

Southeastern Conference for Public Administration

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Message from the SECoPA Board President:

I am excited and honored to serve as the 2016-2017 President of the Southeastern Conference for Public Administration (SECoPA). The SECoPA Board met during the 2016 SECoPA Conference in Raleigh. I am pleased to report the following decisions from the board meetings and actions from the General Business Meeting:

- 1.) The Board approved a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between SECoPA and ASPA to foster a stronger relationship between the two organizations. This MOU was subsequently approved by SECoPA membership at the General Business Meeting held October 15, 2016.
- 2.) Policy advocacy initiative: At the 2015 SECoPA conference in Atlanta, a special panel was held to discuss the idea of SECoPA taking policy positions on selected, significant topics. The result of the panel was a suggestion to convene a panel at each annual SECoPA conference focusing on a significant public policy issue. Further, the SECoPA Board created a task force on policy advocacy to explore the idea of SECoPA taking on a policy advocacy role. Throughout 2015 and 2016, the task force studied this issue. At the 2016 Raleigh Conference, a panel was convened to discuss LGBT rights (see related article in this newsletter). The Policy Advocacy Task Force also presented the Board with a draft policy discussing how policy issues would be selected and addressed by the Board. The Board referred the issue of policy advocacy to the membership at the General Business Meeting. The general membership was overall supportive of SECoPA having a policy advocacy role. Based upon comments from the SECoPA members, the Board directed the Policy Advocacy Task Force to revise the draft policy by stating that policies to be addressed by SECoPA should be clearly related to the ASPA Code of Ethics and/or the SECoPA Mission. The Board will continue to inform SECoPA members on the progress of the Policy Advocacy Task Force.

SECoPA is a wonderful organization for networking, learning, and supporting public service. I would like to extend an invitation to all District III ASPA members to become involved. Please visit our website for more information about board officers and members, committees, and future conferences. Do not hesitate to contact me for more information on how to become involved in SECoPA.

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SECoPA 2016 Overview

Practitioners and academics from the Southeast gathered in North Carolina to discuss pressing topics in the public sector. Plenaries and breakout sessions focused on “Reexamining Key Relationships in American Governance.” The conference took place at the Sheraton Raleigh Hotel from October 13th-16th. The SECoPA community would like to thank Dr. Jerrell Cogburn, Conference Chair, James Svara and James Brunet, program chairs, and North Carolina State University for hosting this year’s conference.

Several plenaries and workshops were held during the conference: ASPA’s President, Susan Gooden, moderated a plenary on LGBT rights entitled, “The Challenge of Incorporating LGBT Rights in Public Administration and Policy.” Panelists included Jami Taylor, Shannon Minter, Ron Carley, and James Svara. The panelists focused on the LGBT community’s role in our states and emphasized the public sector’s obligation to protect their rights. The plenary carried out ASPA’s mission through the promotion of “constitutional principles of equality, fairness, representativeness, responsiveness and due process in protecting citizens’ rights and promoting the public good” and to “develop proposals for sound laws and policies and for improving or eliminating laws and policies that are unethical, counterproductive, or obsolete.”

Workshops were also held on how to build an ASPA chapter and how to implement the ASPA ethics peer review process. SECoPA members were treated to two keynote speakers during the conference, The Honorable Representative David Price, U.S. House of Representatives and Secretary Frank L. Perry, North Carolina Department of Public Safety.

SECOPA 2016 Awards



SECOPA 2016 Award Winners:

BILL COLLINS AWARD presented to MINSUN SONG for the outstanding Doctoral Student Paper entitled: "COLLABORATION RISK IN INSTITUTIONAL COLLECTIVE ACTION: AN EMPIRICAL INVESTIGATION OF THE FORM IN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT NETWORKS"

ROBERT KLINE AWARD presented to SABRINA WILLARD for the Outstanding Masters Student Paper entitled: "SOCIAL MEDIA USE AMONG NORTH CAROLINA MUNICIPALITIES"

DONATO J. PUGLIESE AWARD presented to JO ANN EWALT for Dedicated Contributions to SECOPA.

SENATOR PETER B. BOORSMA AWARD presented to JAMES W. DOUGLAS “In recognition of his efforts over many years to enhance excellence in public administration theory and practices through exchanges and dialogues among academicians and practitioners from different countries”

The DISTINGUISHED PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD was given to Kathryn E. Hensley and renamed the Kathryn E. Hensley Distinguished Public Service award in honor of Kathryn’s record of long and outstanding public service in federal government, state government, non-profit organizations, and local Democratic Party organizations, and in local government as a current commissioner on the Lexington, South Carolina Soil and Water Commission. Kathryn exemplifies the outstanding characteristics of a public administrator and the inherent values of public service and public administration: skills and competence, integrity, advocacy, social justice, and mentoring.

