Tentative Conference Schedule

Sunday – March 27th

1:30 – 3:30 p.m.  Pre-Conference Atlanta Beltline Walking Tour (led by Dr. Joseph Hacker, Clinical Assistant Professor, Department of Public Policy)

The Atlanta Beltline is an ambitious public-private partnership to transform old railroad tracks that encircle downtown Atlanta and near-in residential neighborhoods into 22 miles of continuous, open, public green space with parks, transit, and economic development projects. The Beltline, similar but larger than New York City’s High Line and a Chicago plan to convert an unused raised railroad into trails and parks, is estimated to cost more than $3 billion by 2030 and will pass through 45 different neighborhoods.

We will take a Sunday afternoon walk along the 2.2-mile east side of the Beltline from Piedmont Park, with specular views of downtown and Midtown Atlanta, along a broad, paved path for bikers, joggers and walkers, past public art installations, restaurants, small shops, apartments in converted buildings, and newly constructed affordable housing. Our destination will be the Krog Street Market, an old warehouse that now houses market stalls selling produce, goods, and prepared food. The entire excursion will take about two hours, including transport to and from the Beltline and time to roam the market.

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.  Conference Kick-off Reception in CURVE – Cities Presentation with light refreshments (using that platform to visually and graphically highlight the 3 cities)

CURVE: Collaborative University Research & Visualization Environment is a technology-rich discovery space supporting the research and digital scholarship of Georgia State University students, faculty, and staff. Located at the heart of the Georgia State campus within the University Library, CURVE’s mission is to enhance research and visualizations by providing technology and services that promote interdisciplinary engagement, collaborative investigation, and innovative inquiry. interactWall – a touch enabled 24-foot-wide visualization wall; Collaborative PC Workstations – equipped with large displays, collaborative workspace accommodating up to 6 people, Collaborative Mac Pro Workstations – equipped with large displays, collaborative workspace accommodating up to 6 people, 84 inch 4K Resolution Workstation – a touch enabled, ultra-high resolution workstation; 3D Scanners.

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.  Conference Dinner and Keynote Speaker

Keynote speaker will be Mr. Errol Barnett, anchor and correspondent for CNN International, based in Atlanta.
**Monday – March 28th**

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Conference Registration

9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Welcomes/Introduction (30 min), Research Group Presentations on Projects/Interests (30 minutes each)

10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Break

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Research Group Presentations on Projects/Interests (30 minutes each)

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Conference Lunch – Brief History of Atlanta Presentation (presented by Dr. Tim Crimmins, Emeritus Professor and Director of the Center for Neighborhood and Metropolitan Studies)

1:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Research Group Presentations on Projects/Interests (30 minutes each)

2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Federal Agency and Foundation Presentations on Urban/Cities Challenges Program Interests (15-20 minutes each)

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Project Breakout Working Groups

5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Break – Go back to Hotel and relax

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Reception/Dinner, hosted by Andrew Young School of Policy Studies

**Tuesday – March 29th**

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Continue Project Breakout Working Groups

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Lunch

1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Continue Project Breakout Working Groups/Prepare for morning presentation

2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Break – Get on Bus

3:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. “Understanding Atlanta” Tour/Dinner, followed by Closing Discussion

**New Immigrant Suburban Neighborhoods in Atlanta**

The 2010 US Census estimated that Atlanta had a population of over 5 million people in its 28-county metropolitan area. White Americans make up 55% of the metro population and Black American, the largest racial minority, an additional 32%. There were more than 550,000 Hispanics or Latinos of any race and 397,000 Asian only and Pacific Islander only (179,000 Asian Indians, 94,000 Koreans, 68,000 Chinese, and 56,000 Vietnamese). Out of the top 100 US metropolitan areas, Atlanta has the 11th highest ratio of foreign-born living in suburbs and not in the core city.

Atlanta does not have single centers of ethnic groups such as Koreatown or Chinatown, but the Buford Highway Corridor in Dekalb County and parts of Gwinnett County are commercial and residential centers for multiple ethnic communities. Clarkston in DeKalb and Duluth in Gwinnett are the most ethnically and racially diverse cities in the Atlanta metropolitan area. We will visit one or two refugee resettlement apartment complexes, an after-school

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program class for youth, and a bustling Pan-Asian shopping strip in Duluth. At the dinner, we will view a short documentary film tracing the history of residential changes in Clarkston – the “demographic and cultural picture of the U.S. in near future” -- and have a short discussion with a few community leaders.

After dinner, research groups will report out their deliverables/agenda for the coming year, and all attendees will engage in a closing discussion regarding future conferences, organizational needs, etc...

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