I am writing to personally invite you to submit a paper, symposium, and/or a Professional Development Institute (PDI) proposal for consideration as part of the Southern Management Association’s 2019 Annual Meeting. I am the chair of **Track 3: Organization Theory/International Management/Management History.**
This year’s meeting will take place in Norfolk, Virginia — billed as “the heart of the Virginia Waterfront: a vibrant port city,” Norfolk boasts the northern end of the Intracoastal Waterway and sits approximately 25 minutes (19 miles) from the Virginia Beach oceanfront. The meeting will be held October 8 -12th, at the Hilton Norfolk The Main, an art and culinary destination in itself. Further, our hotel sits within a short walk of The USS Wisconsin, brew pubs, waterfront restaurants and unique cultural and historic local venues. Explore why Norfolk was named America’s favorite city in 2018 and Top 50 places to travel in 2017 here: (<https://www.visitnorfolk.com/>). The exchange of scholarly and practical knowledge, innovative professional development opportunities, and fun fellowship and networking promise to make SMA 2019 one of the best to date!

**How Can You Be Involved?**
We need you to submit your manuscripts, symposia, and PDI. We also need you to volunteer to review. The quality of our program is directly dependent on your active engagement! The deadline for submissions is April 5th, 2019.  We’ve made several minor changes to the submission process and have added additional details about the Innovative Teaching and PDI tracks. So please review the 2019 SMA Call for Papers at:

[**https://www.southernmanagement.org/meetings**](https://www.southernmanagement.org/meetings)

To learn more about conference participation, submitting a manuscript, and volunteering to review; to engage in other conference services; or to view the proceedings from the 2018 SMA Annual Meeting, please visit our website at: [www.southernmanagement.org](http://www.southernmanagement.org).

**The direct link to submit papers and proposals, and to volunteer to review** **is:**  <https://www.xcdsystem.com/sma/member/member_home.cfm>

If you submitted or reviewed last year, you already have a profile created in the system, and last year’s username and ID can be used to log into the 2019 conference portal. **If any of your information has changed, please update it at this time—even if you are not submitting.** If you did not create a profile last year, you will need to do so now. PDF documents, available at the following links, will guide you through account creation (<http://bit.ly/2mfo2d6>), reviewer signup (<http://bit.ly/2mygYcD>), and paper/proposal submission processes (<http://bit.ly/2ljD0Qa>). Please note that the screenshots in the guides show a 2017 date and some other minor differences, but the process illustrated works for this year as well.

As we hope to limit each reviewer to no more than three papers total, we’ll need a large reviewer pool. Please note that if you are a submitting author, you will also be expected to serve as a reviewer. Doing so is one small way to repay the generosity of the volunteers who will review your work. Plus, SMA recognizes our best reviewers with a number of awards that look great on CVs!

Please plan to be “all aboard” the SMA 2019 ship in Norfolk, Virginia. We hope to see both existing and new members there!

Sincerely,

**Kirk Ring**

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