



August 3, 2018

Dear Postgrad Writers,

As we prepare for your long-awaited arrival and our Conference kick-off on Monday, August 13, we're sending you this last main participant bulletin. This contains important new notes along with reminders, so **please read it carefully**.

Sneak Peeks

Attached to this email please find preview versions of the full Conference schedule, faculty class descriptions and notes on special events for the week. We'll also post these online in our documents archive, with links from the main Conference webpage. You don't need to print them; we'll have final versions in hard copy here for you, including any last-minute changes.

Travel Notes

If you're planning to use **Blazer Transportation** for our **ride-share shuttle service from Burlington Airport** and haven't made your reservations yet, please do so ASAP. All trips must be booked directly through Blazer, either online at www.blazercab.com or by calling 802-253-0013. Shuttle riders should bring Blazer's phone # with you, in case you need to contact the company while en route.

Drivers can use this link to the printable **VCFA campus map & directions**:
<https://vcfa.edu/maps-directions> . We will have parking passes here for you.

If you're arriving by train, Green Cab VT (<http://greencabvt.com/#/booking/>) is a local taxi company serving the area. We strongly recommend that you contact them ahead to reserve a pick-up at Montpelier Junction, and mention that you're heading to VCFA. They have a limited number of cars but will combine rides to campus.

If you're coming into Montpelier by bus on Monday afternoon, let Jericho know in advance, and we'll set you up with a lift. The downtown bus stop is not far from campus but it is uphill, and can be a haul with your luggage.

All travelers should plan to bring the following **emergency phone #s** with you, in case you need to reach us here, including about any **significant delays in arrival**:

Jericho's office: [802-828-8839](tel:802-828-8839), OR cell: [917-613-0962](tel:917-613-0962)

Campus Relations, 24/7: [802-828-8888](tel:802-828-8888) (They will get any emergency messages to the Conference staff.)

Arrival Instructions for Monday 8/13

Dorm rooms in Dewey Hall will be available for **check-in at 2 pm**.

Starting at 11 am, we'll be staffing our **Welcome Station** in the Dewey front lobby. We'll have a secure luggage holding area on Dewey's ground floor, and can direct you to comfortable spots on campus (or downtown) for while you're waiting.

If you get to Dewey before 11 am Monday morning, please contact Jericho.

Blazer airport shuttles will bring you directly to Dewey. If you're driving, you can pull up near Dewey to unload before moving to a more permanent parking spot.

While our Conference meal plan begins with Monday dinner (5-6:45 pm), Monday lunch can be purchased separately in Dewey Café (bottom level of dorm) from 12-1pm. Café Anna (across from Dewey in College Hall) will be open for beverages, breakfast, light snacks and meals from 7:30am – 7:30 pm, and downtown has lots of meal and snack options. A map of Montpelier and an "Insider's Guide" to its food, drink and other offerings will be included with your arrival materials.

If you arrive *after* regular check-in closes at 7 pm, call Campus Relations ([802-828-8888](tel:802-828-8888) from your cell, or 8888 from the campus phone inside the Dewey Hall entry.) Please note that **Conference kick-off event begins in the 2nd-floor Chapel in College Hall at 7:30 pm**.

Off-Campus Participants: Even if you're NOT staying in the dorm or having dinner in Dewey Café, you may want to come to campus before Monday evening's event to say hi and pick up your folder of Conference materials. These will be in Dewey Lobby until 7 pm. At that point we'll bring remaining off-campus participant folders over to the College Hall Chapel, where we'll have them for you at the official launch event.

Packing Tips: Vermont weather can be mercurial. Bring clothing for a range of conditions, including heat, rain and cool evenings. Montpelier is a great walking town, and VCFA sits up on a hill, so we recommend practical footwear. The Conference schedule includes a guided woodland trail walk in Montpelier's Hubbard Park, so pack comfortable clothes and sneakers or other good walking shoes if you'd like to participate. We also provide driving directions to nearby swimming spots, so pack a bathing suit and related gear if that interests you. VCFA encourages using refillables—water bottles and travel mugs—here on campus, so you might want to bring those along. (Or you can purchase VCFA logo ones in the bookstore.)

We have yoga on the Conference schedule, with led classes suitable for any level (beginners, too!) and also open practice time at Geezum Crow Studio here on campus. If you'd like to participate, you may want to bring a yoga mat, and appropriate attire.

Obviously don't forget to pack your **Conference materials**: hard copies of your workshop manuscripts; work for your Participant Reading and the Po-Jazz Open Mic party; and also any

books or other publications you'd like to offer for sale at the bookstore. (See previous participant bulletin for bookstore particulars.)

Dorm living: All rooms are furnished with pillow(s), blanket(s), mattress pad(s), and fresh linen package(s) (which include sheets, pillowcase, bath and hand towel and washcloth). Towels may be refreshed over the course of your stay on request. There is also a desk with a reading light, clothes hangers, and a fan. Dorm rooms do not have phones, alarm clocks, or hair dryers. For additional comfort, you might consider bringing earplugs, and your own pillow if you're driving and are particular. Each floor in Dewey Hall shares large, single-sex bathrooms with showers. Shower shoes and a bathrobe are recommended. Please note that toiletries (soap, shampoo, etc.) are not provided. Coin-operated laundry is available in Dewey basement, with detergent and dryer sheets stocked at the VCFA Store. Dorm floors have public areas with refrigerator, microwave, electric teakettle and Keurig brewer for coffee. (The campus has Keurig brewing stations in a few other central locations as well, with "K-cups" for sale at the store.) Dishes, glassware, and utensils are not provided. The dorm (along with other campus locations) also has vending machines with healthy snacks and beverages. Dewey Lobby has an ATM machine.

Campus Technology: VCFA's wireless network operates all over campus, including on the College Green. We also have a computer lab with both PCs and Macs and printers available for use by participants 24/7.

Thanks once again for your careful review of these notes. Please let us know if you have any questions, or if there's anything else we can clarify as you prepare for your trip.

We look forward to seeing all of you here at VCFA very soon. Safe travels!

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Postings of Conference documents below registration link