



THE ART OF PLANNING

**Tuesday,
October 28, 2025**

SCHEDULE

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| 9:00 AM- Til | REGISTRATION OPEN Trent Lott Center Rotunda |
| 10:00 AM-11:00 AM | Planning Commissioner Training #1 Room TBD |
| 11:00 AM-12:00 PM | Planning Commissioner Training #2 Room TBD |
| 1:00 PM-2:00 PM | Welcome Keynote: The Planner as Artist Keynote Speaker: Silvia E. Vargas, FAICP Room TBD |
| 2:15 PM-3:15 PM | Session: Reimagining Communities with CPAT Room TBD Session: Beyond Rational Idealism: The Art of Getting to a “Yes” in Rezonings Room TBD Session: AICP Exam Prep Room TBD |
| 3:30PM -5:45 PM | Session: Equity Underground 3:30 PM-5:30 PM Room TBD Session: Faith, Land, and Livability: A Mississippi Playbook for Faith-Based Affordable Housing 3:30 PM-4:30 PM Room TBD Session: Student Presentations-Jackson State University 4:45 PM-5:45 PM Room TBD |
| 3:30 PM-5:30 PM | Mobile Workshop: Hattiesburg Public Art Bike Tour Hattiesburg, MS |
| 5:30 PM-7:00 PM | Welcome Reception Trent Lott Center Rotunda |



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| 8:00 AM–9:30 AM | KEYNOTE: INSERT TITLE HERE Rhonda Phillips, FAICP Room TBD |
| 9:45 AM–10:45 AM | Session: Painting a Picture Through Development Room TBD Session: Examining the Community Rating System From a Planning Perspective Room TBD Session: “For My People, For Our Future”: Bringing the Margaret Walker Center to Life as a Living Heritage & Innovation Hub Room TBD |
| 11:00 AM–11:20 AM | Session: Reimagining Distressed Public Housing Room TBD Session: From Inspiration to Innovation Room TBD Session: This Woman’s Work– Tales of Women and Planning in the Deep South Room TBD |
| 11:30 AM–1:20 PM | Awards Luncheon Room TBD |
| 1:30 PM–3:30 PM | Mobile Workshop: Midtown in Focus: The Art of Plan Implementation, Walking the Path from “Midtown in Motion” to Midtown Today Midtown Hattiesburg, MS |





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1:30 PM–2:30 PM

**Session: Getting Back to the Olmstead Plan – Preserving
Birmingham's Green Space**

Room TBD

**Session: Planning Through Partnership: Rewriting Mississippi's
MS4 General Permit**

Room TBD

Session: Mississippi Freedom Houses Project

Room TBD

2:45 PM–3:45 PM

**Session: A Year Without Dots: Kicking the Sticky Habit in Public
Engagement**

Room TBD

Session: We All Have Rights, Right?

Room TBD

Session: Reviving the Black Downtown

Room TBD

4:00 PM–5:00 PM

**Session: Strategizing Success: Creating Missing Middle Housing
Solutions**

Room TBD

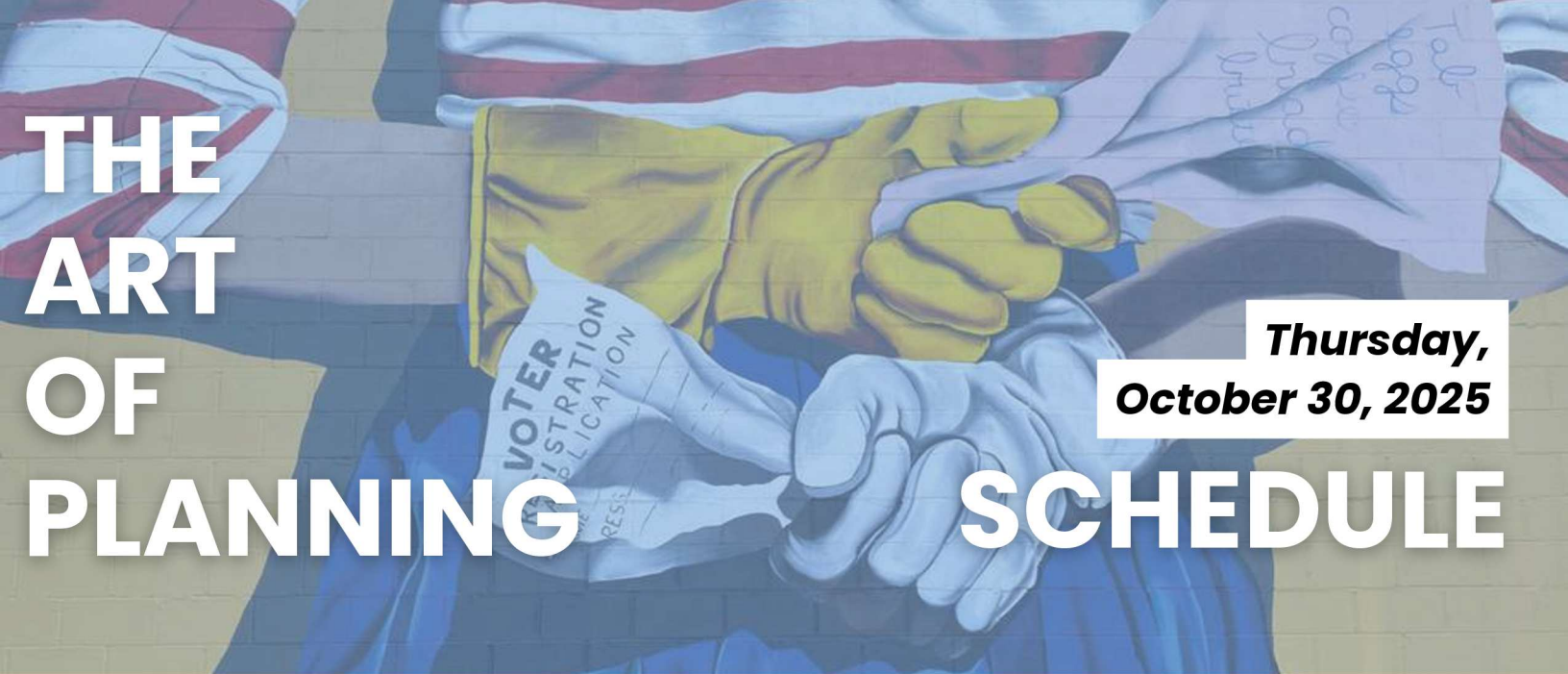
Session: Student Session: Alabama A&M University

Room TBD

5:30 PM–6:30 PM

Downtown Reception

Downtown Hattiesburg | Blu Jazz Cafe – 103 E Front Street | Studio 522 –
522 Main Street | Pocket Alley Museum



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**Thursday,
October 30, 2025**

SCHEDULE

7:30 AM–8:15 AM

Mississippi Chapter Meeting

Room TBD

Alabama Chapter Meeting

Room TBD

8:30 AM–9:30 AM

Session: Ethics Case of the Year

Room TBD

Session: Student Session: Auburn University

Room TBD

9:45 AM–10:45 AM:

Session: Rezoning & Implementation Committees: A Case Study in North Birmingham

Room TBD

Session: Huntsville's Pinhook Greenway: Lessons from Atlanta

Room TBD

Session: Why Trees?: The Importance of Including Urban Forests in the Planning Process

Room TBD

11:00 AM–12:00 PM

Closing Keynote

Allison Mouch, AICP | Room TBD