

want practical tools that will help you address complex challenges in multi-cultural settings, this session is for you.

Learning Objectives

- Name the political and social values that inform American participatory planning processes
- Learn how to identify the cultural differences between American and foreign decision-making processes
- Examine tools, resources, and activities that can assist with cross-cultural collaborative planning efforts
- Hear examples from other practitioners about their experiences with cross-cultural planning

Speakers

Abbey Ness, AICP, PMP

Abbey Ness is a certified urban planner, facilitator, and project manager with a broad background in federal planning. Her experience includes master plans, area development and district plans, AICUZ studies, encroachment studies, environmental studies, and community partnership plans for all branches of the U.S. military. She has extensive experience in meeting design, facilitation, and stakeholder engagement.

Abbey has served as a board member of the American Planning Association (APA) Federal Planning Division and APA Virginia. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Policy from Duke University and a Master of Urban and Environmental Planning from the University of Virginia.

Jill Schreifer, AICP, PMP, CCF

Jill Schreifer has over two decades of experience in federal planning, facilitation, and training. A former active-duty Air Force civil engineering officer, she has led over 450 planning studies for federal clients worldwide, including all branches of the US military. Jill is an expert facilitator and has led hundreds of charrettes, workshops, and instructional courses.

Jill holds a Bachelor of Science in Engineering from Duke University and a Master's in Business Administration from Emory University. She is a board member of the National



Capital Area Chapter of the American Planning Association (APA) and the APA Federal Planning Division (FPD).

Steve Baird, ACIP, CCP

Steve Baird has over 30 years of federal master planning experience involving Federal agencies. He recently managed ground-breaking country-wide master plans in Poland for USAFE and USAREUR. Since 2020, he leads the growing planning practice at Black & Veatch and has managed four nationally recognized award-winning projects in Texas and Germany.

Steve holds a B.S. in Architectural Engineering from the University of Miami (FL) and served eight years as an active-duty Air Force Civil Engineer Officer. He maintains AICP-certification and is also a Certified Charrette Planner and currently serves as the Vice Chair of the Federal Planning Division of APA.