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SABINA DEITRICK TO RECEIVE THE MARY HELEN CALLAHAN DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Dr. Sabina Deitrick (University of Pittsburgh) has been selected to receive the [Mary Helen Callahan Distinguished Service Award](#).

This is the highest honor that the [Urban Affairs Association](#) grants to individuals who have been inducted into the [Distinguished Service Honor Roll](#) and continued to fulfill meaningful service roles within UAA after their induction.

Selected recipients are individuals who have distinguished themselves in one or more of the following areas: 1) Exceptional and impactful service to the Urban Affairs Association; 2) Engagement outside the academy; and/or 3) Distinguished professional service that advances the work of urban affairs practitioners. Dr. Deitrick's professional career and service to UAA touch on all three areas. She has created a legacy of research, teaching, service, and mentorship that is exemplary.

AWARD RECIPIENT BIO

Sabina Deitrick is Associate Professor at the Graduate School of Public and International Affairs and also Co-Director of the Urban and Regional Analysis research program at the University Center for Social and Urban Research (UCSUR) at the University of Pittsburgh. Professor Deitrick teaches courses and conducts research in the areas of economic and community development, urban planning, and regional policy, with an emphasis on regional restructuring, revitalization and brownfields redevelopment. She received her PhD in city and regional planning at the University of California at Berkeley.

AWARD PRESENTATION

The formal presentation of this award will be made at the upcoming [International Conference on Urban Affairs](#) in Vancouver, BC, Canada, at the Sheraton Vancouver Wall

Centre. The theme of this year's conference is *Urban Concentration: Challenges to Equity, Mobility, and Sustainability*. The conference will convene over 900 participants from 55+ countries and representing 20+ fields of study. All award recipients will be formally recognized for their achievements during the Awards and Recognition Program on April 16, 2025; 3:00–4:15pm.

AWARD COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Robert Silverman, University at Buffalo (Chair); Robert Collins, Dillard University; Elsie Harper-Anderson, Virginia Commonwealth University; Gordana Rabrenovic, Northeastern University; Gregory Squires, George Washington University

ABOUT THE URBAN AFFAIRS ASSOCIATION

The [Urban Affairs Association \(UAA\)](#) is an international professional organization for 1000+ urban scholars, researchers, policy analysts, & public service providers. UAA is dedicated to creating interdisciplinary spaces for engaging in intellectual and practical discussions about urban life. Through theoretical, empirical, and action-oriented research, UAA fosters diverse activities to understand and shape a more just and equitable urban world.

In addition to hosting an [annual conference](#), UAA sponsors ongoing [professional development opportunities](#); [Upsilon Sigma: The Urban Studies Honor Society](#); and two peer-reviewed journals, the [Journal of Urban Affairs](#) and the [Journal of Race, Ethnicity and the City](#). You can find UAA on the [web](#), [LinkedIn](#), [Bluesky](#), [Facebook](#), and [X](#).

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- Headshot (provided by: University of Pittsburgh)