

Dear Delegate,

Thank you for participating in the Seventh International Health, Wellness & Society Conference. We are pleased you will be joining us Denver at the University of Denver and hope you are looking forward to coming together with colleagues and members of the Health, Wellness & Society Research Network this October.

In preparation for the conference, we have put together some information that we hope will prove useful to you as you begin to prepare for the conference and your arrival in Denver. In this document, you will find a variety of information on subjects, such as; transportation, hotel and travel, activities and extras, conference registration, equipment, and session types.

This packet is a starting point for your preparations, and we realize you may have some additional questions after reviewing the material here. For any questions that remain please contact the conference secretariat at support@healthandsociety.com.

We hope your planning goes well, and we look forward to seeing you in Denver!

Best wishes,

Rachael Arcario
Health, Wellness & Society Conference Producer



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Venue and Conference Information

Conference Venue

Driscoll Student Center North
University of Denver

Address

Driscoll Student Center North
University of Denver
2055 East Evans Ave
Denver, CO 80208
Google Map Link: <https://goo.gl/maps/jVLNg2PD9122>

Registration Desk Hours and Location

The conference will take place from 5-6 October. The conference registration desk is located on the mid level of the Driscoll Student Center North just outside of the Driscoll Ballroom. The Driscoll Ballroom will house the conference opening as well as the plenary sessions. The registration desk will open at 8:00 am on the first day of the conference, 5 October and will be open throughout all hours of the conference.

Any questions that arise at the conference should be directed to the staff at the conference registration desk. This includes questions regarding presentation equipment, your particular presentation, signing up for tours, and questions about submitting your article to the journal.

Session Types

For a complete description of session types please visit our [website](#).

- **Plenary Sessions:** Plenary speakers, chosen from among the world's leading thinkers, offer formal presentations on topics of broad interest to the community and conference delegation. One or more speakers are scheduled into a plenary session, most often the first session of the day. As a general rule, there are no questions or discussion during these sessions. Instead, plenary speakers answer questions and participate in informal, extended discussions during their Garden Conversation.
- **Garden Conversation:** Garden Conversations are informal, unstructured sessions that allow delegates a chance to meet plenary speakers and talk with them at length about the issues arising from their presentation. When the venue and weather allow, we try to arrange for a circle of chairs to be placed outdoors.
- **Talking Circles:** Held on the first day of the conference, Talking Circles offer an early opportunity to meet other delegates with similar interests and concerns. Delegates self-select into groups based on broad thematic areas and then engage in extended discussion about the issues and concerns they feel are of utmost importance to that segment of the community. Questions like "Who are we?", "What is our common ground?", "What are the current challenges facing society in this area?", "What challenges do we face in constructing knowledge and effecting meaningful change in this area?" may guide the conversation. When possible, a second Talking Circle is held on the final day of the conference, for the original group to reconvene and discuss changes in their perspectives and understandings as a result of the conference experience. Reports from the Talking Circles provide a framework for the delegates' final discussions during the Closing Session.
- **Themed Paper Presentation:** Paper presentations are grouped by general themes or topics into sessions comprised of three or four presentations followed by group discussion. Each presenter in the session makes a formal twenty-minute presentation of their work; Q&A and group discussion follow after all have presented. Session Chairs introduce the speakers, keep time on the presentations, and facilitate the discussion. Each presenter's formal, written paper will be available to participants if accepted to the journal.
- **Colloquium:** Colloquium sessions are organized by a group of colleagues who wish to present various dimensions of a project or perspectives on an issue. Four or five short formal presentations are followed by commentary and/or group discussion. A single article or multiple articles may be submitted to the journal based on the content of a colloquium session.
- **Focused Discussion:** For work that is best discussed or debated, rather than reported on through a formal presentation, these sessions provide a forum for an extended "roundtable" conversation between an author and a small group of interested colleagues. Several such discussions occur simultaneously in a specified area, with each author's table designated by a number corresponding to the title and topic listed in the program schedule. Summaries of the author's key ideas, or points of

discussion, are used to stimulate and guide the discourse. A single article, based on the scholarly work and informed by the focused discussion as appropriate, may be submitted to the journal.

- Workshop/Interactive Session:** Workshop sessions involve extensive interaction between presenters and participants around an idea or hands-on experience of a practice. These sessions may also take the form of a crafted panel, staged conversation, dialogue or debate – all involving substantial interaction with the audience. A single article (jointly authored, if appropriate) may be submitted to the journal based on a workshop session.

- Poster Sessions:** Poster sessions present preliminary results of works in progress or projects that lend themselves to visual displays and representations. These sessions allow for engagement in informal discussions about the work with interested delegates throughout.

- Virtual Lightning Talk:** Lightning talks are 5-minute "flash" video presentations. Authors present summaries or overviews of their work, describing the essential features (related to purpose, procedures, outcomes, or product). Like Paper Presentations, Lightning Talks are grouped according to topic or perspective into themed sessions. Authors are welcome to submit traditional "lecture style" videos or videos that use visual supports like PowerPoint. Final videos must be submitted at least one month prior to the conference start date. After the conference, videos are then presented on the community YouTube channel. Full papers can based in the virtual poster can also be submitted for consideration in the journal.