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SECOPA 2017



DEFENDING PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION IN A TIME OF UNCERTAINTY

CALL FOR PROPOSALS/PRESENTATIONS – PANELS, PAPERS, AND POSTERS

October 4th – 7th (Wed – Sat), 2017 Crowne Plaza, Hollywood Beach- Hollywood, FL

Since 1969, the Southeastern Conference for Public Administration (SECoPA) has been the gathering place of ideas for public service practitioners, researchers, and students in our ten-state region. The conference offers attendees the opportunity to engage in scholarly discourse, discover the latest innovations in the field, and network with other public service administrators.

HOST CHAPTER AND LOCATION The South Florida Chapter will be hosting the 2017 edition of SECoPA's Annual Regional Conference at the beautiful Crowne Plaza Hollywood Beach Hotel – 4000 South Ocean Dr., Hollywood, FL 33019, just steps away from the sands of the Atlantic Ocean. Conference attendees may book a room online (note: link does not work on cellphones). [Click Here for Additional Hotel Information](#)

CONFERENCE THEME AND TRACKS The Conference Program Committee seeks submissions aligned with the conference theme and which address cutting-edge issues in public administration within the following tracks:

- Local Government
- State Government and Federalism
- Nonprofit Leadership and Management
- Disasters/Hazards/Emergency Management
- Environmental Policy and Management Ethics
- Finance and Budgeting
- Health Policy and Management
- Human Resource Management
- International and Comparative Administration
- Performance Management and Innovation
- Policy, Planning, and Program Evaluation
- Organizational Theory and Behavior
- Social Welfare Policy
- Criminal Justice Administration
- Other (as specified by the proposer)

PROPOSAL SUBMISSIONS All submissions will be made through the SECoPA 2017 conference's online portal. Go to (www.aspasouthfl.org) and select "Proposals." After creating an account, you will be asked to select from the following proposal types:

1. Individual academic paper
2. Full academic paper panel (at least three papers plus a discussant)
3. Individual practitioner professional presentation (without a formal paper)
4. Full practitioner panel (four presentations with or without papers)
5. Individual research poster (academic or practitioner)

Academic Papers and Panels. For those interested in submitting an academic paper, you will be asked to provide the paper title and an abstract (250---500 words) that includes the research question, a summary of theory, data, method, preliminary findings, and the importance or implications of the work. You will also be asked to select the appropriate track for the paper from the above bulleted list.

For those interested in submitting a proposal for an academic paper panel, you will be asked to submit: the proposed panel title; names, affiliations, and contact information of participants (and an indication of who is the panel convener); a summary of the research that will be presented (please note that each participant's paper should be summarized in the panel submission); and the program track you believe best fits your panel. The program chairs encourage panels that include both academics and practitioners.

Practitioner Presentations and Panels. For practitioners submitting a professional presentation or panel—with or without a formal paper(s)—you will be asked to provide: a presentation/panel title; the program track you believe best fits your presentation/panel; your/the panelists' institutional affiliation; a brief (250--500 words) description of the proposed presentation/panel that includes a statement of the intended learning outcomes for attendees, and an estimated presentation length (typical presentations are 10--20 minutes, typical panels consist of multiple presentations over 60--90 minutes).

Research Posters. Individuals wishing to present a summary of their research or professional practice in a poster session format will be asked to submit the same general information as those presenting academic papers or professional presentations. (Note: the conference program chairs may offer poster session opportunities to those submitting paper or panel proposals that do not easily fit with other accepted conference papers or panels.)

For more information regarding Awards Criteria and Descriptions, please see the "Awards" section of the SECoPA website: http://www.aspaonline.org/secopa/wordpress/?page_id=9

QUESTIONS? For questions about the submission process and proposal topics, please contact program co--chairs Roslyn Alic-Batson at alic@miamidade.gov and/or Agatha Caraballo, PhD at acarabal@fiu.edu For questions about conference sponsorship opportunities, please contact conference treasurer Steven Bobes at sbobes003@gmail.com For general questions about the conference, please contact conference chair Glenn Joseph at glennjoseph5@gmail.com or gjoseph5@broward.edu

CONFERENCE UPDATES Please visit our conference website for the latest information about registration, keynote speakers, and presentation schedules (www.aspasouthfl.org).

