2010 SWCAS

Accommodations

Lodging: Please make your reservation as soon as possible. We have set aside a limited number of rooms at the Marriott Courtyard with a conference rate of $114 per night for a king room, $134 per night for a double. They will release all of the rooms on Sept 1, so please specify you are with the Southwest Conference of Asian Studies when making reservations. Here’s the Marriott website:

http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/dfwch-courtyard-fort-worth-university-drive/?toDate=9/26/10&groupCode=TASTASB&fromDate=9/23/10&app=resvlink

Marriott Courtyard
3150 Riverfront Drive
Fort Worth, TX 76107
817-335-1300
1-800 MARRIOTT

Code: TASTASA for a room with One King Bed $114.00/night
Code: TASTASB for a room with Two Queen Beds $134.00/night

The hotel is approximately 1 mile from campus, and we are working on transportation options from the hotel to campus at set times to get participants without vehicles there. Alternatively if there are people staying at the conference hotel who are willing to bring others with them from the hotel up to campus, please let us know.

Transportation

When you arrive in Fort Worth, there are a few ways to get to campus and to get around town.

For those arriving by plane:
There are two airports in the Dallas/Fort Worth area, DFW International (25 miles from TCU) and Love Field (35 miles from TCU). From the DFW airport there are several ways to get to the hotel/campus (see the airport’s transportation guide: http://www.dfwairport.com/transport/index.php for more information).

Airport Shuttle
Super Shuttle is available to or from the D/FW Airport. They may be reached by calling 800-BLUE-VAN or 817-329-2000. No reservations are required from the airport; however, for trips to the airport, reservations are necessary. Reservations from the airport can be made at the Super Shuttle phone in the terminal. Shuttles depart every 30 minutes (approximately) from D/FW Airport. Return arrangements must be made two hours prior to a desired pick-up time.
**Rail Service**
The Trinity Rail Express links the D/FW Airport with Fort Worth's T&P Station. For more information, see [http://www.trinityrailwayexpress.org/dfw.html](http://www.trinityrailwayexpress.org/dfw.html)

**Taxis**
Taxicab fare from downtown Fort Worth to the campus is about $10. Allow 45 minutes for the trip from D/FW Airport to TCU. The fare is approximately $40 one way.

**For those arriving by car:**
- **From the North or South**, take I-35 West to I-30 West. Travel through downtown and exit University Drive South. TCU is 2 miles from the Interstate.
- **From the West or East**, exit I-30 to University Drive South. The campus is about 2 miles from the Interstate.
- **From the Marriott**, turn left out of the front parking lot on Riverfront Drive and head towards University Drive. Turn right onto University (you are headed south).

**Once on University Drive…**
- Continuing south on University, approaching the top of the hill, **turn right at the light onto Cantey.**
- Go west on Cantey two blocks to the stop sign at Stadium Drive and turn left.
- Drive south on Stadium Drive one block to the three way stop sign in front of the Brown Lupton University Union and Dee J. Kelley Alumni and Visitors Center, and **turn right into the Visitors Center's parking lot (Lot 6).**

**Parking:**
All conference participants may park in the visitor’s parking lot (Lot 6 – directions listed above) located in front of the Kelly Center and the Brown-Lupton University Union, free of charge. If this lot is full (which is possible on Friday) you may park in Lot 3 (North of...
the football stadium). Lot 3 has a shuttle between it and the Union, or it is approximately a five minute walk to the Union. After 5pm Friday and all day Saturday, the parking lot with the gated arm in front of the basketball coliseum (Lot 7) will also be open and you may park there.

**Campus Maps**

A map of campus (including the location of the parking lots listed above) can be found at [http://72.32.129.153](http://72.32.129.153). The Conference will be held in the rooms located on the Third Floor of the Brown-Lupton University Union (BLUU), which is a large new building with a clock tower on it that faces the football stadium and visitor’s parking lot.

