

GEMELA 2010

LODGING

Main Hotel

Our meeting will be held at two locations: Willits Hallowell Hotel at Mount Holyoke College in South Hadley (Thursday and Friday) and Herter Hall at UMass-Amherst (Saturday). We have reserved rooms for conference participants at the beautiful historic **Hotel Northampton**, in [Northampton](#), a city in the middle between South Hadley and Amherst.

Hotel Northampton is in the middle of downtown Northampton, a city full of nearby restaurants, bookstores, coffee shops, and cute New England stores, all within great walking distance. To access the conference rate, **you must make your reservation by phone directly to the local number listed below** (you will not be able to access the rate via the website or a toll-free number) and reference the **Mount Holyoke Spanish International Conference Rate**.

Please make your reservation as early as possible, or **by August 22, 2010** at the latest.

The Hotel Northampton, (413) 584-3100 (see at <http://www.hotelnorthampton.com>)
Rate – W and Th \$150/nt plus tax, F and Sat \$195/nt plus tax

There are single and double rooms available. Consider sharing a room with somebody else from the conference (this is a great price given the facts that it is high season for New England and that it is a historic hotel). Free parking is available.

There will be transportation to the conference sites daily (see transportation below)

Other hotels

South Hadley (where MHC is located)

If you prefer to stay in South Hadley, where Mount Holyoke College is located, there are three very nice choices:

1. The Willits-Hallowell Conference Center, right where the conference will be held on Thursday and Friday and in the center of Mount Holyoke College. (413) 538-2217. There are only a few rooms held for the conference until August 22. Call to make reservations. <http://www.mtholyoke.edu/offices/willits/>
2. Daniel Stebbins House, typical New England bed and breakfast, walking distance from MHC campus. (413) 533-2149. <http://www.danielstebbinsbedandbreakfast.com/>
3. Grandmary's Bed and Breakfast, another beautiful B and B, walking distance to MHC campus. (413) 533-7381. <http://grandmarys.com/index.html>

As these are quite small, we suggest that you reserve your rooms immediately. For those who decide to stay in South Hadley, transportation to Amherst on Saturday will be available (see transportation below)

Other locations

If you are driving and you don't need to depend on the bus, there are many options available in the area (particularly in route 9 which connects Northampton and Amherst). See this page for all the options:

<http://www.mtholyoke.edu/cic/about/lodging.shtml>

TRANSPORTATION

1. Getting to New England

A. By Air

Bradley International Airport (airport code BDL) is located 31 miles south of the MHC campus on I-91 in Windsor Locks, Connecticut. Airlines serving Bradley include America West, American, Continental, Delta, Northwest, Southwest, United, US Airways, and a number of regional carriers.

B. By car: if you are from New England and decide to come by car, these are the directions to MHC:

From the south (including Bradley Airport):

- Travel north on Interstate 91 to Route 202 (Exit 16, Holyoke/ South Hadley).
- Head north on 202 through Holyoke across the Connecticut River, and around the rotary to the exit marked South Hadley Center-Amherst, Route 116 north.
- The College is approximately 2.5 miles from the exit.

From the north:

- Travel south on Interstate 91, take Exit 16, and follow the directions above.

From the Massachusetts Turnpike/I-90, east or west:

- Take Exit 5 (Holyoke/Chicopee) and bear to the right.
- At the end of the ramp, turn left on Route 33 for five miles to Route 116.
- Turn right onto 116 and drive approximately 1.5 miles north to the College.

2. From the airport (BDL) to MHC or to Hotel Northampton

Several companies provide **transportation service** to and from campus/hotel with advanced reservations. We are negotiating a special price with Valley Transporter. Closer to the conference dates, a group rate will be available.

- [Valley Transporter](#) (800-872-8752)
- Michael's Limousine Service (800-533-8470)
- [Seemo Shuttle](#) (800-908-2829)
- [Bluebird Airport Transportation](#) (413-221-4512)
- [AirportLimo.com](#) (877-278-5466)

If you prefer instead to **rent a car**, this can be a useful link:

http://www.rentalcars.com/airport/bdl/?refid=RPGOOGLECC&refclickid=RCAIRPORT_335

Follow the direction specified above. The following links are also helpful:

- [from BDL to MHC](#)
- [from BDL to Hotel Northampton](#)

3. From Hotel Northampton to MHC or UMass-Amherst

The Pioneer Valley is a very exciting valley to visit. The most important cities are Northampton, the home of Smith College, and Amherst, home of UMass-Amherst and Amherst College. These two towns are connected by Route 9. South Hadley, home of MHC, is about 15 miles to the south, following route 47 from Northampton and route 116 from Amherst (Hampshire College is located in the way between Amherst and South Hadley).



If you are staying at the Hotel Northampton with no private or rented transportation, there will be two ways to arrive to MHC (Th and F) and to Umass-Amherst (Sat). There will be escorts at the hotel every morning to help participants to take you to your buses. And the hotel personnel can help you with any other questions.

A. MHC mini-buses

Everyday of the conference, there will be a mini-bus that will pick up people at the hotel in Northampton and take participants to the conference sites. These mini buses will pick you up at the entrance of the hotel in the morning, and next to the conference sites, every afternoon, to return to the Hotel Northampton. The schedule is to be determined.

B. PVTA services

PVTA is a bus service that runs **free** between the Five colleges daily. If you miss the mini bus or prefer to go to the conference late or leave early, there are PVTA buses running all day long. There are several stops in downtown Northampton and there is one stop right at each entrance of our conference sites. Here you have the links to the schedules. In the welcome packet, you will find a printed copy of these as well.

OJO!: Except for the express buses in early morning and late afternoon, buses that run from Northampton to MHC make a stop at Hampshire College. You don't need to transfer, just stay on the bus.

If you are **driving your own car** or have rented one at the airport, please check map of local area (see above) or any other maps that you prefer.

C. Parking at MHC or UMass-Amherst

- At MHC there are parking spots available for visitors right around Willits Hall and you won't need a permit. However, giving the fact that the week of the conference will be busy at MHC, it is better if you tell me in advance and we will be able to provide you with a day permit for parking. See map for parking spaces: <http://www.mtholyoke.edu/cic/map/>
- At UMass-Amherst, you can park at any space for visitors for free (it is Saturday!). For example, the Visiting Center, or the Campus Center Parking Garage are at walking distance to Herter Hall in UMass-Amherst. See map: http://www.umass.edu/visitorsctr/Campus_Map/