

Subject: 2008 Workshop
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We want to welcome all of you to the upcoming May 19-23, 2008, Case Studies in Science Workshop at the University at Buffalo's North (Amherst) Campus, 120 Clemens Hall.

Below is some important workshop information for you.

Housing

By now you should have made reservations for your housing. If you have not, please contact the Campus Housing office, the Ramada, or a hotel of your choice as soon as possible. So far everyone is either registered in the dorms or at the Ramada. *****The discounted rate of \$68.00 at the Ramada will only be available until May 3rd.**

You will be receiving a welcome package upon your arrival with important information; therefore we need to know where you are staying.

Campus Housing:

Jim Zielinski, Assistant Director for Summer Operations
University Residence Halls & Apartments
University at Buffalo
Phone: (716) 645-2171 ext 235
Fax: (716) 645-3968
Email: jzielinski@urh.buffalo.edu

Ramada: <http://www.universityinn.com/university-inn.html> We have a limited number of discounted rooms at \$68/night/double-bedded queen room. In order to receive the discounted rate, you need to contact the Ramada at 716-636-7500 and identify yourself as part of the UB Case Study Workshop. **The discounted rate of \$68.00 at the Ramada will only be available until May 3rd.**

Other Local Hotels: http://www.hotelsanddeals.com/suny_buffalo.html

Sunday Night Mixer at the Ramada Inn

We have arranged a time and place for you to gather Sunday evening if you would like to meet one another and enjoy some light refreshments. The time is set for 7:00-8:30pm in the Buffalo Room at the Ramada Inn. More information about the gathering will be available when you check-in. The Ramada is located in the upper right hand corner of the university map at the intersection of Audubon and North Forrest Rd. General directions from the Ellicott dorms to the Ramada: Make a right onto Audubon Pkwy, right onto North Forrest Rd, Ramada is on the right. It is an approximately 15-20 minute walk.

Online Workshop Roster and Your Case Topics

We thought you might like to see who else is coming to the workshop. We have developed a roster for the workshop with names, contact information, courses, and case topic ideas at:

<http://ublib.buffalo.edu/libraries/projects/cases/workshop/may2008.html>

A word about the case topics - we asked for these in order to get you to start thinking about your cases; keep in mind that you don't have to stick with them.

Using the roster, perhaps you would like to communicate before the workshop with one or more persons with similar interests with whom you might collaborate on a case. If you find one or more collaborators, these might be the people you work with at the workshop to draft (and teach) a case. If you don't make contact in advance, it is our plan in the afternoon of the first day to help you select a group with which to work at least initially while you are getting your thoughts in order. It will be your choice which group you join or whether you form an alternative group or just want to be a group unto yourself. Most people team-teach their cases, but every year a number of people teach alone.

Practice Teaching Sessions

On one of the final two days of the workshop you will be teaching in front of a student audience (and other workshop faculty) using a case you bring with you or one you have developed during the workshop.

The first day on Thursday morning we will all start out together. Someone each year has volunteered to go first and we use this first session to acquaint everyone (students and workshop faculty) with the process. The session will be facilitated by our workshop leader Kipp Herreid. All of the students will participate in this first case study. After the session, they will fill out a set of evaluation forms and then the facilitator will lead them in a discussion of the case and the teaching techniques used. Workshop faculty observing the session will also have the opportunity to provide written feedback.

After this first session we will then split up into three-four classrooms, with about 15-20 students per classroom. We will have a printed schedule that will list who is teaching when with whom and in what classroom on what topic. When you aren't teaching, we ask that you observe your peers teach and provide them with feedback.

Plan on having 50 minutes to teach your case. Additional information about the classrooms will be made available at the workshop.

You may want to begin work now on your case idea and come to the workshop with some of the background readings and research already in hand. While computers will be available for your use, past participants have said that they found it helpful to bring their own laptops to the workshop for developing handouts and other materials for their teaching session.

Workshop Location

CLEMENS: Our location is 120 Clemens Hall (Bldg 9 on the Map) on the North (aka Amherst) Campus of the University at Buffalo, State University of New York. For maps of the North Campus showing the location of Clemens Hall, see <http://www.buffalo.edu/buildings/maps/NorthCampus.pdf> and <http://www.buffalo.edu/buildings/maps/Spine.pdf>

We start in 120 Clemens on Monday morning, with registration and breakfast at 8:00am and the program beginning at 8:30am.

ELLICOTT DORMS: If you are staying in the dorms they are known as the Ellicott Complex. A map of the Ellicott Complex is available online at <http://www.buffalo.edu/buildings/maps/Ellicott.pdf>. It is approximately a 10-15 minute walk from Ellicott to Clemens. On campus shuttles are available.

RAMADA: If you are staying at the Ramada you may either take the shuttle or walk to Clemens. It is approximately a 20-30 minute walk (1 ½ miles). To give you perspective on where the Ramada is located relative to Clemens, go to the North Campus map <http://www.buffalo.edu/buildings/maps/NorthCampus.pdf>.

The Ramada is located in the upper right hand corner of the map at the intersection of Audubon and North Forrest Rd. General directions from the Ramada to Clemens are: Make a left onto North Forrest Rd, left onto Audubon Pkwy, left on Lee, left on Putnam Way, Clemens is on your left.

Buffalo Weather

It has been on the cool side here, but it's warming up. The best thing to do is to check the forecast for Buffalo before you leave home. No matter what it says, we recommend you bring a light jacket or sweater as well as an umbrella with you.

Computers & Computing

We would like to encourage you to bring a laptop, especially if you will be staying at the Ramada, or elsewhere off campus. The laptop will give you greater flexibility and convenience when working on group projects.

We are setting up guest computer accounts for you. With these you will be able to log-on and use computers in the public labs on campus. [Please note: The University at Buffalo is a PC-based campus and so you won't find Macs in our computer labs on

campus.] In addition, we have reserved two computer labs for your exclusive use, one near 120 Clemens, our meeting place during the day, and one in the dorms which will have extended evening hours beginning Monday night. We will be giving you a handout Monday morning with the locations and hours of operation of these computer labs as well as other labs on campus.

If you are planning on bringing your laptop to the workshop, you should be able to connect to the UB intranet network in the dorms. You will be able to get the internet at the Ramada but probably not the UB intranet. For laptop users, we have been advised to urge you to read in advance (and print out) the documentation at:

Conference Computing for Windows XP

<http://wings.buffalo.edu/computing/Documentation/win/conferencexp.html>

- or -

Conference Computing for Mac

<http://wings.buffalo.edu/computing/Documentation/mac/conferencemac.html>

Getting Around-Directions and Visitors Guide

For detailed directions to the campus from various points via different modes of travel (by car, plane, bus, and train) and visitor guide information, please refer to the university's website at http://www.buffalo.edu/community/visitor_guide.html

Getting to the University from the Airport - You can take a cab from the airport; the fare should be about \$30 - \$35 and the trip should take approximately 20-25 minutes. There should be cabs at the curb at the airport, or you may call Airport Taxi for one. Their toll-free number is 1-800-551-9369. An alternative option, which might be cheaper, is to use one of the shuttle services that operates from the airport. For more information, see http://www.buffaloairport.com/airport_info/ground_transportation.asp#shuttles

If you are staying at the Ramada, there is a free shuttle service. Please call the Ramada directly to make arrangements for pick up. They prefer advanced reservations so that they can guarantee pickup. To reach the Ramada, call 1-716-636-7500.

QUESTIONS?

If you have any questions, contact our workshop coordinator/project director, Carolyn Wright, at cwright2@buffalo.edu.

We look forward to meeting and working with all of you.

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