CGS 50th Anniversary Conference a Great Success!
Nearly 200 attendees enjoyed the day-long CGS 50th Anniversary Conference Nov. 7, 2019.

Welcome by NIU President Lisa Freeman and Conference Showcase Area

Opening Keynote Speaker, Neil Howe “Generations and the Rhythm of History: What’s Ahead for our Lifestyles, Workstyles, and our Government”

Morning Sessions

The Health Care Community Development Connection: Moving Beyond Traditional Roles with Patti DeWane, Mary Keating and Pat Schou.

Building Community Capacity and Economic Prosperity through Leadership Technology, and Innovation with Danny Langloss Jr (standing), Agnes Masnik, and Councilman Mike Venier.

Marc Thorson (at podium) and Norman Walzer also were part of the Building Community Capacity session.
Lunch Presentation about the History of NIU's Center for Governmental Studies featuring Anne Kaplan, NIU Vice President of Outreach, Engagement and Regional Development, and James Banovetz, Professor and Director Emeritus of NIU’s Graduate Program in Public Administration, with comments from CGS Director Diana Robinson

Afternoon Sessions


Environmental Stewardship and Energy Conservation featuring Sam Cunningham, Teresa Kernc, Andri Peterson, Kevin Burns, and Edith Makra.

Closing Keynote Speaker, Rebecca Ryan, “Future Perfect: Local Government’s Next 50 Years”

Rebecca Ryan (2nd from left) with CGS 50th Anniversary Conference Committee Co-Chairs Dawn Peters and Greg Kuhn, and Diana Robinson, CGS Director (2nd from right).
Conference Highlights

Sandburg Auditorium at NIU’s Holmes Student Center.

The Showcase and break area.  

One of four special sessions.

CGS 50th Anniversary Committee members (from left) Jeanna Ballard, Mel Henriksen and Shannon Sohl with the cupcake tower.

CGS 50th Anniversary Committee members, Mary Strub and Melissa Robles, staffed the Showcase table (left photo), while Rave Meyer greeted attendees at the Registration table.

[Photos by Kathy Siebrasse, CGS 50th Committee member]