



The 2017 Conference of Minority Public Administrators (COMPA) NATIONAL CONFERENCE Atlanta, Georgia—March 15-17, 2017

Call for Proposals

Emerging Strategies Leading to a More Inclusive and Diverse Society

The U.S. population continues to become more culturally and ethnically diverse. This has shed light on the disparities that often exist in education, housing, employment, health and the justice system among communities of color that have traditionally been marginalized. The challenges and opportunities posed by managing changes in political ideologies, societal values, and demographics requires a paradigm shift to include a systematic examination of public policies and practices. These inequities have broadened the public discourse and led to the call for public policy reforms to remedy these disparities. Public administrators will need to increase their cultural competency and engage in asset-based thinking that focuses on finding solutions that embrace a strength-based approach to seek out what is effective in responding to a multicultural society. The goal of the 2017 COMPA conference is to accentuate the relationship between academics, practitioners, students and communities that are necessary for sustainable collective action in solving many pressing issues posed by being responsive to the often competing needs of a diverse multicultural society.

The conference program committee is pleased to invite proposals from academics, practitioners and students that relate to the conference theme and sub-themes noted below:

Track 1: **Social Equity and Fairness**

Track 2: **Gender Discrimination & Public Policy**

Track 3: **Disparities (Healthcare, Housing, Education, Employment)**

Track 4: **Citizen Participation, Corporate Relations & Community Engagement**

Track 5: **Community, Economic & Urban Development**

Track 6: **Minorities and the Criminal Justice System**

Track 7: **Wealth Management and Finance**

Track 8: **Role of Nonprofits & Faith-based Organizations**

Track 9: **Contemporary Pedagogies for teaching Today's Public Administration Students**

Track 10: **Preparing Public Administrators for Emerging Careers in Public Management**