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**What to see, do, and eat around Fort Worth**

The Japanese Garden is truly not to be missed. The Japanese garden is located inside the botanical garden, and is quite impressive. The architecture, trees, plants, and ponds filled with Koi create a sanctuary for the senses. Note: We are trying to arrange an excursion to the garden so stay tuned, but in general information on hours, cost and directions can be found at: [http://www.fwbg.org](http://www.fwbg.org)

Fort Worth has a spectacular collection of museums. Art Museums include the Modern Art Museum, the Kimball Art Museum, and the Amon Carter Museum. For those interested in local history, the National Cowgirl Museum and Hall of Fame has exhibits devoted to “the women who shaped the west.” These museums are all located in the “Cultural District” of Fort Worth, approximately three miles from TCU’s campus. [http://www.fortworth.com/visitors/things-to-do/museums-and-galleries](http://www.fortworth.com/visitors/things-to-do/museums-and-galleries)

For film buffs, the Modern Art Museum will be hosting a World Film Festival from September 24-26. Check out their website for listings [http://www.themodern.org](http://www.themodern.org)

Families travelling with children might enjoy the historic stockyards district. There are a variety of Texas-themed restaurants around this area, and the city of Fort Worth owns a small herd of longhorn cattle that are herded through the streets of the stockyard district every day at 11:30 am and 4:00 pm. In addition, the Fort Worth Zoo is worth a look (whether you have children or not) and is located just one mile from campus – it has 519 species (42 of which are endangered) and approximately 5000 animals. In case the forecast calls for rain, the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History is host to our local Children’s Museum with many more activities to offer.

Of course, there is plenty of excellent food around Fort Worth as well.

**TCU**: TCU has several great restaurants around campus. First, there is Dutch’s, named after Leo “Dutch” Meyer, the most successful football coach in TCU history, which has great burgers, fries, onion rings, as well as truly outstanding vegetarian options (try the portabella “burger”). For good Mexican food near campus, try Red Cactus, and for Mexican food with a twist, try Fuzzy’s Tacos.
University Shops Area (University Avenue): For Santa Fe style Mexican food, try Blue Mesa located in the University Shops behind the conference hotel. Or try McKinley’s - a tasty Southern-style bakery and sandwich shop with excellent salads and sandwiches, but it closes at 6:30pm (5pm on Sundays).

Medical District (Magnolia Avenue): Nonna Tata has exceptional Italian food, but be warned it’s a cash only place and seating is limited because the restaurant is so small. Spiral Diner is a national award-winning vegan restaurant, and Benito’s has great Mexican food. For upscale dining try Ellerbe’s, which features all local ingredients and a changing menu daily.

Stockyards District: Joe T Garcia’s has good Tex-Mex with only two dishes on the dinner menu (enchiladas or fajitas) but they take cash only. Fort Worth is known as “Cowtown” so for the non-vegetarians, beef is considered a local specialty and worth a try. For higher end fare, the Lonesome Dove Western Bistro is owned and operated by internationally known chef Tim Love (as seen on Top Chef Masters on Bravo) and has a very unique atmosphere. Cattleman’s is also a good choice for those interested in a good ole Fort Worth steak and is a little less expensive than some of the other meaty places in the stockyards.

Asian Food: Fort Worth has a few Asian restaurants that are worth a try. Bombay Grill has good Indian food with a reasonably priced lunch buffet (even though its namesake city has changed the official English spelling of its name). Thai Tina’s is the place to go for Thai food and it recently relocated downtown to a larger location. Sushi Axiom (located next to Bombay Grill) is good for sushi, as are a number of other places around the downtown or 7th street area. Unfortunately the Chinese food options are limited and I wouldn’t recommend any if you want “real” Chinese food.

Sundance Square (Downtown): There are a variety of restaurants and bars located around Sundance Square, and there is also a vibrant nightlife. In addition, parking downtown is free in nearly all parking garages after 5pm. For a list of what downtown has to offer see: http://www.sundancesquare.com/default.aspx

University/Seventh Street: Across from the Cultural District there is a new plaza with several restaurants and bars featuring good Mediterranean food (Terra’s), Italian (Patrizio’s), and Burgers (Fred’s), among others.

Finally, for those of you looking for an out of the way place, we recommend the blog “Fort Worth Hole in the Wall” http://fortworthholeinthewall.blogspot.com