

# SECoPA

SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE FOR PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION  
2017 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

## DEFENDING PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION IN A TIME OF UNCERTAINTY

### CALL FOR PROPOSALS/PRESENTATIONS – PANELS, PAPERS, AND POSTERS

October 4th – 7th (Wed – Sat), 2017  
Crowne Plaza, Hollywood Beach- Hollywood, FL

#### ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

Since 1969, the Southeastern Conference for Public Administration (SECoPA) has been the gathering place of ideas for public service practitioners, researchers, and students in our ten--state region. The conference offers attendees the opportunity to engage in scholarly discourse, discover the latest innovations in the field, and network with other public service administrators.

#### HOST CHAPTER AND LOCATION

The South Florida Chapter will be hosting the 2017 edition of SECoPA's Annual Regional Conference at the beautiful Crowne Plaza Hollywood Beach Hotel – 4000 South Ocean Dr., Hollywood, FL 33019, just steps away from the sands of the Atlantic Ocean. . Conference attendees [may book a room online](#) (note: link does not work on cellphones). [Click Here for Additional Hotel Information](#)

#### CONFERENCE THEME AND TRACKS

The Conference Program Committee seeks submissions aligned with the conference theme and which address cutting-edge issues in public administration within the following tracks:

- Local Government
- State Government and Federalism
- Nonprofit Leadership and Management
- Disasters/Hazards/Emergency Management
- Environmental Policy and Management
- Ethics
- Finance and Budgeting
- Health Policy and Management
- Human Resource Management
- International and Comparative Administration
- Performance Management and Innovation
- Policy, Planning, and Program Evaluation
- Organizational Theory and Behavior
- Social Welfare Policy
- Criminal Justice Administration
- Other (as specified by the proposer)

## PROPOSAL SUBMISSIONS

All submissions will be made through the SECoPA 2017 conference's online portal. Go to ([www.aspasouthfl.org](http://www.aspasouthfl.org)) and select "Proposals." After creating an account, you will be asked to select from the following proposal types:

1. Individual academic paper
2. Full academic paper panel (at least three papers plus a discussant)
3. Individual practitioner professional presentation (without a formal paper)
4. Full practitioner panel (four presentations with or without papers)
5. Individual research poster (academic or practitioner)

**Academic Papers and Panels.** For those interested in submitting an academic paper, you will be asked to provide the paper title and an abstract (250-500 words) that includes the research question, a summary of theory, data, method, preliminary findings, and the importance or implications of the work. You will also be asked to select the appropriate track for the paper from the above bulleted list.

For those interested in submitting a proposal for an academic paper panel, you will be asked to submit: the proposed panel title; names, affiliations, and contact information of participants (and an indication of who is the panel convener); a summary of the research that will be presented (please note that each participant's paper should be summarized in the panel submission); and the program track you believe best fits your panel. The program chairs encourage panels that include both academics and practitioners.

**Practitioner Presentations and Panels.** For practitioners submitting a professional presentation or panel—with or without a formal paper(s)—you will be asked to provide: a presentation/panel title; the program track you believe best fits your presentation/panel; your/the panelists' institutional affiliation; a brief (250-500 words) description of the proposed presentation/panel that includes a statement of the intended learning outcomes for attendees, and an estimated presentation length (typical presentations are 10-20 minutes, typical panels consist of multiple presentations over 60-90 minutes).

**Research Posters.** Individuals wishing to present a summary of their research or professional practice in a poster session format will be asked to submit the same general information as those presenting academic papers or professional presentations. (*Note: the conference program chairs may offer poster session opportunities to those submitting paper or panel proposals that do not easily fit with other accepted conference papers or panels.*)

## STUDENT BEST PAPER AWARDS

The prestigious **Robert L. Kline Award** (for master's students) and the **Morris W. H. Collins Award** (for doctoral students) for best papers will be presented to students presenting original research at the conference. To be considered for an award, should submit abstracts for their proposed papers through the conference's on-line submission system *and* to the chair of the appropriate award committee:

- Kline Award Committee (master's students): Chair, **John Topinka, PhD** at [jtpinka@memphis.edu](mailto:jtpinka@memphis.edu)
- Collins Award Committee (doctoral students): Chair, **Kathleen Hale, PhD** at [halekat@auburn.edu](mailto:halekat@auburn.edu)

For more information regarding Awards Criteria and Descriptions, please see the "Awards" section of the SECoPA website: [http://www.aspaonline.org/secopa/wordpress/?page\\_id=9](http://www.aspaonline.org/secopa/wordpress/?page_id=9)

## QUESTIONS?

- For questions about the submission process and proposal topics, please contact program co-chairs **Roslyn Alic-Batson** at [alic@miamidade.gov](mailto:alic@miamidade.gov) and/or **Agatha Caraballo, PhD** at [acarabal@fiu.edu](mailto:acarabal@fiu.edu)
- For questions about conference sponsorship opportunities, please contact conference treasurer **Steven Bobes** at [sbobes003@gmail.com](mailto:sbobes003@gmail.com)
- For general questions about the conference, please contact conference chair **Glenn Joseph** at [glennjoseph5@gmail.com](mailto:glennjoseph5@gmail.com) or [gjoseph5@broward.edu](mailto:gjoseph5@broward.edu)

## CONFERENCE UPDATES

Please visit our conference website for the latest information about registration, keynote speakers, and presentation schedules ( [www.aspasouthfl.org](http://www.aspasouthfl.org)).

## REGISTRATION AND PROPOSAL SUBMISSION DEADLINES

- Registration system opens: March 15, 2017
- Deadline for submission of abstract proposals: May 15, 2017
- Approval notification: June 15, 2017
- Deadline for full-paper submission for awards: August 18, 2017