REGISTRATION AND PROPOSAL SUBMISSION DEADLINES Registration system opens: March 15, 2017 Deadline for submission of abstract proposals: May 15, 2017 Approval notification: June 15, 2017 Deadline for full-paper submission for awards: August 18, 2017

The Kathryn E. Hensley Distinguished Public Service Practitioner Award Southeastern Conference of Public Administration

The Southeastern Conference of Public Administration hereby announces and invites nominations for the Distinguished Public Service Practitioner Award. This award recognizes sustained, outstanding achievement in, and contributions to, public administration and public service through applied practice in the field.

I. Eligibility criteria

The recipient of this award:

Must have a minimum of five year's service as a public service practitioner.

May have served in any type of public service environment -- local, state, federal, or international, in either government or nonprofit environments;

Must have made the considered contributions while providing his/her public service within the SECoPA region.

Current elected officials are not eligible unless the career achievements for which they are nominated occurred during careers in non-elected public service.

II. Award criteria

Candidates will be assessed on the extent to which they have made a sustained contribution to innovative, effective, and/or inspirational practice. Candidates must have consistently demonstrated ethical behavior in public service. Specific standards should include one or more of the following:

Innovation/creativity – The development and implementation of innovative programs or processes that positively impacted an organization. 2. Leadership – Ability to inspire, problem-solve, and move an organization forward while working productively with colleagues; a personal commitment to and demonstration of standards of excellence including the highest ethical standards. 3. Impact - Demonstrated accomplishments that have positively impacted their organization and or community 4. Operational excellence – The implementation of significant changes or processes that enhanced work productivity, efficiency, effectiveness, and quality.

III. Procedures and documentation

To be considered for this award, a candidate must be nominated by a current member of SECoPA. The nominating individual must provide:

(1) A nominating letter that includes: the nominee's name, position, current employer, and a comprehensive summary of the nominee's contributions to public service that warrant receiving the award, including specific examples of outstanding accomplishments within the areas listed in Section II Award Criteria. (2) A resume for the nominee that includes the nominee's position, current employer, current contact address, phone number and email address, employment history, educational attainment, and civic and professional activity and service.

Nominations will be assessed on the extent to which the justification provides specific information and examples related to the criteria listed above.

IV. Submission requirements:

(1) The nominating letter and nominee's resume may be submitted electronically as a Microsoft Word attachment or in hard copy. Electronic submission of the packet is strongly preferred and recommended.

(2) An address for submission of materials is provided below, and all materials not submitted electronically should be submitted to this address.

(3) The deadline for receipt of all materials will be April 15, 2017. Only nomination packets received by this date will be considered.

The committee will receive and assess nominations, and will present the award at a scheduled luncheon or banquet event as part of the general SECoPA Conference. The award may be deferred if the committee determines that none of the submitted nominations meet the criteria or merit presentation of the award.

Please send nominations by April 15, 2017 to:

Bill Solomon, Chair Kathryn E. Hensley Distinguished Public Service Practitioner Award
Committee kingsol@bellsouth.net

Robert L. Kline Award

Call for Abstracts

Purpose: To encourage students to present papers by recognizing with an award the most outstanding paper written by master's students in the SECoPA region.

Eligibility Criteria: Students must be enrolled at a university within the SECoPA region during the academic year preceding the annual SECoPA Conference (e.g. students must be enrolled during the 2016-2017 academic year to be eligible for the 2017 award). Students cannot be enrolled in a joint master's/doctoral program; only master's students are eligible for the Kline Award. Papers may be co-authored with other students. Faculty members cannot be co-authors. Students must adhere to the application process as set forth below. Failure to adhere to the process will result in a withdrawal of the award. To receive the award, the author or at least one co-author of the winning paper must register and attend the SECoPA conference, present the paper, and attend the awards function where the award is presented (normally a luncheon).

Award: Plaque, \$300 cash award and registration fee waived. If a paper is co-authored, the cash award will be divided equally among the co-authors. The SECoPA Conference Program Chair will make a decision on registration fee waivers for co-authored papers.

Application Process

Award chair issues a call for abstracts, coordinating the call with the SECoPA general call for papers. In that call, deadline for full paper submission, paper page limit, and submission instructions are set. There is no budget for purchasing advertising; however, members of the committee are encouraged to write articles for the PA Times in lieu of advertising.

Students submit abstract to SECoPA conference program chair and award chair.

Extensions of deadline for abstract submission are made by the SECoPA program chair.

