

TO: SIAM Texas-Louisiana 2023 Participants
RE: Informational Updates

Dear All,

We are looking forward to seeing you this weekend! As a reminder, the conference starts on Friday, November 3 at 3pm. Registration will take place in Oliver Hall on Friday afternoon and Saturday morning. A few logistics about the conference:

Lecture Rooms & Technology

The Mini-Symposia (MS) will take place in classrooms equipped with projectors and desktop (Windows) computers. If you would like to use your own device, be sure to bring the appropriate connector. Each projector has an HDMI/Desktop PC connection. The desktop PCs have standard Adobe Acrobat and Microsoft Suite, as well as USB-A/B ports.

We ask the MS organizers and speakers to be mindful of preventing delays, in order to respect subsequent session start times. Please consider uploading your presentation onto the computer before the start of your session. Each desktop computer will need a local organizer to log in, so MS chairs must be attentive to this task before the start of their sessions in order to remain on time.

There are several classrooms without scheduled activity in order to serve as Collaboration Rooms. Collaboration rooms are the following: Griffin 315 (for Career & Mentor event participants), Griffin 318, Griffin 319, Griffin 320, Griffin 321.

Local organizers will have their name-tags in Red for easy identification.

WiFi is easy to access. Choose "Geaux Guest," and enter the requested information such as cell phone number, carrier, and email. Geaux Guest access will last for 24 hours, after which it is necessary to log in again.

Registration

Everyone must be registered at the SIAM website before the meeting in order to receive name-tags, banquet tickets, and informational updates.

Banquet

Immediately following the Saturday afternoon Plenary Session, poster presenters will be available for 30 minutes in the lobby of the 1st and 2nd floors of Griffin Hall. Banquet participants will then walk a short distance to the Atchafalaya room of the Student Union for the banquet, which starts at 6:30 pm.

Regarding the Poster Session and Banquet start times: This is the only item of the schedule that has changed in the past several weeks.

Posters

Poster presenters will be able to use the Saturday lunch block to set up their posters. These will be mounted on table top cardboard displays 36"x48" in the 1st and 2nd floors of Griffin Hall. Mounting supplies are available at Griffin 131. Poster presenters should be present to answer questions during the Poster Session on Saturday, November 4 at 5:55pm. We encourage all conference participants to check out the posters during the afternoon as well as to meet the presenters during the scheduled Poster Session.

Lunch & Friday-Saturday Evening

On Saturday afternoon from 11:45am – 1:30pm, conference participants are on their own for lunch.

In the Student Union, the *Cyprus Lake Dining Room* will be open for lunch on Friday November 3, 2pm - 8:00pm and Saturday and Sunday, November 4, 5, 11am – 2 pm (& later for ‘Afternoon Snack’), at a cost of \$8.50 with a buffet style. The Student Union has Starbucks, McAlister’s Deli, and Smoothie King. Union dining information:

<https://ullafayette.sodexomyway.com/dining-near-me/hours>

Downtown Lafayette, about 1 mile walk from the Conference Venue, has many options for dining, please check <https://downtownlafayette.org/explore/eat/>

There are several fast-food restaurants on Johnston Street roughly at E. St. Mary Blvd., about a 1/3 mile walk. These include McDonald’s, Taco Bell, Burger King, and Papa John’s Pizza.

For Friday and Saturday evening relaxation, we recommend two downtown pubs, the *Grouse Room* and *Rock ‘n Bowl*.

Hotel-Venue Transportation & Travel

Transportation to Campus

Parking on campus is free during the conference hours. Please see the conference webpage for a map of parking locations. Two primary parking lots are recommended- the dirt lot next to Oliver Hall, which is entered from Girard Park Circle (not to be confused with the parking garage of the same name) or behind Griffin Hall, at the corner of Lewis and Rex Streets.

PLEASE HELP FELLOW MEETING PARTICIPANTS! *If you plan to drive to campus, we encourage you to offer rides to your colleagues, as well as return rides, in order to relieve pressure on the bus transportation from the hotels to the conference venue.*

Buses between the Hilton Garden Inn and campus and between the Doubletree Hilton and campus will be provided according to the following approximate timetable. The Fairfield Inn is located across the street from the Doubletree Hilton, guests at the Fairfield would take the Doubletree bus. Please arrive promptly, as arrival and departure times are estimates.

Friday 11/3

Departing Hilton Garden Inn: 2:00pm, 3:00pm

Departing Doubletree: 2:00pm, 3:00pm

Return, Departing Oliver Hall at Girard Park Circle (dirt lot):

- to Hilton Garden Inn: 6:25pm, 7:00pm (Take the correct bus for your destination.)

- to Doubletree Hilton: 6:25pm, 7:00pm

Saturday 11/4

Departing Hilton Garden Inn: 7:40am, 8:05am, 8:30am

Departing Doubletree: 7:40am, 8:05am, 8:30am

Return, Departing from the Student Union Student, 620 McKinley Street:

- to Hilton Garden Inn: 8:00pm, 8:30pm (Take the correct bus for your destination.)
- to Doubletree Hilton: 8:00pm, 8:30pm

Sunday 11/5

Departing Hilton Garden Inn: 7:40am, 8:05am, 8:30am

Departing Doubletree: 7:40am, 8:05am, 8:30am

At the end of the Conference, 1:00 pm (Sunday), buses will depart from Oliver Hall (Girard Park Circle), directly to the airport, which is just a few minutes away. At least one bus will depart close to 1:00pm for those with 2:00pm flights, and another about a half hour later.

There will not be any transportation to return to the hotels on Sunday afternoon. Conference participants may leave their luggage on Sunday morning until 1:00pm in Oliver 116. This room will be monitored for security.

Please see the conference webpage for complete information:

<https://userweb.ucs.louisiana.edu/~C00424602/SIAMTXLA2023/index.html>

Sincerely,

SIAMTX-LA 2023 Committee