

**35th Annual National Teaching Public Administration Conference
May 21-23, 2012 – South Padre Island, Texas
University of Texas at Brownsville**

**Conference Theme: “Diversity and Civic Engagement in Teaching
Public Administration”**

The call for proposals for the 35th Annual Teaching Public Administration Conference opens **October 30, 2011**. The conference will be held Monday, May 21 through Wednesday, May 23, 2012 at the *Isla Grand Beach Resort at South Padre Island* in partnership with the University of Texas at Brownsville. While this conference is designed for public and nonprofit educators, practitioners, and students, we welcome ideas and proposals from all disciplines.

The theme for this year’s conference points to the importance of two vital concerns that sometimes conflict in teaching public administration, diversity and civic engagement. How do we facilitate examination of a range of views and perspectives in an atmosphere of mutual respect in a diverse population? Can service learning and other pedagogical techniques address both course learning outcomes and provide benefits the larger community? Can technology in the classroom facilitate civic engagement? How can social media be used constructively in the classroom? Presenters are invited to share their knowledge and experiences while facilitating dynamic and interactive discussions. Professors are encouraged to include students in their presentations, and student presentations are welcome. Authors can submit their papers for inclusion in the symposium of the Journal of Public Affairs Education (JPAAE).

Submission Requirements

Please submit your proposal to Dr. Leland M. Coxe at tpac@utb.edu and include the following:

- A separate Title Page that includes the paper’s title, name of author(s), and contact information. NOTE: Audio-visual requests should be listed on the title page.
- Summary of the proposal which includes: Presentation Title, Presentation Objectives, Presentation Activities, Session Format (see below), Relevant Bibliographic Citations on Topics, Presentation Description (75 words maximum).

Session Formats

- Panel Discussion, Demonstration Project, or Debate: 90 minute presentation by a panel of 3-5 colleagues on a topic of general interest
- Workshop: 90 minute interactive presentation
- Individual Paper: 20-30 minute presentations that will be grouped with other presenters for discussion
- Round Table: 45 minute, informal, small group discussions. Ideal forum for presenting works in progress
- Poster Session
- Other: Please delineate time requirements and configuration

Submission Procedures

- *Abstracts* of individual papers not to exceed 500 words will follow a double-blind peer-reviewed process if submitted on or before Feb 28, 2012. Abstracts will be published in the Conference Proceedings.
- All other proposals (panels, workshops, round tables, etc.) will require a description (75 word minimum) that specifies the session format. Submissions are due March 31, 2012.
- Authors can submit their paper to be considered for a symposium in the Journal of Public Affairs Education (JPAAE). Details on submission requirements will be provided by April 1, 2012.
- Early submission is encouraged. Efforts will be made to provide notice of acceptance within 30 days of submission.

Conference Information

Complete information about the conference including travel, registration, lodging, South Padre Island area attractions, the tentative schedule, electronic submission requirements, source documents and conference contacts can be found at the Teaching Public Administration Conference Web site at <http://www.teachingpa.org/>

Program Information

Questions regarding the program may be directed to Dr. Leland M. Coxe, Conference Chair (tpac@utb.edu). Mailing address: University of Texas at Brownsville, Government Department; 80 Fort Brown; Brownsville, TX 78520. Telephone: (956) 882-8259)

Conference Host

The 2012 Teaching Public Administration Conference is being hosted by the University of Texas at Brownsville, Government Department (<http://www.utb.edu/vpaa/cla/gov/Pages/default.aspx>).