

# Call for Proposals

## 2008 Teaching PA Conference: *Reproducing the Field of Public Administration*

May 31-June 1, 2008  
Virginia Commonwealth University  
Richmond, Virginia

The Teaching Public Administration group, in cooperation with the L. Douglas Wilder School of Government and Public Affairs at Virginia Commonwealth University, invites proposals for papers for its 2008 Conference, to be held May 31-June 1 following the Public Administration Theory Network conference May 29-30. A joint reception will be held on May 30, 2008. The conference is being co-sponsored by the American Society for Public Administration's Section on Public Administration Education.

This year's conference theme is meant to "get back to basics" in a sense—to explore the various elements of teaching, mentorship, public service/service learning, and pedagogical research that contribute to the manner in which we reproduce the field of public administration in terms of both practice and scholarship. Individual and group presentations that focus on one of these elements are strongly encouraged so that a clear theme for sessions is evident. Conference papers may be submitted for consideration in a peer-reviewed symposium in the *Journal of Public Affairs Education (JPAAE)*.

We equally welcome papers, panels, and collaborative activities of importance to public administration educators. Diverse approaches might include (but are not limited to) traditional panel presentations, poster presentations, roundtables, debates, or demonstrations. Please keep group presentations to no more than three participants to afford sufficient opportunities for dialogue and exchange with attendees.

We also invite volunteers to facilitate sessions as a host/facilitator/moderator as appropriate.

Please submit your proposal to Margaret Stout, [margaret.stout@bridgew.edu](mailto:margaret.stout@bridgew.edu). Please include:

- The title and type of the proposal (individual or group; panel, poster, roundtable, debate, or demonstration)
- Name(s), affiliation(s), and email information for authors/presenters
- A single page summary of the proposal and its contribution to the listed conference elements (teaching, mentorship, service, pedagogical research)

## Timeline:

1. Submission of Abstracts and other Proposals: January 1, 2008
2. Notification of Acceptance of Proposals: February 15, 2008
3. Papers (if applicable) Due: May 15, 2008
4. Papers Due for *JPAE* Symposium consideration: June 30, 2008

Virginia Commonwealth University is located in Richmond, a mid-sized historic city with a flourishing cultural community, boasting excellent restaurants and boutiques, sports and entertainment attractions, and one of the nation's largest river park systems. Within driving distance from Richmond are historic Williamsburg and Jamestown; Charlottesville and Thomas Jefferson's Monticello home; and many Atlantic Ocean beaches.

The conference will be held at the Omni Richmond, which is 8 miles (15 minutes) from Richmond International Airport. The Omni promises you will "experience refined Southern hospitality in a contemporary setting, with our luxury Richmond hotel. Overlooking the scenic James River in the heart of the Richmond's financial and historical districts, the Omni Richmond Hotel is the city's premier business and leisure address." For more information: <http://www.omnihotels.com/FindAHotel/Richmond.aspx>

Questions can be directed to the conference coordinator. Additional information on the Teaching Public Administration group and a link to the Richmond, Virginia conference site can be found on the internet at: <http://www.teachingpa.org/>

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