



## **UW System Sustainability Conference**

UW-Madison Gordon Dining and Event Center

October 3-4, 2019

### **Hotels:**

We have reserved blocks of rooms at two downtown hotels. Due to the combination of a Badgers football game, the World Dairy Expo, and city prices, these hotels are not as cheap as we would like. However, they offer excellent access to the conference location and eliminate the need to drive to campus and park. If you choose to book a room farther from downtown, please be aware that on-campus parking can be very difficult. See below for parking, biking, and metro transit options.

#### [The Edgewater Hotel](#) \*please fill these rooms first before booking at the Graduate\*

1001 Wisconsin Place

Madison, WI 53703

608-535-8200

[stay@theedgewater.com](mailto:stay@theedgewater.com)

Click [here](#) to reserve your room in our room block!

#### [The Graduate Madison](#)

601 Langdon Street

Madison, WI 53703

608-257-4391

[info@graduatemadison.com](mailto:info@graduatemadison.com)

Click [here](#) to reserve your room in our room block!

### **Parking & Transportation:**

We do not recommend planning to drive in and park on campus, as there are generally few visitor spots available in [campus lots](#) (the Lake Street lot is most reliable, but can fill up and/or shift to flat-fee pricing during big events). If you are driving, make sure to check the [campus](#) and [city parking](#) options before coming into town. Additionally, consult the [campus detours](#) page, as there is construction happening all around town, including the street on which Gordon Dining and Events Center is located.



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### *Alternative transportation*

If you would like to use the metro bus system, there are many great options. [City buses](#) charge \$2.00/ride, and [campus bus routes](#) 80, 81, 82, 84 are free to use for all campus visitors.

Madison also has excellent bike infrastructure if you are able to bring your own wheels. Finally, there are [BCycle stations around campus](#), but we cannot guarantee availability.

### **Meals:**

We will be providing full breakfast and lunch on both Thursday and Friday. Coffee and tea will also be available all day throughout the conference. Vegetarian options will be served at every meal, if the meal is not vegetarian already.

On Thursday evening we will host an optional dinner at [Graze](#) on Capitol Square. Graze is a “New American” gastropub run by local Chef Tori Miller that specializes in local, seasonally-inspired food. **If you sign up for dinner, please keep an eye out for another email closer to the conference with more details. You will pre-order your meal online, through a link provided by Graze. Please also plan to bring cash/card to pay for your meal and drink(s) separately.**

Following dinner, there will be a chartered bus to transport everyone from Graze to [Picnic Point](#). If any attendees opt for a different dinner option, they can still catch the bus in front of Graze at 8pm. At Picnic Point, we will take a short hike to a fire pit for a casual social outing around a fire pit, complete with s’mores! Since we will be traveling directly from dinner to Picnic Point, we recommend that you bring a layer or a second set of clothes in case it gets chilly.



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*Thursday, October 3rd*

**8:30am** Registration/Breakfast

**9:00am** Welcome from [Paul Robbins](#)

**9:15am** Opening Remarks from [Lt. Governor Barnes](#)

**10:00am** UW System Energy Discussion: General Overview

**10:30am** Breakout sessions

Concurrent Session 1: Deep Dive into UW System Energy Policy

Concurrent Session 2: Campus Resiliency Planning

**12:00pm** Lunch

**1:00pm** Wet Lab Visit @ UW-Madison Limnology

**2:45pm** Green and Healthy Schools Discussion

**3:30pm** Discussion on UW System Planning and Collective Action

**4:30pm** Closing words

**6:00pm** Dinner at Graze

**8:00pm** Bonfire on Picnic Point

*Friday, October 4th*

**8:30am** Registration/Breakfast

**9:15am** Campus Updates

**10:00am** Food Systems Discussion

**11:00am** Breakout Sessions

Concurrent Session 1: Waste and Recycling

Concurrent Session 2: Student Leadership Alignment Across UW System

**12:00pm** Lunch & Networking

**1:00pm** Arboretum Tour: Native Plants and Stormwater Management

**3:30pm** Keynote by [Jessica LeClair](#)

**4:30pm** Wrap-up and farewell



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Graduate link:

<https://gc.synxis.com/rez.aspx?Hotel=77206&Chain=21643&arrive=10/2/2019&depart=10/4/2019&adult=1&child=0&group=191002UWSY>

Edgewater link:

<https://theedgewater.link/UWSystemSustainabilityConferenceRoomBlock>

**B-Cycle: \$20 membership through UW? Trying to get a discount code through them.**

Campus Parking Lots: <https://transportation.wisc.edu/parking-lots/>

Campus Detours: <https://transportation.wisc.edu/category/construction-detours/>

City Parking Lots: <https://www.cityofmadison.com/parking-utility/garages-lots>