# Conference of Minority Public Administrators (COMPA) National Conference & Annual Meeting

**Hilton Garden Inn Hotel-Downtown**  
Jackson, Mississippi  
**February 17-19-2016**

## Draft Program

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2016

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<td><strong>Presenter: Carmela F. Staten, Doctoral Student, Jackson State University</strong></td>
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| Paper: Free Your Mind and the Rest Will Follow: A Courageous Conversation on Social Equity  
**Presenter:** David Thornton, JD, Houston Community College |

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| Paper: The Impact of the U.S. Patriot Act on American Democracy  
**Presenter:** Kayla McCarthy, MPA Student, Jackson State University |
| Paper: The Impact of the Freedom of Information Act on American Democracy  
**Presenter:** Darrick Rawlings, MPA Student, Jackson State University |
| Paper: Affirmative Action Policies and American Democracy  
**Presenter:** Alexia Pickett, MPA Student, Jackson State University |

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| Paper: Utica: Finding an Oasis in the Desert  
**Presenter(s):** Talya Thomas, Ph.D., Department of Urban and Regional Planning, Jackson State University  
Wendy Davenport, Masters Student, URP, Jackson State University  
Brian McCoy, Masters Student, URP, Jackson State University  
Brandon Rankin, Masters Student, URP, Jackson State University |
| Paper: The Impact of Economic Flight in Hinds County, MS  
**Presenter:** Tyrone Williams, PPA Doctoral Student, Jackson State University |
| Paper: The Impact of Disinvestment Policies on Minorities in Urban Cities  
**Presenter:** Lamar C. Johnson, Sr., PPA Doctoral Student, Jackson State University |

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<td>Presenter: Susan T. Gooden, Ph.D., L. Douglas Wilder School of Government and Public Affairs, Virginia Commonwealth University ASPA President Elect Member, Commission on Peer Review and Accreditation, NASPAA</td>
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5:30 -7:30 p.m. President’s Welcome Reception Lobby, JSU Downtown Campus 101 W. Capitol Street

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10:00 – 10:15 a.m. Break

10:15 – 11:45 a.m. CONCURRENT SESSIONS

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<td>Candace J. Warner, Tennessee State University</td>
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<td>Gender and Race Based Authority differentials in the Public Sector: The Case of City Managers in the United States</td>
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<td>Sebawit G. Bishu, Doctoral Student, Florida International University</td>
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<td>Social Equity and Fairness: Unfair Social Practices, Options to Redress Them, and Distributive Justice</td>
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<td>Ester W. Stokes, Ph.D., Jackson State University Tamara Jackson, Ph.D., Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks</td>
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<td>An Approach on Humanitarian Migration Issues of the Mexican Diaspora in the Texas Rio Grande Valley Area</td>
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<td>Presenter: Augustin Gutierrez Garcia, Global Security MPA Candidate, Mexican Consulate, McAllen, TX</td>
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| **Paper:** Finding Global Climate Change Solutions Through Local Level Collaboration: Role of UTRGV in the Rio Grande Valley  
**Presenter:** George Atisa, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley |
| **Paper:** Cultural Competency: An Assessment Strategy  
**Presenter:** Zeeshan Noor, MPA Intern, Edinburg Housing Authority |
| **Paper:** The State of the Art in Online Teaching: The Case of MPA Programs  
**Presenter:** Aziza Zemrani, Interim Chair, Public Affairs and Security Studies, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley |

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| **Paper:** Asset-Based Approaches to Closing the Achievement Gap of Low Performing Schools in Durham, North Carolina  
**Presenters:** Alrik Lunsford, Graduate Student, North Carolina Central University |
| **Paper:** Correlates of Teenage Pregnancy in the 100 North Carolina Counties  
**Presenters:** Tannu Gupta, North Carolina Central University  
Robert A. Wortham, Ph.D., North Carolina Central University |
| **Paper:** An Impact Analysis of Shared Use Agreement between Schools Districts and Communities in Controlling Childhood Obesity in Mississippi  
**Presenters:** Lolita Bolden, Doctoral Student, Jackson State University  
Jae-Young Ko, Ph.D., Jackson State University |

