

**Call for Proposals**  
**2008 PAT-Net Conference**  
21st Annual Meeting of the Public Administration Theory Network  
May 29 - 30, 2008  
Virginia Commonwealth University  
Richmond, Virginia

**Public Administration at the Margin**

The Public Administration Theory Network, in cooperation with Virginia Commonwealth University, invite proposals for discursive sessions exploring issues and ideas related to marginalization in public administration theory and practice. The 2008 Conference seeks dialogue on the undiscovered and invisible, the dispossessed and disposable, the marginalized and the disappeared. Is public administration as a discipline marginal to present-day social and political thought and consciousness? Should public administration embrace the role of advocate for the dispossessed? Can public administration open paths for inclusion of the marginalized Other, not merely as a support for social justice? Can public administration resist ideological totalitarianism, address practical difficulties in engaging diverse backgrounds, and counter American exceptionalism or Othering derived from ethnocentrism and xenophobia? What greater achievements could be realized by paradigms that include the marginalized?

In pursuit of innovative and provocative discourse we encourage the opening of theoretic and communicative boundaries. While continuing to support traditional paper presentations, we encourage scholars to consider proposals that create alternative spaces for dialogue and interaction distinct from the traditional conference format. Diverse approaches might include (but are not limited to) roundtables, debates, drama, cinema, poetry or visual arts.

While seeking proposals on the theme of marginalization, we equally welcome an open stream of papers, panels, performances, and collaborative activities of importance to public administration theorists.

Submit your proposal to Catherine Horiuchi, [cmhoriuchi@usfca.edu](mailto:cmhoriuchi@usfca.edu). Please include:

- The title and type of the proposal (paper, panel, roundtable, dialogue, performance)
- Name(s), affiliation(s), and email information for authors/participants
- A single page summary of the proposal and, if desired, its contribution to conference topics

Papers completed and submitted on time will follow a double blind referee process prior to posting on the conference website when accepted, with authors' approval.

Timeline:

The conference will be held May 29-30, 2008 in conjunction with the Teaching Public Administration Conference that will follow on May 31-June 1. A joint reception will be held on May 30, 2008.

Submission of Abstracts and other Proposals: 15 November 2007  
Notification of Acceptance of Proposals begins: 15 November 2007  
Papers Due: 15 April 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, home of Thomas Jefferson's Monticello and Atlantic Ocean beaches. Questions can be directed to the conference chair. Additional information on the Public Administration Theory Network and a link to the Richmond, Virginia conference site will be found on the PAT-Net website, <http://www.pattheory.org>.

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