

Welcome to the Department of Mathematics, Statistics and Computer Science at UIC!

If you haven't done so already, please sign in on the sign-in sheets.

The Saturday & Sunday talks start at 9 AM, in Room 636 SEO. Fresh coffee will be available from 8:30 AM in Room 300, along with sufficient sugar sources to fuel a dynamic morning.

In this packet, you will find: the abstracts of talks, the list of some of the nearby restaurants, a local map, and the form to fill out to request financial support along with the instruction page. See below for where to send the completed form, along with *originals* of receipts.

Wireless. An account has been set up that should allow everyone at the conference to connect to wireless. Pick **UIC – Guest** from the list of wireless access points. Then open a web browser and wait for a minute. Eventually a login screen appears. The username and password for the wireless account will be distributed at the meeting.

PC's with guest login privileges are available in room 1200 SEO, on the top floor of SEO. The username and password for the guest account will be distributed at the meeting.

Lunch. There are many nearby restaurants for lunch. See the attached page and map. Note that the walk to Taylor Street restaurants is about 5 minutes, to Greektown (north of campus across the Eisenhower) is about 10 minutes, and the walk to south Halsted, south of Roosevelt, is about 15 minutes.

Party. After the last talk on Saturday, all are invited to Room 300 SEO for refreshments and drinks from 5 to 7 PM. Relax, chat and nosh a bit, before heading out for dinner at one of the excellent local options.

Greektown offers ample meals at bargain-ish prices; there are two nearby French restaurants to choose from - La Sardine and Chez Jöel; and Joy-Yee Noodle Shop on south Halsted, if your helpings at lunch weren't sufficiently ample. Many are walking distance; of course, there are *thousands* of places to choose from if you care to drive.

Receipts. If you are requesting support from the MWDS NSF Grant, attached you will find a page of Instructions, and a form to be completed. The rules for reimbursement are very strict – you must provide *original* receipts for all expenses.

Please send the completed form and your receipts by NOVEMBER 20, 2009 to:

- Professor Steve Hurder
- Department of Math (m/c 249)
- University of Illinois at Chicago
- 322 SEO, 851 S. Morgan Street
- CHICAGO, IL 60607-7045

If you have any questions, please email me at hurder@uic.edu

Finally, mark your calendars and tell your students about the

Workshop on complex/algebraic dynamics, May 17–21, 2010 @ UIC

The first days are for students and postdocs only, while the final two days are open to everyone, with talks by Matt Baker, John Hubbard, Curt McMullen, Lucien Szpiro, and more! Information will be on the UIC website soon. This workshop is generously supported by the National Science Foundation.