SECoPA program committee accepts or rejects abstracts submitted.

SECoPA program committee informs Kline award chair of abstract decision.

Kline award chair e-mails students whose abstracts have been accepted, reminding them of deadline for submitting full paper, page limitations, and instructions on how to submit.

Extension of deadline for submission of full paper is at the discretion of awards committee. In general, extensions will not be granted.

Papers are to be no longer than 30 pages, not including references and/or appendices. Papers that exceed the page limitations will not be considered, unless exceptions are granted by the award committee.

Winners of awards will be notified by the award chair at least one month prior to the day the conference convenes.

The winning author, or at least one co-author, must register for the conference, present the paper, and attend the awards function.

Evaluation Criteria

Topic significance and relevance for public policy and administration.

Organization, readability, clarity of style.

Soundness of methodology.

Appropriate research design.

Adequate evidence supporting conclusion.

Adequate literature review.

Contribution to existing knowledge.

Award Committee Membership: shall consist of at least three SECoPA members. The chair of the committee is appointed by the Board President. The remaining two members are recruited by the committee chair in consultation with the SECoPA President and should be representative of the region.

Please send nominations by April 15, 2017 to:

John Topinka, Chair

Roslin-Alic Batson

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Kline Award Committee

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Senator Peter B Boorsma Award

The Senator Peter B. Boorsma Award honors a “practitioner or academician for facilitating over a period of many years the international exchange of knowledge and administrative practices that foster better performance in the public sector. The award symbolizes SECoPA’s recognition of the implications of the global village on management and performance in the public sector as well as its commitment to the study and exchange of administrative practices between the USA and other countries.”

The Award Committee will receive and assess nominations. The deadline to submit nominations is May 16, 2017. The award will be presented at the SECoPA conference in Hollywood Beach, Florida, October 4-7, 2017.

Please send nominations to:

James W. Douglas University of North Carolina at Charlotte jwdougla@uncc.edu

Call for Abstracts

Morris W. H. Collins Award

Purpose: The Collins award recognizes the most outstanding paper written by doctoral candidates in the SECoPA region.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Students must be enrolled at a university within the SECoPA region during the academic year preceding the annual SECoPA Conference (e.g. students must be enrolled during the 2016-2017 academic year to be eligible for the 2017 award).
- Papers may be co-authored with other students and may not exceed 30 pages.
- Faculty members cannot be co-authors.
- Students must adhere to the application process as set forth below. Failure to adhere to the process will result in a withdrawal of the award.
- To receive the award, the author or at least one co-author of the winning paper must register and attend the SECoPA conference, present the paper, and attend the awards function where the award is presented (normally a luncheon).

Award: Plaque, \$300 cash award, and registration fee waiver. If a paper is co-authored, the cash award will be divided equally among the co-authors. The SECoPA Conference Program Chair will waive up to two registration fees for co-authored papers.

Application Process:

Students submit abstract by May 15, 2017, to SECoPA 2017 the Conference Program Co-Chairs: Agatha Caraballo (acarabal@fiu.edu) and Roslin-Alic Batson (alibatson1@gmail.com) and the Collins Award chair, Kathleen Hale, halekat@auburn.edu.

1. Extensions of deadline for abstract submission are made by the SECoPA Program cochairs.
2. The SECoPA Program Committee accepts or rejects the abstracts submitted.
3. The SECoPA Program Committee informs the Collins Award Chair of abstract decisions.
4. The Collins Award Chair emails students whose abstracts have been accepted, informing them of the deadline for submitting the full paper, page limitations, and instructions on how to submit.

5. Extensions of deadlines for submission of full papers is at the discretion of the Awards Committee. In general, extensions will not be granted.

6. Papers that exceed the 30-page limit will not be considered. Winners of the award will be notified by the Collins Award Chair.

7. The winning author, or at least one co-author, must register for the conference, present the paper, and attend the awards function (typically a luncheon).

Evaluation Criteria:

1. Topic significance and relevance for public policy and administration.

2. Organization, readability, clarity of style.

3. Soundness of methodology.

4. Appropriate research design.

5. Adequate evidence supporting conclusion.

6. Adequate literature review.

7. Contribution to existing knowledge.

Conclusion

Information for future newsletters can be sent to Communications Committee Chair Casey Seidman at cs1401@nova.edu.

Interested in hosting a future SECoPA? Please contact Suzanne Leland, Site Selection Committee, at smleland@uncc.edu.

SECOPA 2017 Link: <http://aspasouthfl.org/2016/09/save-the-dates-for-secopa-2017/>