

ERASURE
REMEMBRANCE
HEALING

HINDSIGHT™

A Conference on Urban Planning through the Equity Lens

Open Call for Session Proposals

Submission Deadline: August 31, 2019



American Planning Association
New York Metro Chapter
Making Great Communities Happen

Hind·sight

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noun

1. Understanding of a situation or event only after it has happened or developed.
2. An annual conference on urban planning through an equity lens, to be held in December 2019, commemorate watershed moments in history such as the 50th Anniversary of the Stonewall Uprising, the Red Summer of 1919, and 400 years since the arrival of enslaved Africans in the American colony of Jamestown

ABOUT THE HINDSIGHT CONFERENCE

The American Planning Association's New York Metro Chapter Diversity Committee invites the general public to submit session proposals for the third annual Hindsight, a conference on urban planning through an equity lens. Each year, Hindsight honors a significant urban planning and equity-related milestone, to shine light on the discriminatory history of planning and its implicit (and explicit) role in shaping today's inequitable neighborhoods, but also to highlight planning as a means of achieving more inclusive, just, and equitable communities. In 2017, the first annual conference honored the 100th Anniversary of the supreme court decision *Buchanan v. Warley* (1917), in which the US Supreme Court invalidated racial zoning on 14th Amendment grounds. The 2018 conference honored the 50th Anniversary of the Fair Housing Act (1968), which outlawed housing discrimination for certain protected classes, and requires jurisdictions to address segregation and disparate access to opportunity - affirmatively further fair housing. For the third annual conference, Hindsight will be honoring three significant watershed moments in history under the theme of Erasure, Remembrance, and Healing.

REQUEST FOR SESSION PROPOSALS

The day-long event will focus on diversity and social equity not solely as a topic at a conference, but as a lens through which all planning and community development should be implemented. Session proposals for this conference should reflect on the theme and ensure a diversity of panelists and speakers. Please follow the guidelines stated in the following pages. **Proposals are due August 31, 2019 by 5pm EST and proposal teams will be notified of selection by September 27, 2019.**

This year's conference theme is Erasure, Remembrance, and Healing. The year 2019 marks the 50th Anniversary of the Stonewall Uprising, a series of spontaneous, gay, anti-police demonstrations at the Stonewall Inn in Greenwich Village, New York City, marking a seminal moment in the gay liberation movement. It also marks the 100th Anniversary of the 1919 "Red Summer," where more than 250 African Americans were killed in at least 25 riots across the U.S by white mobs that never received punishment, largely omitted from history textbooks. 2019 also marks 400 years since enslaved Africans first landed on occupied Powhatan territory, historically renamed Jamestown in Virginia. There are many other anniversaries in 2019, but we acknowledge that the history of time and place remembered are imperfect. This year's conference theme reflects on the erasure of history, collective amnesia, the movement of remembrance, and its power to heal.

Through a day of workshops, performances, panels, and walking tours, we challenge attendees to reflect upon how our narratives shape our built environment, our communities, and our relationship with one another. We invite attendees to consider which stories are told, which are silenced or capitalized, and who tells the stories. We propose that by remembering forgotten peoples, places, and stories, we embark on a process of healing ourselves, our communities, and our cities. This process of historical restoration and reclamation will not only strengthen communities, it is an important part of their ability to heal and imagine new urban futures.

The 2019 Hindsight Conference Committee strongly encourages submissions for session proposals from across the nation and interested parties around the world. However, unfortunately at this time we are not able to provide honorariums or compensation for travel or lodging accommodations for participants.

EVENT DETAILS

This conference is open to all, no membership or urban planning professional title required. Participation from local communities and individuals in other disciplines is strongly encouraged.

December 6, 2019 (Friday)

Time: 9am-5pm (all-day conference)

Location: New York City*

Potential Schedule -

(60 minute sessions, concurrent by topic/tracks)

8am-8:45am	Registration & Breakfast
9am-9:50am	Keynote Speakers
10:00am-11:00am	Session 1 (a,b...etc.)
11:10am-12:10pm	Session 2
12:20pm-1:20pm	Lunch
1:30pm-2:30pm	Session 3
2:40pm-3:40pm	Session 4
4:00pm-4:15pm	Closing remarks
4:15-5:00pm	Networking and Happy Hour

* *Details will be confirmed in September*

If your organization would like to support with sponsorship, please email us at hindsightconference@gmail.com

More on Erasure, Remembrance, and Healing

Why do we remember?

So as not to repeat the past

To unlock or discover an obscured past

To deepen our analysis

The architectures and infrastructures of cities and neighborhoods are haunted by racism, sexism, colonialism, specters which are “neither present nor absent, neither dead nor alive.”¹ We need to meet these ghosts face to face, to grapple with their legacies directly. Without reflecting on these pasts and better understanding the root of our traumas, we certainly foreclose certain futures. Remembering is always a part of creating the future.

History is not only a repository of what has gone wrong, it is full of stories of survival, rebellion flourishing, self-determination, other ways of knowing and being, alternative models of governance, architecture, planning, and social reproduction.

We must understand the social and economic conditions under which people have lived and made government and policy, over time, in order to determine how our current context was formed, and how it may be revolutionized.

