

U.S. MIDWEST SWIP 2018 CONFERENCE
NOVEMBER 2ND – 4TH AT VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY
NASHVILLE, TN

Friday, November 2nd 6:30-8:30pm – Welcome gathering
Please join us for some food and drink and good conversation at
Nada Restaurant in Nashville – 202 21st Ave S, 37203

Saturday, November 3rd

All food and sessions are scheduled for Alumni Hall 201

8:00am-8:25am Coffee and snacks provided by Vanderbilt University

8:30-9:20am “Incarcerated Consent: Surrogate Medical Decision Making Under the
Conditions of Mass Incarceration”
Elizabeth Lanphier (Vanderbilt University)

9:30-10:20am “The Curious Case of *Cramblett vs. Midwest Sperm Bank*: Centering a
Sociopolitical Reading of Race and Disability in Liberatory-Coalitional
Politics”
Desiree Valentine (Marquette University)

10:30-11:20am “Blame, Empathy, and Mass Incarceration”
Amy McKiernan (Dickinson College)

11:30-12:20pm “Black is the Old Orange: An Ethical Response to Social Injustice for
Ratchet-Acting (Nasty) Girls”
CL Nash (Independent Researcher)

12:20-1:50pm **Lunch Break** (a list of nearby eateries will be provided at the conference)

2:00-2:50pm “Quivering Paralysis and Internal Motion: Passivity, Stasis, and the
Impetus to Speak Up”
Kris McLain (Penn State University)

3:00-3:50pm “How Words Can Hurt: A Standpoint Epistemological Reply to Critics of
the Microaggression Program”
Lauren Freeman and Heather Stewart
(University of Louisville and University of Western Ontario)

4:00-4:50pm “Explorer/ing: Using Lugones' 'Pluralist' as a Map”
Mélanie Walton (Belmont University)

5:00-5:50pm “Getting to the Roots: A Phenomenological Account of Race and Black Women's Hair”
Tempest M. Henning (Vanderbilt University)

6:00-6:45pm **Business Meeting**

7:30pm – Dinner Gathering at **Rosepepper Cantina** in Nashville (reservations required)

*******Don't forget to set your clocks back for Daylight Savings*******

Sunday, November 4th

All food and sessions are scheduled for Alumni Hall 201

8:00-8:25am Coffee and snacks provided by Vanderbilt University

8:30-9:20am “Existential Indeterminacy as Modern Political Subjecthood: How Drones Expose the Limits of the State of Exception”
Sabeen Ahmed (Vanderbilt University)

9:30-10:20am “Identity Politics: Reproducing Essentialism or Challenging Intersectional Oppressions?”
Youjin Kong (Michigan State University)

10:30-11:20am “Collective Ignorance, Epistemic Viciousness, and the Possibility of Mutiny”
L. Brooke Rudow-Abouharb (Georgia College and State University)

11:30-12:20pm “Towards a Queer Epistemology”
Elaine M. Blum (University of West Georgia)

12:20-1:50pm **Lunch Break** (a list of nearby eateries will be provided at the conference)

2:00-2:50pm “The Imperative of Participation: why do we need to support the Black Lives Matter movement”
Sahar Heydari Fard (University of Cincinnati)

3:00-3:50pm “Anti-Social Habit and Critical Disruption”
Lisa M. Madura (Vanderbilt University)

Other Important Information

Lodging

Rooms for MWSWIP have been reserved at Home2 Suites (\$209/night) and the Hilton Garden Inn (\$199/night)—both are located in midtown, about a mile walk to campus. The Home2 Suites rooms feature a queen bed and a fold-out sofa, so it's possible to double up with another attendee to make the cost more affordable. See links below to reserve rooms **by October 25th**.

Other, slightly more affordable options:

- The Scarritt Bennet Center does not allow organizations to block rooms, but they do allow individuals to reserve rooms independently. With modest accommodations and shared bathrooms, they are by far **the closest and most affordable option** at \$80-\$100 a night. *These rooms may go quickly as there are very few affordable options near Vanderbilt's campus, so you will want to book a room ASAP.*
- Vanderbilt graduate students are updating a spread sheet with accommodations; attendees can sign-up for that here:
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1vRf1UfMbgNvIkyNOzvUF4j2ii8jUc84zyhX-IGOEZ4/edit#gid=0>
- Use the link above to organize shared rooms at Home2 Suites.

Travel from Airport

Nashville BNA is roughly 8.5 miles from Vanderbilt; by Lyft or Uber, it is roughly a 15-20 minute ride, depending on traffic.

Nashville MTA offers a bus service from the airport to downtown Nashville (\$1.70), where you can connect with a number of other buses that will take you to the midtown area. Bus services in Nashville can be unreliable at times, as Nashville does not have a well-organized public transport system, but they can get the job done.

Reserving Rooms

- Home2 Suites: https://home2suites.hilton.com/en/ht/groups/personalized/B/BNAHTHT-SWP-20181102/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG; Group Code: SWP; 1 Queen, 1 Foldout; \$209 a night

- Hilton Garden Inn:
https://hiltongardeninn.hilton.com/en/gi/groups/personalized/B/BNANVGI-MSWIP-20181102/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG; Group Code: MSWIP; 1 King; \$199 a night
- Scarritt Bennett: <http://www.scarrittbennett.org/accomodations/rooms-rates/>; \$80-\$100/night, shared bathrooms

Accessibility Statement

Vanderbilt University campus is generally very accessibility-friendly including the building in which all talks will be held. However, if anyone desires a specific accommodation, please contact the local host (Lyn Radke at lyn.a.radke@vanderbilt.edu). She will be happy to work with our local disability services to secure needed resources. Please note that a minimum of two weeks notice is necessary for most accommodations.