

Early planning for the joint meeting of Cheiron and ESHHS, 9-12 July 2010

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Booking airline tickets. If you can it is probably best to buy airline tickets, especially for international travel, at least two months before the travel date. Of course, July lies in the season of the highest fares. On the other hand, if there are good deals to any destination, New York should be among those places, because so many airline companies serve that market. Looking at roundtrip fares in late January, there seem to be many choices for July that are priced below \$800 (or below 725 Euros), from major cities in Europe. Such fares may start to go up any time, so try to plan early and at least book the flight and the hotel as soon as you are sure you are coming. The program co-chairs will issue their decisions on acceptance of papers by early March.

To fly to our joint meeting, you can use any of the three major airports for New York City: LGA-LaGuardia, JFK-Kennedy, EWR-Newark. The following website gives campus maps and various directions on how to reach our host institution:

<https://www.sarahlawrence.edu/about/visit/>

More information on connecting transportation, etc., will be sent later to registrants and posted on the organizational websites.

Conference Hotel: Hyatt Place New York/Yonkers

Sarah Lawrence College (SLC) is located close to New York City; however, it is a small, lovely campus surrounded by fine homes with gardens that might seem to lie in a town far from an urban area. Kimball Avenue emerges from the campus and goes underneath a major highway, Cross-County Parkway; and voilà you see the Cross County Shopping Center—a “mall” as Americans call such things. Within this mall is **Hyatt Place New York/Yonkers, our conference hotel**. All our activities will be at SLC, however, not in the hotel.

Most people should be able to walk back and forth to campus from the hotel, less than 2 km. We are considering providing a campus shuttle service (a van) to help with this connection, possibly also with arrivals from and departures to the Bronxville train station. We will provide more information about this, and about transportation connections generally, closer to the meeting time.

Cheiron has made a special agreement with Hyatt Place New York/Yonkers (by far the closest one to SLC), and here are the terms and instructions that allow us to use this agreement:

We have a special rate available for these nights (including nights before and after the meeting):

July 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 (checking out on the morning of the 14th).

You can reserve any or all of those nights as needed, using the special rate.

There are **two types of room**, both of which cost **\$139 per night**.

Choice of type of room: One king-size bed OR Two queen-size beds

Thinking perhaps of family situations, the hotel notes that each of these rooms can accommodate 3 or 4 people. The one who reserves the hotel may need to give the names of others who arrive earlier, but payment can be split once all occupants have arrived. A credit-

card must be used when reserving to guarantee payment of the night of arrival; however, the whole **reservation can be cancelled 48 hours before 6 pm of the arrival date**, without incurring any charge.

Our special rate is about \$100 less than list price, and it includes free parking, Wi-Fi, and all the regular amenities. At this point I am not sure whether breakfast is also included, but it is available. Also, there is a grocery nearby. The hotel has no shuttle service of its own.

To have this special rate, reservations can be made for the “Cheiron Society” by calling 888.492.8847 and asking for the **Group code G-CSR**B. Reservations can also be made online using this direct link: https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/hotel/new-york/hyatt-place-new-york-yonkers/lgazy?corp_id=G-CSRB. Simply enter the respective dates and the code will pre-populate with rates and show the room choice (with many details).

This special rate is set to **cut off on June 18, 2020. All hotel reservations must be made by that date**. Bear in mind, additionally, that the rate is guaranteed for our code G-CSR**B only as long as rooms are still available**. That means, **it is advisable to book (and maybe gather roommates) as soon as possible**, in case the hotel runs out of rooms as our time approaches. Remember: reservations can be cancelled 48 hours before 6 pm of the arrival date, without incurring any charge.

Once the program co-chairs have sent out their notices of acceptance/rejection of program submissions, we will provide a web-link that can conveniently and discreetly link people who are looking for hotel roommates, as well as people wanting to share travel from the airport, taxis, etc.

Dormitory rooms: They will probably all be booked up by summer programs run by SLC. We may have a few dorm rooms available, but these will be very few, and they have no air conditioning. Also, it turns out that these dorm booking do not cost less than the hotel, per person. We are still considering how to use any dorm rooms that we might have.

Airbnb, Uber, etc. I am not very experienced with these e-services, but those who are tell me that there are only a few places within walking distance of SLC, and some cost more than the hotel. Uber rates are fairly high in this area as well: <https://ta.en.aboutlist.org/taxi-prices/us/bronxville-ny>