¹ Colin Davis, *Hauntology, spectres and phantoms*, *French Studies*, Volume 59, Issue 3, July 2005, Pages 373–379, <https://doi.org/10.1093/fs/kni143>

PROPOSAL GUIDELINES

All sessions must be completed in 60 minutes including time for questions, but can be structured however proposal applicants see fit. Walking tours may be up to 2 hours--please indicate which session time slot would be most ideal for your tour, or if you would like to share an event or walking tour that may occur the day before or after Hindsight that could be part of the broader conference weekend agenda. All proposed sessions should address planning and urban policy's role in working towards more inclusive, just, and equitable communities. Proposals of a variety of topics, including interdisciplinary topics, are encouraged. Diversity of speakers is also strongly encouraged, including diversity in professions (not limited to planners), sectors, race, ethnicity, gender identity, age, national origin, cultures, abilities, and other groups representing underrepresented backgrounds in urban planning and community development. Proposals are not limited to lecture/panel style, in fact, interactive sessions (workshop-style, skill-building, etc.), performance, and visual media are also strongly encouraged. Projector, computer, and AV will be provided. If proposal teams require additional materials for more interactive workshops, please be prepared to bring your own.

Please submit proposals via google form <<https://bit.ly/2XRY2aR>> OR, if necessary, email in word document form to Hindsightconference@gmail.com before **5pm EST on Friday, August 31, 2019** in the format listed on the next pages.

SESSION ORGANIZER

- Name
- Preferred Pronouns
- Email
- Short bio (if not part of speaker/facilitator list)

SESSION TITLE

(less than 7 words)

TOPIC/TRACK(S)

(Please select one)

- Housing and Neighborhood Development
- Economic Development
- Environment
- Arts, Culture, and Music
- Public Health
- Transportation
- Waterfront
- Urban Design
- Zoning and Legislation
- International Planning
- Inclusive Community Engagement (Language, Special Needs, etc.)
- Professional Development Skills for Underrepresented Planners
- Urban History / Historic Preservation
- Monuments
- Planning Education
- Technology / Smart Cities / Data
- Other: _____

Additional Proposal Topics

- Homelessness
- Public Housing and Residents of Public Housing
- Spaces of Protest
- Immigration/Refugees

- Policing and Criminal Justice
- Liberation Movement-Building / Resistance
- Trauma and Healing
- Indigenous Voices and Movement
- Mental health / Self-care
- Youth in Planning
- Food Justice/Access
- #MeToo
- Voting/Elections
- LGBTQ and/or Gender Expression
- Climate justice
- Transformative Justice

FULL DESCRIPTION

(max 500 words) Please include why and how you will run this session, including a proposed agenda and/or framework for the 60 minutes. Please also include a sentence or two on how your session relates to the theme of the conference, Hindsight, and how it helps to envision a more just and inclusive communities. For field workshops and walking tours, please note which session time slot (see draft agenda), outline proposed tour route, your relationship to the site(s), partnerships with local organizations, and how your session relates to the theme of the conference. You may also plan for an event or walking tour the day before or after the conference that can be included as part of the broader Hindsight conference weekend agenda.

For short film, performance, or digital art please submit a link to sample work in the full description or upload a file through the google form. We respect intellectual property and privacy. We do not intend to distribute your personal information or property without permission.

SPEAKER / FACILITATOR BIOGRAPHY

(max 150 words each) Please include name, title/affiliation, the speaker's role in session, brief bio on experience/perspective, and a link to online bio, LinkedIn profile, or portfolio (if applicable). Please also include any social media handles (if applicable).

SESSION FORMAT

(Please select one or all that apply) The Hindsight planning committee is particularly interested in non-traditional forms of sessions for this conference.

- Interactive Workshop / Skill-building for both planners and non-planners
- Professional Development Session
- Short Film / Digital Art for Website (please include sample/ link if possible)
- Healing Practice (e.g., meditation, yoga, dance, acupuncture)
- Field Workshop / Walking Tour (1 hour or 2 hour session)
- Art Exhibit
- Performance
- Panel Presentation
- Other: _____

ROOM AND TECH, AND MATERIAL NEEDS

Sessions will be held in standard size college class rooms of varying sizes (approximately 20-40 seats) with computer/ AV, desks and chairs. A large auditorium (approximately 150-200 seats) is also available. Please include room size, set up, and technical needs for your session. This includes the type of desired furniture set-up, need for projector and/ or audio, etc. Speakers are responsible for bringing all other materials.

What are your space needs?

- Auditorium (150 seats)
- Classroom/Lecture Style (20 seats)
- Interactive Group Activity (non-traditional set up)
- Exhibit Space
- None (I'm proposing a Field Workshop/Walking Tour)

What are your tech needs?

- Audio
- Projector

- Internet and wi-fi
- Video Conference
- None (I'm proposing a Field Workshop/Walking Tour)

Additional space or technical needs

REFLECTION ON DIVERSITY OF PANELISTS

(Select all that apply) The mix of panelists / facilitators represent a diversity in the following areas:

- Discipline (planning, social work, legal, community affairs, arts, etc.)
- Professions
- Sector (public, private, non-profit, academic)
- Race / Ethnicity
- Color
- Gender / Sexuality
- Age / Experience
- Ability
- Geographic Representation
- Other: _____

SPEAKER / FACILITATOR REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS

(100 words) Please list any special needs or requests regarding reasonable accommodations, dietary requests or food allergies.

All proposals must have confirmed speakers by the submission deadline. Selected proposal materials must be finalized and submitted to the conference committee no later than October 21st, 2019

REGISTRATION

A registration link for speakers and attendees will be made available subsequent to selection of session finalists.

VOLUNTEERS

Are you interested in participating as a volunteer? Please contact us at hindsightconference@gmail.com and let us know!

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