



UNCG 2012 Meeting Embedding Collaborative Governance in Universities, Communities and Governments

SUNDAY, JUNE 10 – TUESDAY, JUNE 12, 2012
SYRACUSE, NY

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*The Program for the Advancement of Research on Conflict and Collaboration
Maxwell School of Citizenship & Public Affairs, Syracuse University*

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Embedding Collaborative Governance in Universities, Communities, and Governments

Numerous centers for collaborative governance have sprung up at universities across the country and around the world. These centers seek to assist citizens and leaders to engage in dialogue, discussion, problem solving, and conflict resolution around public issues. Few would argue against the need for such centers, particularly given the numerous policy challenges we currently face in our communities, states, and nation. However, while these centers have had successes in practice and service, teaching and training, and/or in research, their assistance is not consistently sought out by decision makers in the universities, communities, and governments they serve.

This conference will focus on one central question: *How do we make collaborative governance an embedded feature in the regular work of universities, communities, and governments?* Answering this question requires an examination of several related topics and issues, including but not limited to the following:

- How do we diffuse the knowledge and lessons learned from the work that is underway at university centers for collaborative governance?
- What strategies, resources, and approaches have or will most effectively help these centers “take hold” and become a regular source of assistance for decision makers in universities, communities, and governments?
- How do we build the capacity for collaborative governance in universities, communities, and governments?
- How can we support public officials to be effective champions of collaborative governance?
- How can we describe and explain this work more clearly and in more compelling language?
- How should college and university curricula be designed and shaped to further the goals of collaborative governance and related processes?
- How do we build and increase the resources for collaborative governance teaching and training?
- How should we evaluate our progress in these efforts?

We welcome the submission of proposals for presentations and panel sessions, roundtables and facilitated discussions, and other types of sessions. While we are open to a wide variety of approaches, including conceptual, theoretical, and empirical pieces, case studies, ‘lessons learned’, and other practitioner- or academically-oriented approaches, the ideal proposal will connect directly to the question about embedding collaborative governance. Proposals should also fit within one of the following four conference tracks:

1. **Program Development:** This track focuses on issues that specifically relate to the work, advancement, and growth of university centers for collaborative governance.
2. **Research:** This track focuses on traditional academic scholarship, including conceptual, theoretical, and empirical work.
3. **Teaching & Training:** This track focuses on issues of education, both in the classroom and to external audiences.
4. **Practice & Service:** This track focuses on issues related to the application of collaborative governance to “real-world” problems and situations.

To submit a proposal, please complete and submit the following form by February 29, 2012.

There are three options for submitting proposals:

Option 1: **Email** in (Word or PDF format) to sarahgiles@pdx.edu

Option 2: **Fax** to (503) 725-9099

Option 3: **Regular mail** to: Policy Consensus Initiative / UNCG
PO Box 1762
Portland, OR 97207

All proposals will be reviewed by the Program Planning Committee. Notifications will be sent by email in March.

If you require assistance with the submission of your session proposal, please contact Sarah Giles at sarahgiles@pdx.edu or call (503) 725-5248.

Session Organizer/Primary Contact Information:

Name: _____ Title: _____

Center / Program Name: _____

University: _____ UNCG member? Yes No

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

Role: Moderator Presenter/Panel Presenter Roundtable Facilitator

Co-presenters or co-facilitators:

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Session Title (80 character limit):

Description of session: Please attach a summary (250 words maximum) of the proposed session. It should include a description of topics to be covered, format, and how this fits the theme of the meeting.

How do you plan to involve (or interact with) the identified target audience during this participation?

What do you anticipate attendees should be prepared to share/or bring with them to this presentation?

Please indicate the track(s) for which this proposal should be considered:

- Teaching & Training
- Research
- Practice & Service
- Program Development

Please indicate the ONE session type for this proposal:

- Presentation/Panel Session
- Roundtable/Facilitated Discussion
- Other (Please describe)

Please identify any anticipated Audio Visual Equipment needs:

Please indicate the type of room set up required for your session. (We will do our best to meet your requested needs)

- Traditional Classroom
- Round Tables
- U-Shape
- Other (Please specify): _____