Overcoming Urban Challenges in the Era of Globalization
October 17-18, 2016
Central Michigan University, One Kennedy Center (on Campus Martius)
Detroit, Michigan
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Overview

The workshop seeks to learn from Detroit’s and Flint’s exceptional histories and showcase their present-day opportunities and challenges so that nonprofit organizations and their partners in the public and private sectors can learn from their rise, fall and potential resurgence. Unlike previous conferences, we are adopting an innovative format for this workshop that includes three separate, deliberative forums that will include about twelve participants each and run simultaneously, before coming together again after multiple sessions held over two days to summarize their conclusions. Outside experts will also be invited to join each forum and consult with participants during scheduled interventions. It is expected that these deliberations will lead to the publication of “toolkits” that integrate these reports and are primarily aimed at policymakers in the public and nonprofit sectors. Publication of an edited volume for an academic audience is also expected, although this is considered a secondary goal.

Forums:

1. **Growing the Economy: Urban Economic Development in an Age of Globalization** – Papers in this cluster will discuss the role of government (international, national, and local) in promoting economic growth in urban areas, the transnational elements of that role, and the best practices that can be identified in this field. **Facilitator:** Dr. Michael Wolf, Indiana University–Purdue University Indianapolis.

2. **Building the Infrastructure: Meeting the Physical and Social Challenges of Globalization** – This cluster will concern itself with the challenges that globalization and its attendant economic expansion impose on both the physical and social infrastructure of urban areas. Specific areas of concern will include the provision of public services that are vital to the maintenance of a growing business community and methods for enhancing the quality of life of those served by that community. **Facilitator:** Thomas Greitens, Ph.D.

3. **Sustainable Development in Sustainable Communities: Meeting the Ecological and Political Challenges of Globalization** – The final cluster of papers will examine the challenges of growing an urban economy in an age of globalization while protecting both the natural environment and the practices essential to a democratic civic life. **Facilitator:** J. Cherie Strachan, Ph.D.
Draft Agenda

Monday, October 17, 2016 (Detroit)
8:30-9:00 a.m.  Morning Welcome Coffee
9:00-10:30 a.m.  Keynote Charge: Honorable Dan Kildee, Member of Congress
10:45-12:00 p.m.  Session One (each forum meets simultaneously, separately)
12:00-1:30 p.m.  Lunch
1:30-3:00 p.m.  Session Two
3:15-4:45 p.m.  Session Three
6:00-8:00 p.m.  Dinner

Tuesday, October 18, 2016 (Detroit)
9:00-10:30 a.m.  Session Four
10:45-12:00 p.m.  Session Five
12:00-1:30 p.m.  Lunch
1:30-3:00 p.m.  Forum meetings to finalize reports
3:15-5:00 p.m.  Closing Plenary – Forum Reports and Discussion
6:00-8:00 p.m.  Dinner

Wednesday, October 19, 2016 (Detroit)
9:30 a.m.  Departure for tour of Detroit, Flint and Saginaw on way to Mt. Pleasant
           Lunch in Flint or Saginaw, Dinner in Mt. Pleasant

Michigan Political Science Association (MIPSA) Conference, Mt. Pleasant
Thursday October 20, 2016
12-3 p.m.  Registration opens
2 p.m.  Opening plenary
2:30-3:30 p.m.  Roundtable report of the recommendations from “Overcoming Urban Challenges in the Era of Globalization” at the MIPSA
3:45-4:45 p.m.  Roundtable on 2016 election
5-5:45  Reception at Powers Hall
6 p.m.  Dinner at Powers Hall
7-8:30  p.m.  Hart-Milliiken Endowed Lecture Series: Hon. David Hollister

Friday October 21, 2016
MIPSA Conference Panels