URISA’s GIS in Public Health Conference

“What makes this conference such a valuable experience is the mix of academics and practitioners, experienced GIS professionals and younger public health staff, with students from a variety of disciplines as well. While the trainings, lectures and presentations add to one’s knowledge, the real perk of the conference for me is the interactions that occur during scheduled breaks and over dinner and evening activities. I came away from the last conference in Providence very inspired, and developed a new graduate seminar in Spatial Perspectives in Community and Family Health at my university in part as a result of the conference.” Russell Kirby, PhD, MS, FACE - University of South Florida

URISA is pleased to present this specialty conference, to explore the many uses of GIS for public health access, processes, and decision-making. The conference was developed as a result of a high level of interest in the 'public health program track' at URISA’s annual conference for several years. A dedicated committee of well-known and respected professionals in the field has spearheaded this effort to create a specialty conference to promote sharing of information and networking within the discipline. The conference is developed from abstract submissions to a Call for Presentations.

Conference Vision: To provide an open and participatory forum for advancing the effective use of spatial information and geographic information system technologies across the domains of public health, healthcare and community health preparedness.

Previous Conferences:

- URISA 2013 GIS in Public Health Conference
  June 17-20, 2013
  Hyatt Regency Miami – Miami, Florida
  Conference Chair: Jason Blackburn

- URISA 2011 GIS in Public Health Conference
  June 27-30, 2011
  Sheraton Atlanta - Atlanta, Georgia
  Conference Chair: Russell Kirby

- URISA 2009 GIS in Public Health Conference
  Putting Health in Place with GIS
  June 5-8, 2009
  Westin Providence -Providence, Rhode Island
  Conference Chair: Marilyn Ruiz

- URISA’s Inaugural GIS in Public Health Conference
  May 20-23, 2007
  Marriott New Orleans at the Convention Center - New Orleans, Louisiana
  Conference Chair: Joan Gardner