- Virtual Poster:** This format is ideal for presenting preliminary results of work in progress or for projects that lend themselves to visual displays and representations. Each poster should include a brief abstract of the purpose and procedures of the work. After acceptance, presenters are provided with a template, and Virtual Posters are submitted as a PDF or in PowerPoint. Final posters must be submitted at least one month prior to the conference start date. Full papers can based in the virtual poster can also be submitted for consideration in the journal.

Presentation Equipment

All session rooms at the University of Denver are equipped with screens and data projectors. Conference delegates are asked to bring their own laptop computers. If you are a Mac user, please be sure to bring the correct Mac VGA adaptor. If your computer has HDMI, please be sure to bring an HDMI to VGA adapter.

For information specific to each individual session type, see our [presentation guidelines](#).

Program

The conference schedule of sessions can be found at <http://healthandsociety.com/2017-conference/program#block-2>. In addition to this, you will receive a program booklet at the conference with the final schedule for the plenary and parallel sessions.

Internet Access

WiFi will be provided onsite, throughout the conference venue, to all conference delegates. Please see the conference registration desk for login information.

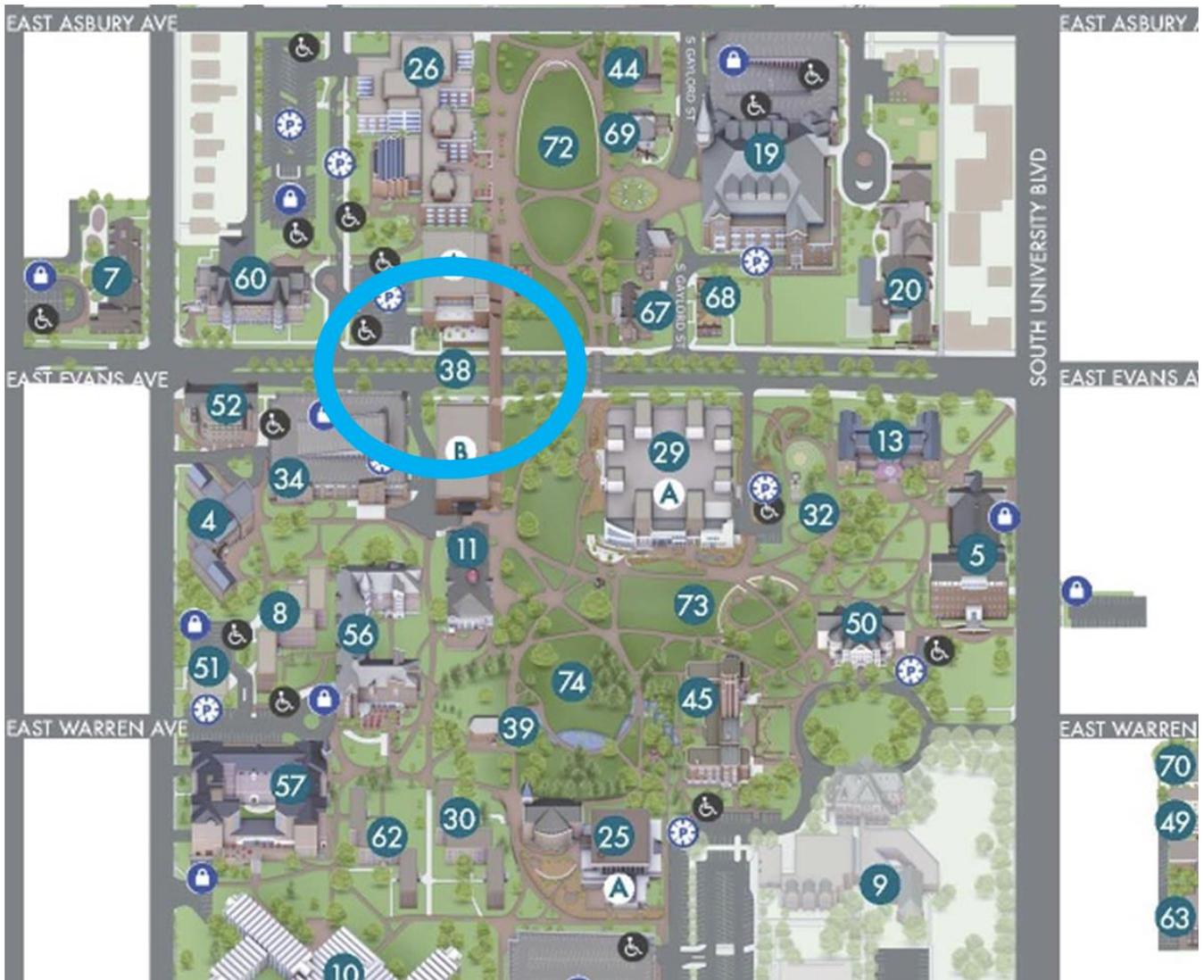
Venue Maps

Campus Map

A full campus map of the University of Denver can be found downloaded on the conference website here: healthandsociety.com/2017-conference/venue#block-3

Driscoll Student Center

Registration, sessions, and the conference Welcome Reception and Poster Session will all be held in the Driscoll Student Center. The center is located in the heart of campus on East Evans Avenue between South University Boulevard and South High Street. In the downloadable map above it can be found at C4/C5. A zoomed in version of the map on the next page shows the center (number 38) circled in blue.



