 55th Annual Conference of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning

JUSTICE AND THE CITY: (RE)EXAMINING THE PAST TO CREATE THE FUTURE

Theme Description

This theme takes on all the possible justice issues, social equity, multiculturalism, environmental activism, advocacy planning, etc. There are several acts that began in 1965 and 2015 is 50 years later...

The 1960s was a time in history where growth and development was rampant around the globe. Focus began to fall on urban renewal and the health of the environment as well as the impacts associated with human activities.

The sixties brought about civil rights movements globally and especially here in the United States. As freedom riders made their journey across the south in 1961 protesting the use of segregation in public transportation, urban planning was progressing by introducing zoning for the first time in the state of Hawaii. The year of 1964 brought about the enactment of the civil rights act that banned discrimination based on "race, color, religion, sex or national origin" in employment practices and public accommodations. 1964 was also the year that economic development was brought into the spotlight by President Lyndon Johnson declaring war on poverty. The civil rights movement was hit hard in 1968 due to the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in Memphis, Tennessee. Despite this tragedy, regional planning was evolving and the Intergovernmental Relations Act of 1968 was passed, requiring state and sub-state regional clearinghouses to review and comment on federally assisted projects to facilitate coordination among the three levels of government.

Starting in the 1960s, the beginning of the women's rights movement resurged forward after being passive during the 1940s and 1950s. The civil rights protests spurred the women of the 1960s to renew the push for equal rights for women as well as minorities in educational and employment fields. Equality in politics, both in the United States and internationally, were also on the agenda for women's rights. During this time of women's rights movements, Jane Jacobs made her mark in planning by introducing "The Death and Life of Great American Cities" into the planning profession.

The world became increasingly conscious about the health of the environment during this time in history. In 1960, the first clean water act was passed by Congress as well as the first implementation of a Public Health Service study on air pollution from cars. The end of the sixties brought one of environmental health's most influential accomplishments, the passing of the National Environmental Policy Act by Congress.

The 1960s will forever be known as a time of progress. Fifty years later we will look back to assess the progress we have made from the groundwork established in the 60s as we plan for the development that will take place in the next fifty years.

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**Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning**  
55th Annual Conference 2015 Call for Papers and Posters

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**CALL FOR PAPERS AND POSTERS**

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The Department of Urban Planning and Environmental Policy at Texas Southern University and the Department of Landscape Architecture and Urban Planning at Texas A&M University will jointly host the 2015 ACSP Annual Conference in Houston, Texas, October 22-25, 2015 at the Hyatt Regency Houston.

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.

**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 2015 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 about 30 x 40 inches, in either portrait or landscape orientation. Authors may present both a paper and a poster at the conference, but not from the same abstract submission. A competition will be held for Best Poster and People’s Choice Poster.

**Awards:** There are poster awards 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. Award winning student papers from 2015 will be highlighted in a special session.

**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 and conference organizers by October 5, 2015. The names of authors that submit by the October 5th 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. With the permission of the track chair, you may make minor modifications to the title of your paper after it has been accepted. A request to change the title of the paper must be made to the track chair. You cannot change the content of an abstract after it has been accepted. 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 → 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 encourages the grouping of papers in pre-organized sessions that have strong intellectual merit, but reserves the right to realign papers when it has all the proposals. Pre-organized sessions that comprise all professors from one university or only students will be rejected unless the organizers provide justification for the listed authors.

Instructions for submitting a pre-organized session can be found at 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: ddodd@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].

**Important 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. In submitting a paper to the conference, your advisor or dissertation supervisor certifies that your research is ready for presentation at a national, flagship conference.

Students CANNOT submit abstracts for general purpose papers or for work done in preparation for qualifying exams.

Students may submit an abstract for a paper or poster based on research undertaken independent of collaboration or supervision with a faculty member. When you submit this type of abstract, make sure to include this statement at the end of your abstract text: "This research was undertaken independent of collaboration or supervision with a faculty member."

Guidelines for abstract submissions as well as what is acceptable as an abstract or poster presentation can be found at http://www.acsp.org/conferences/annual_conference/abstract_submission. 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.

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 2015 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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**ACSP Abstract Submission System**: [www.acsp.org](http://www.acsp.org) → Conferences → Annual Conference → Abstracts, Sessions & Final Papers. Abstract submission procedures can be found at this same link.

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