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11th Annual University of Central Florida Public Administration Research Conference

Managing in a Networked World: Opportunities and Challenges

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Orlando, Florida

Call for Proposals

The Center for Public and Nonprofit Management (CPNM) at the University of Central Florida's School of Public Administration will host its 11th annual Public Administration Research Conference (PARC). The conference will be held on April 7, 2017, at the FAIRWINDS Alumni Center, Orlando, Florida. Continuing to focus on emerging public administration issues, the 11th PARC will organize around the theme, "Managing in a Networked World: Opportunities and Challenges."

Managers in both the public and nonprofit sectors face a more connected, fast changing, and complex environment. Collaborative governance, different from traditional hierarchical approaches to government, encourages the engagement of non-state stakeholders across the public, nonprofit, and private sectors. Through collaborative networks, public, nonprofit, and private organizations can share information and other resources and coordinate efforts in public service delivery, policy making, and policy implementation. Yet, cross-sector networks can pose new governance challenges of achieving both organizational mission and collaborative goals.

This conference calls for presentations from scholars and practitioners alike that examine how to prepare public and nonprofit managers to engage in inter-organizational collaboration and manage in a networked world. Proposals may address inter-organizational collaborations in a wide range of public management and policy domains, including, but not limited to, human and social services, transportation, housing, emergency management, and community and economic development. The presentations may be research papers, case studies, best practices, etc. The proposals may address a broad range of questions such as:

- What are the incentives for interorganizational collaboration? How does a manager determine the selection of collaborative partners?
- How is the network form of organization applied in public management and policy domains? What networks are formed? Are they formal or informal networks? What attributes do these networks have?
- How does a manager facilitate and manage the collaborative process?
- What is network leadership? How is network leadership different from traditional leadership?
- How to evaluate the performance of networks and partnerships?
- How to achieve collaborative outcomes and ensure accountability in a networked environment?

The deadline for submission is December 15, 2016. Please submit your research proposal to cpnm@ucf.edu. If you have logistics questions related to the conference, please contact the CPNM Assistant Director Ms. Maria-Elena Augustin (maria.augustin@ucf.edu). If you have any questions about the conference theme, please contact the conference faculty advisor Dr. Qian Hu (Qian.Hu@ucf.edu).

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