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| **Paper:** Innovative Strategies for Public Involvement: A Case Study of Tennessee Department of Transportation  
**Presenters:** Kimberly Triplett, Ph.D., Tennessee State University  
Stephanie Ivey, Ph.D., University of Memphis  
Larry W. Moore, Ph.D., PE, University of Memphis |
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| **Moderator:** TBD | **Paper:** NC Homeless: Making Collaboration Count  
**Presenter:** Jade Berry James, Ph.D., North Carolina State University | |  
**Paper:** Engaging African-American Youth: An Evaluation of Life Outcomes of at-risk African-American Youth in Four U.S. Cities  
**Presenter:** Susan T. Gooden, Ph.D., Virginia Commonwealth University | |  
**Paper:** Beyond a Basic Obligation to Act to a Deeply Rooted Sense of Purpose  
**Presenter:** Darlene Pierre-Louis, Consultant, RAY of Illinois | |

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**Presenter:** Sam Gaston, City Manager, Mountainbrook, AL  
**Presenter:** Caren Mayo, Ph.D., MPA Program Coordinator, University of Alabama Birmingham |  
**Presenter:** Marybrook Burchfield, student, University of Alabama Birmingham |
### Luncheon Plenary

**Time:** 12:00 – 1:30 p.m.
**Location:** Grand Ballroom

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| Moderator: TBD | Paper: Developing Competencies in Social Equity Analysis: Opportunities for Public Budgeting and Finance Curriculum  
Presenter: Blue Wooldridge, Ph.D., Virginia Commonwealth University  
Heidi Jane Smith, George Mason University |           |
|             | Paper: Increasing Minority and African-American Participation in the Public Budgeting Process  
Presenter: Chris Kimaru, Ph.D., North Carolina Central University |           |
|             | Paper: Revisiting “Taxed” Health to Excise Tax: An Analysis of the Economic and Health Impacts of Cigarette Excise Tax Policy at the State Level  
Presenter: Patricia M. Wigfall, Ph.D., North Carolina Central University |           |

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Presenter: Isabel Garcia-Ajofrin, Ph.D., The College of New Rochelle |           |
|             | Paper: Investigating the Impact of Women Legislators on Public Policy that Relates to Women Issues  
Presenter: Adrieme Walker, Doctoral Student, Jackson State University |           |
|             | Paper: Challenges in Urban Governance and Revitalization networks: The Case of Elected City District Councils and Appointed City District Managers in the City of Detroit  
Presenter: Genevieve E. Meyers, Ph.D., University of Detroit Mercy |           |

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<td>Paper: Texas Southern University’s Acres Home Project: Environmental Mapping of Acres</td>
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<td>Paper: Improving Social Equity Through Program Design: Connecting Human and Social Capital and Capabilities</td>
<td>Presenter: Martha Wetterman, Doctoral Student, Tennessee State University</td>
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<td><strong>Paper:</strong> Innovative solutions in Urban Housing: Turning Vacant Homes into Thriving Communities</td>
<td>Presenters: Nahlah Melaih, Student, University of Baltimore Ken Weaver, Student, University of Baltimore</td>
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<td><strong>Paper:</strong> Closing the Achievement Gap: Integrating Nonprofit Community-based Partnerships in Low Income School District Improvement Plans</td>
<td>Presenter: Rhonda Franklin, Ph.D., Clark Atlanta University</td>
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<td><strong>Paper:</strong> Strategies for Improving Urban Educational Outcomes: Lessons Learned from Charter School Innovations</td>
<td>Presenter: Malcolm K. Oliver, Ph.D., The College of New Rochelle</td>
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<td><strong>Paper:</strong> Economic Determinant Analysis of Student Academic Performance in Mississippi Public Schools</td>
<td>Presenter: Debra Monroe-Lax, Doctoral Student, Jackson State University Jae-Young Ko, Ph.D., Jackson State University</td>
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<td><strong>Workshop:</strong> Branding Yourself to Get a Job in an Unstable Employment Landscape</td>
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<td><strong>Presenter:</strong> David Madison Thornton, J.D., Houston Community College, Office of Institutional Equity</td>
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<td><strong>Student Public Policy Debate</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Moderator:</strong> Frances L. Liddell, Ed.D., Retired Professor, Jackson State University and President, Mississippi ASPA Chapter</td>
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<td>Paper: Inequality in School Policy and the Effect on Educational Outcomes for African-American Girls in Mississippi Presenter: Sheryl Bacon, PPA Doctoral Student, Jackson State University</td>
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<td>Paper: An Ethical Approach to Public Policy Creation and the Impact on Health Disparities Within Minority Communities Presenter: Lolita Gray, Ph.D., Jackson State University</td>
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<td>Paper: Health Disparities in AA Women Presenter: Andre Travis Nelson, MPA Student, PACE University</td>
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<td>Paper: Veterans Affairs in New Orleans Presenter: Cleo Johnson</td>
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<td><strong>Presenter:</strong> Cara Robinson, Interim Chair, Department of Social Work and Urban Studies, Tennessee State University</td>
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<td><strong>Presenter:</strong> Rodney Stanley, Chair &amp; Professor, Department of Public Administration, Tennessee State University</td>
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**Session #23**  
**Track: Criminal Justice**  
**Moderator:** TBD

