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Dear SCRC conference participants,

Thank you for participating in SCRC's "Exploring the Renaissance 2017: An International Conference." This year marks our 65th conference meeting, and we will celebrate our rich history and our bright future with both long-time members and first-time participants. I look forward to welcoming you to Austin, Texas, on April 20-22nd, 2017. Springtime in our state capital is lovely, and Austin will charm you with food, music, and hospitality. Below I am providing some information to help you plan your stay in Austin. Please contact me if you have any other questions.

Conference Meeting Site and Technology

The conference will meet at the [Julius Glickman Conference Center](#) in the College of Liberal Arts building, a short walk from the hotel. A few of the sessions will be hosted in the nearby buildings, all within walking distance of the Glickman Center. All meeting rooms will have a computer, projector, and laptop connections.

Hotel

A block of rooms has been reserved for April 19-21st at the AT&T Executive Education and Conference Center on the University of Texas campus. Reservations rates are \$185/night. Reservations cut-off date is March 21, 2017. Reservations can be made through the conference registration website (listed below) to ensure the conference rate, or by phone using the SCRC code (UTSOUT0417). If you would like to reserve a room for Saturday, 4/22, please be aware that Austin will be hosting the Grand Prix of the Americas MOTOGP the same weekend of the conference, so Saturday rates, while still discounted, will be higher than the conference rate (\$249, a discount from the regular rate of \$329). Here is the hotel information:

AT&T Executive Conference Center and Hotel
1900 University Avenue
Austin, TX 78705
Phone: (512) 404-1900 or 877-744-8822
Conference Web Site: <https://resweb.passkey.com/go/UTSOUT0417>

Travel

Our local airport is the Austin-Bergstrom International Airport. The conference hotel does not provide shuttle services, but public bus transportation is available through Capital Metro, and taxis are available. Ride sharing is available through GetMe, RideAustin (a non-profit ride sharing organization), and FARE. See the [ABIA's transportation page](#) for more information.

Campus Attractions

The University of Texas is home to the renowned [Harry Ransom Center](#) library. Their spring exhibition is “Stories to Tell: Selections from the HRC” and will feature over 250 items from the collections including manuscripts of David Foster Wallace, Julia Alvarez, and Gabriel García Márquez, Henri Matisse's *Jazz*, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's spirit photographs, and the hat that accompanied the green curtain dress worn by Vivien Leigh in *Gone With The Wind*. On permanent display is a Gutenberg bible and the first photograph. The library's materials and reading room are open to scholars; please see their website for information on using the collections.

UT is also home to the [Blanton Museum of Art](#), the [LBJ Presidential Library](#), and an impressive public arts program called [Landmarks](#). One of the most exciting Landmark's exhibits is the “[The Color Inside](#),” a Skyspace by James Turrell. It is housed at Student Activity Center building, next door to the College of Liberal Arts building. This exhibit is free to the public, but reservations are required for the light sequences at sunrise and sunset and can be made through the website (see link above).

Again, please contact me if you have any other questions, and welcome to Texas!

Sincerely,



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