

## Local Arrangements for SIEPM Conference

October 8-10, 2008

Medieval Institute  
University of Notre Dame  
Notre Dame, Indiana  
USA

### **REGISTRATION**

The conference sessions are open to all members of the international academic community. No registration fee is required. However, **IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND, PLEASE REGISTER BY E-MAIL.** Send your name, institutional affiliation, and dates of planned attendance to: [medinst@nd.edu](mailto:medinst@nd.edu).

### **VENUE**

The Medieval Institute of the University of Notre Dame will host the conference on the campus of the university at the Center for Continuing Education (McKenna Hall). For directions to Notre Dame and a campus map, see the visitors information web site at: <http://www.nd.edu/visitors/>. Click on the small tab marked “map” in the upper right-hand corner of the page.

### **PROGRAM**

The conference program lists speakers and topics currently scheduled. The program will be updated if any changes occur. Running times are approximate. Actual starting times, coffee break and discussion periods, and lunch recesses will be added to the program document later. Sessions will begin around 8:30 a.m. and end at 5 p.m. on each day of the conference. A final, printed version of the program will be available at the conference.

### **LODGING**

Only conference speakers and Bureau members will have guaranteed housing at the Morris Inn on the University of Notre Dame campus (across from the Center for Continuing Education). Others who attend the conference are responsible for securing their own accommodations. If you want information about the Morris Inn, see <http://morrisinn.nd.edu/>. The hotel has other conference groups meeting at the same time as ours, so new reservations are NOT assured. There are other housing alternatives in the local area that are about a 30 minute walk from the campus. These are: the Inn at St. Mary's (<http://www.innatsaintmarys.com/>), Ivy Court Inn (<http://www.dorahotels.com/IvyCourt/IvyCourt.htm>), and the Hilton Garden Inn South Bend (select this location from the Hilton Garden Inn corporate web site at <http://hiltongardeninn1.hilton.com/>).

About 10 minutes from campus BY CAR are a number of other national chain hotels and motels (e.g., Comfort Suites, Holiday Inn Express, Quality Inn, etc.). Note that there is no public transportation that runs from these hotels to campus. You will need a self-driven

vehicle or local taxi. To identify local accommodations that are close to campus, look for street addresses on SR-933, US 31N, or Dixie Way (all refer to the same highway by different naming conventions). Hotels located near the South Bend airport, in downtown South Bend, or in the suburbs of Mishawaka or Granger are further away from campus and will require additional travel time to reach campus.

### **MEALS**

Meals will be provided for conference speakers and Bureau members on-site. Other attendees will need to make their own arrangements. The University campus has a number of small coffee shops and other food facilities. A list will be available at the conference. Most of these facilities will accept either U.S. dollars, travelers' checks, or credit cards.

### **LOCAL TRANSPORTATION**

There is limited shuttle bus service from the Inn at St. Mary's to the Notre Dame campus. Check with your hotel to see if any free shuttle service to campus can be arranged on an individual basis, or ask your hotel desk to call a taxicab for you. Note that taxi service is best arranged a day in advance for a specific pickup time. On-demand, immediate pickup may not always be available. Public bus transportation is very limited in frequency and route.

### **CASH AND CREDIT CARDS**

There are no local facilities for on-demand currency exchange, so be prepared to pay for personal expenses in U.S. dollars or by credit card. NOTE: some European debit cards do NOT work with the local banking system, so do not rely on electronic funds accessibility. Cash, travelers' checks in U.S. dollars, or credit cards will be preferable for local transactions.

### **CITY AND TIME ZONE**

The University of Notre Dame is located in Notre Dame, Indiana (U.S.A.). The city of Notre Dame comprises only the campus and is totally encircled by the city of South Bend. South Bend is approximately 2 hours east of Chicago, Illinois when driving by car on major highways, or about 100 miles. The University and South Bend are in the Eastern Standard Time zone (EST), that is, the same time as New York City. EST is one hour later than the Central Standard Time zone (CST) in which Chicago is located. E.g., 4 p.m. in Chicago is 5 p.m. in South Bend.

### **AIR AND TRAIN TRAVEL**

South Bend is serviced by the national Amtrak railroad system, but the length of travel time and the lack of frequency from major cities that receive international flights makes this an impractical travel choice for most visitors.

Air transportation to South Bend Regional Airport will be the best choice for most travelers. There is direct air service to South Bend from a limited number of American cities (e.g., Chicago, Atlanta, Cincinnati, and Detroit). European travelers should try to

book direct flights to one of these connecting cities. Major airlines flying into South Bend include: Delta, Continental, United, and Allegiant.

### **TRAVEL FROM CHICAGO TO SOUTH BEND**

Travelers who can fly directly into Chicago may wish to consider non-air alternatives for the remainder of their trip to South Bend. Air flight costs between Chicago and South Bend can be \$300+/- for a roundtrip ticket. Alternatively, a comfortable motorcoach bus leaves from O'Hare Airport in Chicago every two hours from 6:50 a.m.(CST) until 8:50 p.m.(CST). A roundtrip ticket is \$63. The journey is 3-1/2 hours in length. For details, go to the Coach USA/United Limo web site: <http://www.coachusa.com/>. Select Chicago, Illinois (specify O'Hare or the similar service from Midway airport) to Notre Dame, Indiana as your route. NOTE: the Notre Dame bus stop is right on the Notre Dame campus. This is the closest stop to the Morris Inn (conference hotel). The South Bend bus stop is located at the South Bend airport. Taxis are available at the airport for the ride to your hotel. The taxi fare is approximately \$15.

Those who will be traveling from downtown Chicago, also have the option of taking the local commuter rail line, the South Shore Line, which goes from Millenium Station (at Randolph St. and Michigan Ave.) to the South Bend airport. (For a schedule, go to <http://www.nictd.com/>.) A one-way ticket is \$10.75. The journey is about 2-1/2 hours in length. Taxis are available at the South Bend airport for the ride to your hotel. The taxi fare is approximately \$15.

### **WEATHER**

Weather in the Midwestern United States in October can be cold (50 degrees Fahrenheit) and wet or warm (75 degrees Fahrenheit) and sunny. Temperature changes can occur very rapidly, so both a jacket and umbrella may be useful. Autumn is usually a beautiful time of year on the tree-filled, Notre Dame campus and visitors may wish to take a tour of campus or walk along the two campus lakes.

### **CONTACT FOR INFORMATION AND SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS**

If you have questions about any aspect of travel to South Bend or conference logistics, please contact:

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Likewise, if you need assistance with special accommodations for mobility, diet, or other issues, please refer your request to Ms. Baranowski.