- **Paper:** Policing and the Black Community: Revisiting a Criminal Justice Issue through the Lens of Ethical Accountability  
  **Presenter:** Kayla Britt, MPA Student, North Carolina Central University

- **Paper:** Looking Backwards in Order to navigate Forward: Police Use of Force and the Community  
  **Presenter:** Andrea Marie Headley, Doctoral Student, Florida International University

- **Paper:** Street level Bureaucrats Under the Microscope: Body Cameras Impact on Police officers Perception of Everyday Interactions with Citizens  
  **Presenter:** James Wright, MPA Student, American University

**Session #24**  
**Track: Citizen Participation and Engagement**  
**Moderator:** TBD

- **Paper:** An Intimate Solution to Just One Murder: Dietrich Bonhoeffer and the Discipline of Community  
  **Presenters:** James D. Slack, Ph.D., Jackson State University

- **Paper:** A New Frontier: Collaborative Networks to Combat Sex Trafficking through Comprehensive Coordinated Systems of Care  
  **Presenters:** Kristie Roberts-Lewis, Ph.D., M.Div, Troy University  
  Patrice Jenkins, Ph.D., LMSW, Jackson State University

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  **Presenter:** Ken Chilton, Ph.D., Tennessee State University
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Presenters: Kristie Roberts-Lewis, PhD, Troy University  
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Presenter: Meryah Amanda Fisher, Doctoral Student, Claremont Graduate University |
| Paper: *Domestic Violence as Public Health Problem: The Economic Impact in Mississippi*  
Presenter: Wendy Mahoney, Doctoral Student, Jackson State University |
| Paper: *Assessing the Need for Mental Health Aftercare for Juvenile Offenders*  
Presenter: Denita Jones, Doctoral Student, Jackson State University |

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Presenter: Ashley Caples, MPPA Student, Jackson State University  
Jae-Young Ko, Ph.D., Jackson State University |
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Presenters: Udensi K. Udensi, Doctoral Student, Jackson State University  
Debra Monroe-Lax, Doctoral Student, Jackson State University |
Presenters: Vanessa Bland, Natarsha Lindsey & Aundria Range |
**Paper: Childhood Obesity in New Orleans: Using GIS to Assess Environment and Bring Solutions to this Dilemma**

**Presenters:** Patricia B. Robertson, Ph.D., Southern University New Orleans  
George I. Amedee, Ph.D., Southern University New Orleans

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**11:30 A.M. – 1:30 P.M.**  
**Luncheon Plenary**  
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*Public-Private Collaboration: The Nissan USA Example*  
Luncheon Sponsored by: Nissan

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**1:45p.m. -3:15 CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

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**3:30 – 4:45 p.m.**  
**COMPA Awards and Business Meeting**  
**Grand Ballroom**

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