



SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK
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*Institute on Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault
The University of Texas at Austin*

National Conference:
Balancing Compassion for Refugees & Compassion for Yourself

1st Annual Conference
Association for Refugee Service Professionals (ARSP)

February 23 - 24, 2009 in Austin, TX

Monday, February 23rd - Registration at 12:30 pm
Monday, February 23rd - Opening Session begins at 1:30 pm
Tuesday, February 24th - Final Session Ends at 4 pm

SPECIAL KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Acclaimed Author Anne Fadiman
The Spirit Catches You & You Fall Down

Monday, February 23rd at 7:30 pm
University of Texas at Austin
School of Social Work Utopia Theater

Followed by a dessert reception and book-signing
Books will be available for purchase or bring your own worn copy!

Due to Limited Space the Keynote is for Registered Conference Participants Only

WORKSHOP HIGHLIGHTS

- * Coping strategies, Compassion Fatigue and How to Build Resilience
 - * Ethical Dilemmas Faced by Refugee Service Professionals
- * Becoming an Author: Telling Your Experiences through Publication
 - * Creativity's Role in Emotional, Mental and Physical Health
 - * Yoga and Meditation as Self-care

Information: www.refugeeprofessionals.org or contact Laurie Heffron at cookheffron@mail.utexas.edu

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REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____ Title/Organization: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____

Special Needs

Please indicate your meal preferences.

- Regular Vegetarian

Do you have any dietary or access needs?

- No Yes

If yes, please give us details that will make your attendance more enjoyable and comfortable:

Registration Fees - CHECK ONE

Early registration fees (by January 5, 2009)

- \$140 - Members of ARSP
 \$190 - Non-members

Regular registration fees

- \$150 - Members of ARSP
 \$200 - Non-members

Please note: If a minimum number of participants are not registered as of January 30, 2009, planners may consider cancellation of the conference and will notify registrants immediately.

ARSP Membership – CHECK ONE

- I want to join ARSP and have included the membership application and dues in my conference payment.
 Please renew my membership and accept the dues I've included in my conference payment.
 No thank you.

To join ARSP or renew your membership, please complete the ARSP applicant information form (found on ARSP website at www.refugeeprofessionals.org) and include the appropriate membership dues in your conference payment.

Make all checks payable to The University of Texas at Austin

Mail registration forms & payment to:

Attn: Laurie Cook Heffron
1 University Station, D3500
Austin, TX 78712

LODGING

The **Doubletree Club Austin-University Area** hotel is centrally located off I-35 at MLK Jr. Boulevard. It is adjacent to The University of Texas at Austin campus and within minutes of all major Austin attractions and landmarks. The Doubletree has reserved a block of rooms for conference attendees, at the rate of \$85 single and \$125 double. The hotel offers free parking. To reserve your room,

- Call the hotel directly at **512-479-4000**, or
- Call the reservation line at **1-800-222-TREE**

Don't forget to mention you are with the **Association of Refugee Service Professionals Conference Group** at the Doubletree Hotel - Austin University Area.

Doubletree Club Austin-University Area
6505 IH-35 North, Austin, Texas, United States 78752-4346
Tel: 1-512-454-3737 Fax: 1-512-419-0102

http://doubletree1.hilton.com/en_US/dt/hotel/AUSLNDT-Doubletree-Hotel-Austin-Texas/index.do

CONFERENCE FACILITIES

The conference will be held at the Thompson Conference Center on the campus of The University of Texas at Austin. Thompson Conference Center's location on the northeast corner of UT Austin's main campus, in central Austin, provides easy access via bus, shuttle, taxi, automobile, and bicycle. TCC is one block away from IH-35, the main North-South artery of Austin, and a short drive from Airport Blvd., the main route into town from Austin Bergstrom International Airport.

The Thompson Conference Center
2405 Robert Dedman Dr
Austin, TX 78712
(512) 471-3121

Google Directions:

http://maps.google.com/maps?hl=en&um=1&ie=UTF-8&cid=0,0,3713938686027550582&fb=1&dq=thompson+center+austin+tx&daddr=2405+Robert+Dedman+Dr,+Austin,+TX+78712&geocode=17569934828443690364,30.286847,-97.730129&sa=X&oi=local_result&resnum=1&ct=directions-to

TRANSPORTATION and PARKING

Free shuttles will be available for conference attendees, departing from the **Doubletree at 12:00 pm on Monday, February 23.** If you miss the shuttle, please make your own transportation arrangements to the Thompson Center.

Shuttles will also be available to take attendees to the keynote event at the School of Social Work, also on the campus of the University of Texas at Austin, and back to the hotel. Shuttles will also be available on the second day from the hotel to the conference center.

Conference attendees with personal vehicles may park for free at the Thompson Conference Center parking lot. A limited number of spaces are available. When this lot is full, parking will be available at UT parking garages. A map of visitor parking garages is available at:

<http://www.utexas.edu/parking/maps/visitor/visitor-map.pdf> or

<http://www.utexas.edu/cee/tcc/img/maps/TCCparkingMap.pdf>

Please present any parking garage tickets for validation by conference staff.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS - to Doubletree Hotel-Austin University Area

Traveling from Austin Bergstrom International Airport

Take SR-71 North. Exit 183 North. Go north on 183 and exit 7th Street. Go west on 7th Street to IH-35 access. Go right, heading north on IH-35. Exit 15th Street and MLK Blvd. Hotel will be on your right on the east service road of IH-35 in between 15th Street and MLK Blvd.

Traveling North on IH-35

Take 15th Street exit. Stay on access until you see hotel on the right side.

Traveling South on IH-35

Take the 15th Street exit. Veer left onto 15th Street. Take 1st right under I-35 onto access road. Stay on access road until to see the hotel on the right side.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS - to Thompson Conference Center

Traveling South on IH-35

- Take the 32nd St. exit and turn right at the light.
- Travel west 1 block on 32nd St. to Red River.
- Turn left and travel south on Red River to the first light (Red River and 26th/Dean Keeton St).
- Proceed through the intersection and turn right into the first parking lot (Lot 40).

Traveling North on IH-35

- Take the 32nd St. exit and turn left at the light.
- Travel west 1 block on 32nd St. to Red River.
- Turn left and travel south on Red River to the first light (Red River and 26th/Dean Keeton St).
- Proceed through the intersection and turn right into the first parking lot (Lot 40).

Traveling from Austin Bergstrom International Airport

- When leaving the airport, turn left (west) on Hwy 71 and stay in one of the two right lanes.
- Stay in one of the right-hand lanes as they curve to the right onto the Bastrop Highway/US 183.
- Continue in the same lane as it crosses the bridge over the Colorado River and then follow it to the right onto Airport Blvd. Stay on Airport Blvd. until the intersection with IH-35.
- Turn left onto the southbound IH35 access road and proceed to 32nd St.
- Turn right on 32nd Street. Travel west 1 block on 32nd St. to Red River.
- Turn left and travel south on Red River to the first light (Red River and 26th/Dean Keeton St).
- Proceed through the intersection and turn right into the first parking lot (Lot 40).
- Lost? Call the TCC Receptionist Desk at 512-471-3121 for assistance.

Map of the Austin area: <http://www.utexas.edu/cee/tcc/img/maps/AustinAreaMap.pdf>.