Getting to The University of Georgia

The University of Georgia is located in Athens, Georgia, approximately 80 miles (129km) east of Atlanta, where the nearest major international airport is located. From Hartsfield-Jackson Airport, the two best ways to get to Athens would be:

1) The Groome Shuttle (http://athens.groometransportation.com/).

Groome Shuttle operates frequent shuttles between Hartsfield-Jackson Airport and various drop-off and pick-up points in Athens. In addition to the standard stops, arrangements can be made to drop-off and pick-up at any hotel where you have a valid reservation. A round trip costs \$78, and it is best to arrange transport ahead of time in order to secure your reservation.

2) renting a car (http://www.atlanta-airport.com/GroundTransportation/CarsLimosTaxis.aspx).

There are numerous car rental companies that operate out of Hartsfield-Jackson Airport. The drive from the airport to the UGA campus takes approximately an hour and twenty minutes in good traffic, and is reasonably easy to navigate. Renting a car provides maximal flexibility, and may prove more economically reasonable, if the cost is split between multiple conference attendees. Of the two conference hotels, the Holiday Inn includes a parking space; the Hilton Garden Inn charges a small fee for parking. As with the Groome Shuttle, it is best to make arrangements ahead of time, as Hartsfield-Jackson is one the busiest airports in the nation.

A second option is Greenville-Spartanburg International Airport (http://gspairport.com/), in Greenville, South Carolina, which may offer more reasonable rates, depending on your point of origin. The only option for transit from GSP International is by car rental, and the drive is approximately 105 miles (169km).

Staying in Athens, Georgia

We have reserved blocks of hotel rooms at two downtown hotels; there are 15 rooms reserved at each location. These hotels were selected in particular, because they are centrally located in the downtown and North Campus area, and provide a range of options in terms of cost. Provided below are the links to access these WILA 7 blocks at the group rate.

1) Hilton Garden Inn http://hiltongardeninn.hilton.com/en/gi/groups/personalized/A/AHNDTGI-00WIL-20161026/index.jhtml?WT.mc id=POG

Special rates are \$134/night. Costs include wi-fi and fitness center, and is located within walking distance of the campus and conference venue. Bar and restaurant on-site. Parking is an additional fee.

2) Holiday Inn Athens-University

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Special rates start at \$92/night. Costs include wi-fi, pool, and parking. Bar and restaurant on-site, and the hotel is located walking distance from the UGA campus and conference venue.

3) Non-conference hotels

In addition to the conference blocks, we may also suggest the following hotels:

- UGA Hotel and Conference Center http://www.georgiacenter.uga.edu/uga-hotel
- Hotel Indigo http://www.indigoathens.com/

If you have any further questions about accommodations, please do not hesitate to ask using the contact information below.

Getting around Athens, GA

Conference activities will be held on North Campus, the part of campus closest to downtown Athens, in Caldwell Hall and the Zell B. Miller Learning Center. Both locations are a 10-minute walk from either conference hotel. An interactive map of campus is available here: https://www.architects.uga.edu/CampusMap/

University buses run circular, clockwise routes across campus, and there is no fee to ride. For the first two days of the conference, the weekday schedule applies, and the East-West route should work well from both conference hotels. Service is reduced to a single route on weekends, though this route should similarly work well for attendees staying at either conference hotel. For further information, please consult the UGA Campus Transit website (http://www.transit.uga.edu/).

In General

If you have any further questions regarding travel or accommodations, please feel free to contact the Department of Germanic & Slavic Studies: https://grmn.franklin.uga.edu/contact; or staff Kris Petti (pettik@uga.edu; (706)542-2445) or Jordon Ropson (jaropson@uga.edu; (706)542-3663).