Information for the 2014 FUN Workshop

Welcome to Ithaca College and the 2014 FUN workshop! Below you will find specific information about the facilities at Ithaca College and the workshop. Please do not hesitate to let us know if you have specific questions or needs that are not addressed here. At the end of this document, you will find some contact information if you do have questions.

**Housing:**
If you are staying on campus, you will be housed in Emerson Hall. If you have not yet checked in, you can follow the signs for Housing Check-In. There will be someone in the Summer Housing office at Emerson from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. daily. In addition, there will be someone on duty on both Wednesday and Thursday evenings until 1:00 a.m. (to accommodate late flight arrivals). If you have any problems with your room, please contact someone in the housing office. You will be provided with bed linens, towels, and access to the wireless internet in the dormitory upon arrival.

**Campus Map:**
A campus map is attached to this file with the key locations highlighted.

**Parking:**
You can park in the lot next to Emerson Hall, or in the lots near the Center for Natural Sciences (“O lot”). Parking is free. You will be given a parking permit for your car at registration if you need one.

**Fitness Center and Pool:**
If you are staying on campus, you will be given a card for access to the Fitness Center and Outdoor Pool (see Campus map). These facilities are open:
- Monday-Thursday 6:30 a.m.–6:30 p.m.
- Friday 6:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m.
- Saturday and Sunday 12:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m.

**Workshop Check in:**
The check in center for the main workshop is in the first floor lobby of the Center for Natural Sciences (CNS – of course!).

**Internet access:**
In Emerson Hall, you will access the internet through the ResNet Apogee server. When you are in the academic buildings, you can access the Ithaca Airnet for wireless access. Do not choose the secure site, since you need an Ithaca College username for that. When you pick the Ithaca Airnet, you will be asked to enter an email address and then you’ll be online.

**Meals:**
Your registration fee includes (for the main workshop), dinner on Friday night, all meals on Saturday, and breakfast and lunch on Sunday. There is a food court in the bottom floor of the campus center that will be open on Friday if you want to find food on campus. There will be gluten-free and vegan options available at all meals. Please ask the wait staff if you need one of these meals.

**Exploring Ithaca:**
**Public Transportation:** The bus system (TCAT) runs from Ithaca College to downtown every 30 min from ~7:00am – 2:00am Monday-Saturday and on Sundays from ~9:00am – 6:00pm. The
cost is $1.50. Once you are downtown, there are additional buses that travel throughout the area (more information at http://www.tc ATV bus.com/).

The Commons: Downtown Ithaca is centered about a pedestrian-only street (currently under construction) called the Commons. Ithaca is well-known for its diverse and delicious restaurant options. If you follow Rt 96B out of the college (take a right out of the main entrance) and just continue straight down the hill, you will find yourself at the Commons. Unfortunately, there was a really bad accident at that corner in June and one of our historic buildings was significantly damaged (as you will clearly see). However, all of the restaurants along that road (Aurora St) are still open for business, including Viva Taqueria, The Alehouse, Mercato, and Just a Taste (some of our favorites). On the Commons itself you’ll find more options, such as Taste of Thai and Mia. If you are not from the Northeast and have access to a car, a trip to Wegman’s grocery store is a tourist adventure all on its own (Google articles about Wegman’s if you’ve never experienced it before!).

The Farmer’s Market: Another Ithaca institution is the Farmer’s Market, which will run on Sunday until 3pm. The market includes fresh produce, crafts, food vendors and some of the best people-watching around! It’s also right on the lake so you can relax with a cup of coffee and enjoy the view. To get there, take Rt 13N and follow the signs for the Farmers Market.

Cornell University and Collegetown: The “other school” in town sits on the East Hill and has its own commercial center with restaurants and shops, called Collegetown. Cornell epitomizes the typical Ivy League architecture and New England feel.

State Parks: “Ithaca is Gorges” – Ithaca is filled with incredible gorges, waterfalls, swimming, and hiking trails. This area was used extensively during the silent film era for such films as “The Perils of Pauline”. These parks are wonderful places to go hiking, with different levels of difficulty and distance. There is an entrance fee of $7 per car and once you’ve paid the fee at any park, it’s good all day even if you go to a different park later.

- **Taughannock Falls State Park** – located on the west side of Cayuga Lake on Rt 89N, Taughannock offers a public beach and playground on the lake as well as the Taughannock Falls hiking trails. There is a 215 ft waterfall that you can access via a short, and easy hike up the gorge trail (~1 mile one way), as well as wonderful views from the rim trail (a more challenging hike). This is a perfect park for families.

- **Buttermilk Falls State Park** – located just west of the college off Rt 13S, Buttermilk Falls is a more difficult hike as the trail runs along the stream, basically straight up from the level of downtown to the level of the college. It has some breathtakingly beautiful waterfalls and there is additional hiking in the upper falls park as well. There is also a swimming area at the base of the falls. The lower park trail is approximately 1.5 mile up and back down again and the upper park loop is ~2 miles.

- **Robert H. Treman State Park** – located a little further west of Ithaca on Rt 13S, Treman is the longest hiking trail (~2.5 mile one way). Lucifer Falls, located near the top is another impressive waterfall (100 ft drop) and there is a public swimming area at the lower end of the gorge.

Wine Trails: The Finger Lakes are also known for their abundant wineries. There are numerous companies that offer wine tours. These can be a few hours, or an all-day affair, depending on which lake you choose to go to and how many wineries you want to visit. We will have brochures
available for details on these. If you want to do a self-guided tour, we will have brochures available with maps at the workshop.

**Contact Information**

Feel free to ask any of the “local hosts” about questions pertaining to Ithaca itself, or other Ithaca College faculty for general questions about the area.

Jean Hardwick, Ithaca College  
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Campus Security (607) 274-3333 or dial 911 in an emergency