## **General Information**

# Fall 2023 Fiber Society Conference Drexel University Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA October 25–27

#### Venue

Behrakis Hall 3210 Chestnut Street Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19104 USA

Directions from 30<sup>th</sup> Street: Walk south from 30<sup>th</sup> street station toward Market Street. Turn left into campus (across from JFK Boulevard). This path will dead end into Chestnut Street, where you will turn right. The entrance to Behrakis Hall is on Chestnut Street on the south side. Google Maps should provide adequate walking directions as well.

Parking lot: 3335 Chestnut Street (\$25 per day) 3330 Market Street (\$21 per day)

# Travel from the Airport to Downtown

Use ONLY licensed taxi operators found in the airport/Amtrak taxi line.

The train is the cheapest and fastest during rush hour (between 6-10 a.m. and 3-7 p.m.).

Trains run from Philadelphia airport to 30<sup>th</sup> Street station every 30 minutes. There are SEPTA Key Fare Kiosks at the airport station, where you can buy either a SEPTA Key card or a Quick Trip ticket using cash, credit, or debit card. The SEPTA Key Card can be loaded with money and used on all SEPTA transportation with slightly lower fees for all trips compared to purchasing individual tickets. The Quick Trip ticket from the airport to 30<sup>th</sup> street costs \$6.75. You can also buy a ticket on the train for \$8, but you must have cash on hand! For the return trip to the airport, you can buy a ticket at the SEPTA station. More information can be found here:

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For schedules and fares for trains to the city, check these links:

http://www.septa.org/schedules/rail/pdf/air.pdf

http://www.septa.org/fares/new/2013%20Fare%20Brochure.pdf

#### Hotels

NOTE: Be advised that several big events are taking place in Philadelphia at the same time as The Fiber Society conference, which means some hotels will have "blacked out" availability for that week and you may have difficulty booking a hotel room. Book early!

We have contracted a special conference rate of US\$199 per night (for up to 2 guests) with the Sonesta Hotel at Rittenhouse Square, 1800 Market Street, Philadelphia.

Rooms at the conference rate are available until October 5.

You may book your room at the Sonesta Hotel at <a href="https://book.passkey.com/event/50647375/owner/7246/home">https://book.passkey.com/event/50647375/owner/7246/home</a>

You may search for other hotels in the area <a href="https://campustravel.com/university/drexel-university/">https://campustravel.com/university/drexel-university/</a>

























**Food Options:** Philly has a great food scene.

### **Lunch Options:**

Shake Shack: 3200 Chestnut Street

Lascala's Fire University City: 3200 Chestnut Street

Board and Brew: 3200 Chestnut Street Lemongrass Thai: 3131 Walnut Street

Franklin's Table Food Hall: UPENN 3401 Walnut Street

Food Truck Alley: 31st Street and Ludlow Street. There are a variety of food trucks here. Halal Food Trucks: 33rd Street and Market Street. A special favorite is Philly Halal Truck for the government side of Market Street, moon the dragger status.

(on the southeast side of Market Street, near the dragon statue).

### **Dining Options:**

White Dog Café: 3420 Sansom Street Walnut Street Café: 2929 Walnut Street

*CO-OP*: South 33<sup>rd</sup> Street

Louie Louie: 3611 Walnut Street

Han Dynasty: 3711 Market Street and at 123 Chestnut Street

Lemongrass Thai: 3131 Walnut Street

#### **MAP**

A link to an interactive map can be found here.

