

WCSE 2017 Registration and Accommodation Information

We are happy to announce the official opening of registration for WCSE 2017. We recommend that you read over the following information to make the best choices for yourself upon arriving at the Conference Registration site.

Although WCSE benefits from the continuity of consistently meeting on the same campus every other year, we don't ever want participants to feel like they have "been there and done that.". Therefore, our organizing committee commits to create each iteration of the Western Conference in a way that preserves the productive familiarity of the academic gathering while also offering elements that are unanticipated, fresh and provocative.

The Program is very much a work in progress at the moment. However, we do know that we will open the Conference on Tuesday evening at 7:00 pm with a fun and engaging event to get the Wixies mixed up with one another. We will officially open the conference on Wednesday morning with a mini-symposium on Aboriginal Ways of Knowing and Learning, our new Community Dinner will be Wednesday evening and we will say our good-byes by mid-afternoon on Friday.

"Add a Newb" Program

In network science language, our WCSE community is as a collection of "nodes" (participants) connected to one another by "links" (relationships). Once again, WCSE would like to grow our network links by attracting new nodes (obviously known as "Newbs").

So, if you have already attended at least one WCSE event, you are a Node. If you invite someone who has never attended a WCSE event before to accompany you in 2017, you have a Newb. Both you and your Newb will enjoy a \$50 discount on Full Conference Registration.

If you are a lonely Newb, go out and find a Wixie to be your sponsoring Node.

Fine Print:

- i) Although the "Add a Newb" program does apply to Early and Regular Full Registrations, it does not apply to student or day rate registrations.
- ii) Newbs and sponsoring Nodes must declare this link to one another during their respective Registration process.
- iii) Nodes may sponsor only one Newb each.
- iv) Nodes may be affiliated with a different institution than their respective Newb.
- v) Nodes are responsible for helping their Newbs make links into the WCSE network.
- vi) Although members of the Western community who attend WCSE 2017 cannot be Newbs, they are encouraged to sponsor "Newbs from away".

Community Dinner

Although past Conferences have featured an “opt-in” Banquet that attracted a subset of attendees, 2017 will introduce a Community Dinner on Wednesday evening that will include everyone. We are hopeful that this event will help participants to build community and make new connections early in the conference. Our chefs are planning a lovely, locally sourced, meal. Tickets are included in the Full Registration. If you choose not to attend, please let us know so we can pass your ticket along to a deserving student.

Accommodation

We have arranged three official options for your accommodation for WCSE 2017.

Closest to the Conference action, we offer freshly renovated dorm-style accommodation in Delaware Hall. The rate . The rate is \$63 per night plus 13% HST. Full hot breakfast, parking, WiFi, fitness room and the youthful energy that has seeped into the walls are all included. You can claim this option (and declare interest in a roommate) during your reservation process.

For a Conference Hotel experience that is still close to campus, we once again recommend Ivey Spencer Leadership Center (www.iveyspencerleadershipcentre.com). This facility provides hotel-style rooms with queen beds, free parking, WiFi, fitness room, full hot breakfast and a WCSE shuttle service. The WCSE rate is \$114.00 per night plus 13% HST until June 5. Use this direct link for reservations (<https://aws.passkey.com/go/WesternScienceEdu>).

In the past, some Wixies have stayed near campus at Windermere Manor. Although we have no special arrangement this year, this facility is still an option at www.windermere Manor.com.

The closest traditional hotel is downtown at the Station Park Inn All Suites Hotel. This option is not very walkable but fine on horseback. Public transit is readily available. They are offering deluxe suites including continental breakfast buffet, WiFi and fitness room with sauna & whirlpool. The WCSE rate is \$124.00 per night. Parking is 12.00 per night and rates are subject to 13% HST. The block booking code is WESTJU2017. Reservations must be made by May 29 through the website at www.stationparkhotel.com or by contacting the Reservations Department at 519-642-4444 ext 0 or 1-800-561-4574 or email hotel@stationparkinn.ca

Registration Fees

Although we have needed to increase the registration fee for 2017, if you act early and bring a Newb, your bill will still fall below \$300. Note that Early Registration ends with the month of May.

Here is the link to WCSE 2017 Registration.

<https://conference.has.uwo.ca/Register/default.aspx?code=C000133>

See you soon.

WCSE 2017 Organizing Committee