

UNCG 2023

Collaborative Governance in Action: On the Ground in Virginia



October 26-28, 2023
Charlottesville, VA



Join the University Network for Collaborative Governance at our annual conference to learn about innovations and lessons learned across a rich array of collaborative governance teaching, scholarship, and practice.

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CONFERENCE THEME

UNCG will be meeting in-person this year on October 26 – 28, 2023, in Charlottesville, Virginia. The UNCG Conference will bring UNCG members and friends together to explore on-the-ground examples of how collaborative governance approaches are being applied in Virginia. We will spend time visiting the sites of some of these projects and engaging in discussions with participants. We anticipate that the examples and our location will also present the opportunity for attendees to engage in lively discussion about how collaborative governance fits in with democratic practices and what challenges it poses.

Attendees will also showcase their own work through Lightning Talks and Concurrent Sessions.

In addition, as an aspect of alternative educational offerings during the conference, there will be behind-the-scenes field trips about collaborative governance initiatives involving the descendants of enslaved laborers at UVA and also at James Madison's Montpelier, among other local offerings for exploration.

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

The 2023 UNCG Program Planning Committee is seeking proposals for different types of sessions:

- Lightning Talks
- Concurrent Sessions (panels, presentations, round tables, etc.)
- Student Work

Submit proposals here by August 10, 2023:

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CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Since we are gathering in Virginia, where many questions and conversations about our democratic system and institutions have taken place, we are seeking proposals that address how collaborative governance fits in with democratic practices as well as what challenges it poses within our democratic system.

Concurrent sessions typically take the form of a presentation, a panel, or a roundtable discussion. They are usually 60–90 minutes, depending on number of people and placement on the agenda.

Sessions might address one or more of the following questions (among others!):

- How have you seen the intersection of democratic practices and collaborative governance play out in your work?
- How do you demonstrate the relationship between democratic practices and collaborative governance in your teaching?
- What research or scholarship have you undertaken related to democratic practice and collaborative governance?
- How has your work, teaching, and scholarship revealed key democratic challenges or opportunities for the field of collaborative governance?
- How has your work, teaching, and scholarship revealed ways collaborative governance might support democracy?
- Given the realities of the decline in trust in or understanding of democratic institutions, how is your collaborative governance work being impacted?

LIGHTNING TALKS

We are seeking proposals for Lightning Talks in each of UNCG's three strategic areas: Research and Scholarship, Teaching and Training, and Practice and Engagement. This year we will be using the Lightning Talks as an opportunity for attendees to get a sense of what work is happening around the country and to spark potential UNCG collaboration or cross-member projects.

Your Lightning Talk should address:

- What do you / does your center do?
- How do you see that work fitting within the field of collaborative governance?
- Share one recent highlight or success from your work or your center's work
- Identify where you might invite partnership or collaboration with others.

Lightning Talks are short - 7 minutes total - with typically one person or a pair sharing that time. We often group Lightning Talks together into groups of three or four and then provide space for lightning talkers and attendees to engage in discussion or Q&A after each group.

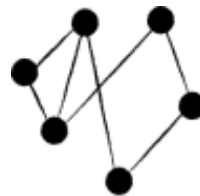
STUDENT WORK

We encourage students to submit proposals for lightning talks or concurrent sessions to share projects or research they have been working on in their programs. The UNCG conference offers an opportunity for students to both contribute to the field of collaborative governance, to engage in discussions, and to get feedback on their projects from peers and experiences academics and practitioners from across the country.

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