Activities and Extras

Pre-Conference Tour – Rocky Mountain National Park

Wednesday, 4 October, 9:30AM

Join other conference delegates and plenary speakers on a private 8 hour guided tour of The Rocky Mountain National Park.
Tour Description

The Rocky Mountain National Park is renowned for its scenery, peaks, alpine lakes wilderness, and wildlife including elk, deer, moose, black bear, eagles, and much more. Depending on weather drive up to the highest point at 12,183 feet!

Along the way you will pass historic towns and beautiful landscapes from Denver through Boulder, Lyons, Estes Park and then into the park. We will see Colorado's famous continental divide - rivers and streams west of the divide flow to the Pacific Ocean and east of the divide to the Gulf of Mexico.

We will enjoy a picnic lunch (or inside, depending on weather) and visit the Stanley Hotel, a beautiful historic building, famous for its inspiration of the book and movie, "The Shining."

Tour Highlights

- Pick up and drop off at the conference hotel
- Private knowledgeable guide, experience our backyard with a local
- Stunning Colorado mountain landscapes
- Wildlife viewing
- Tasty Picnic lunch (included)
- Connect with the great outdoors and take an optional hike

Tour Information

Date: 4 October 2017

Time: 9:30AM

Tour Pick-up/Drop-off Location: Tour picks up and drops off at the conference hotel

Duration: 8 hours

Cost: US\$ 125.00

Booking: You may register for the tour upon [registration](#). If you've already registered for the conference, please [contact us](#) to secure your booking.

For more information on this tour, or to complete your booking, please visit:

<http://healthandsociety.com/2017-conference/special-events>

Conference Welcome Reception and Poster Session

Thursday, 5 October, Directly following sessions

Common Ground Research Networks and the Health, Wellness & Society Conference will be hosting a welcome reception at the conference venue, the University of Denver, just after the last session of the first day. All delegates are welcome to attend and enjoy complimentary light refreshments as well as the Poster Session. This is an excellent opportunity to connect with and get to know your fellow international delegates while looking over the work of your colleagues.

Date: 5 October, Thursday

Time: Directly following the last session of the day

Location: University of Denver

Cost: Complimentary to all conference delegates

Accommodation Information

Courtyard by Marriott Denver Cherry Creek

The Health, Wellness & Society Conference is pleased to offer a room block at the Courtyard by Marriott Denver Cherry Creek. Transportation will be provided between the conference hotel and the conference venue, the University of Denver, expect about a 10-minute drive between both locations.

From the hotel: "Your Cherry Creek Hotel Destination... Conveniently located in the stylish shopping and business district of Denver's Cherry Creek area near downtown Denver and I-25, the Courtyard by Marriott Denver hotel is ideal for both business and leisure travelers alike.

This full-service hotel is close to popular destinations such as the Cherry Creek Shopping District, the Denver Zoo, the University of Denver, Sports Authority Field at Mile High, the Ritchie Center and an abundance of delicious dining options. The Courtyard by Marriott Denver Cherry Creek hotel offers on-site dining at the Bistro, a full-service business center, state-of-the-art fitness facility, a 24-hour convenience store and gift shop, indoor heated pool and whirlpool, and room service."

Booking: More information about the Courtyard by Marriott Denver Cherry Creek, including booking, pricing, and amenities can be found on the conference website:

<http://healthandsociety.com/2017-conference/hotel-travel>

Directions and Transportation in Denver

Denver International Airport

Most arrivals into Denver will be through Denver International Airport. The airport is about 30 miles from the conference venue, the University of Denver Driscoll Student Center. For more information about airport services such as airlines, car rental agencies, and airport maps, visit <https://www.flydenver.com/>

Getting to the University of Denver

Driving Directions from Denver International Airport to the University of Denver:
<https://goo.gl/maps/kuAtqJbt8Zv>

Car rental information can be found here: https://www.flydenver.com/parking_transit/car-rentals

Taxi Service from the Denver International Airport

Taxis are available at the taxi stands at the Arrival levels of each Terminal. A ride to the hotel or conference venue takes about 30-45 minutes and costs between \$60 and \$80.

Public Transportation Options

There are public buses available and information on these can be found here:
https://www.flydenver.com/parking_transit/transit/university_colorado_line

Uber and Lyft are both also available at the airport.

Public Transportation in Denver

Denver is a city well served by public transport – see: https://www.flydenver.com/parking_transit