The Delta Regional Forum on Population Health, Development, and Entrepreneurial Problem Solving

July 18-19, 2018
Coahoma County Higher Education Center
Clarksdale, Mississippi

The Delta Directions Consortium cordially invites you to attend the 4th Delta Regional Forum on Population Health, Development, and Entrepreneurial Problem Solving.

This two-day conference will include oral paper presentations, panels, workshops, and poster sessions. The event will be held in a beautiful and historic space in downtown Clarksdale, Mississippi – the Coahoma County Higher Education Center.

Scholars and students from diverse disciplines and fields are invited (community development, demography, sociology, anthropology, epidemiology, public health, social work, and law, just to name a few), as are practitioners working the arenas of policy and program development and evaluation.

Abstracts will be accepted from scholars, students, and practitioners until June 1, 2018.

To submit an abstract, please visit this link (http://uofmississippi.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_eE8u3a9zEbE0dfL).

Online submissions should include: title, authors, affiliations, main contact information, and an abstract no longer than 150 words. Please indicate whether it is an oral paper presentation, panel, workshop, or poster presentation submission.

Registration forms will be posted by June 1, 2018. Registration for the forum is $50 and $25 for students. Pre-registration must be completed by 12 midnight on July 1, 2018. Onsite payment via check or credit card will be $75 and $50 for students. (Please note that participants from community-based nonprofit organizations may apply for a registration scholarship by sending a formal letter of request to Lynn Woo at lcwoo@olemiss.edu.)

Background: The multi-state Delta region ranges from southern Missouri and Illinois to Louisiana and Mississippi. The people and places along the Mississippi
Delta share similarities in values, culture, population characteristics, and economic circumstance, while there is also great diversity between and within states. Although the Delta is widely known for high poverty rates, geographic isolation, and health problems, it is also highly regarded for its rich cultures and innovative community-level initiatives. We have many lessons to learn from each other and to share with others regarding our development successes and challenges, and we know that to overcome persistent problems new pathways and collaborative endeavors are needed. This regional forum, hosted by the Delta Directions Consortium (http://www.deltadirections.com/), is intended to engage researchers and practitioners working in and with partners in the region to learn from each other in the pursuit of sustainable community and economic development.

For more information, including interest in co-sponsoring this event, please contact Lynn Woo (University of Mississippi Center for Population Studies) at lcwoo@olemiss.edu or (662) 915-7288.