

DISCCRS III Travel and Logistics

AIR TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS:

We have arranged for Greg Jones/Carlson Wagonlit Travel here in Walla Walla to assist you in your travel plans. Mention you are with the **DISCCRS Symposium group**, since your names are on file. They will direct bill our office for your airline ticket.

DISCCRS Symposium Group at

Greg Jones/Carlson Wagonlit Travel (ask for **Petra** or **Greg**)

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The most efficient way to communicate is by e-mail.

The ticket will be purchased in your name through a grant from the U.S. National Science Foundation. It is non-refundable but can be changed for a fee¹. You will be responsible for any change fees. You may also purchase your own ticket if you can find a lower rate than the one you find through Greg Jones Travel and our office will reimburse you after the symposium. If you are flying outside the USA, you absolutely must fly on a US carrier to be reimbursed. If you purchase your own ticket be sure to send disccrs@whitman.edu a copy of your itinerary.

There are two airports on Hawaii Island. **Hilo Airport** is ½ hour from the KMC and our office will provide **shuttles between the Hilo airport and the KMC**, as well as the cost for a one-week pass to the National Park (since KMC is in Volcanoes National Park). The shuttle departs Hilo airport at 11:00 am, 1:30 pm, 3:45 pm and 6:30 pm. The return shuttle departs KMC at 8:30 am, noon, 2:30 pm and 4:45 pm. Note that it only runs 4 times a day; plan your Hilo flights around this. The other airport is at Kona, which is a three-hour drive from the KMC. If you choose the Kona airport, you will need to provide your own transportation to the Hilo airport to catch the KMC shuttle or go directly to the KMC. You will be responsible for all travel expenses other than airfare and the Hilo-KMC shuttle.

Please book your flight as soon as possible:

Please purchase your ticket ASAP and **NO LATER THAN August 16** so that we can get the least-cost fare. If you book after that date and the price of tickets rises, you will need to pay for the difference in cost.

¹ You will be responsible for any costs to make changes to your symposium air ticket. If you choose not to attend the symposium after the ticket is purchased, you can use the ticket for another time or destination, and, unless there is some sort of emergency, you will be responsible for reimbursing Whitman College for the price of the ticket.

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The first "official" symposium event will be a dinner and reception for participants and the symposium mentors, scheduled to begin at 5:00 pm on Sunday. It will take you approximately ½ to reach KMC from the airport. So, you should try to arrange a flight that gets to the airport in time to catch the 3:45 pm shuttle on Monday, September 10, 2007. The meeting officially closes after breakfast Monday, September 17, 2007. You can schedule your return flight for any time on Sunday but be aware that the KMC-Hilo shuttle does not depart the symposium site until 8:30 am.

ROOM AND MEALS AT KILAUEA MILITARY CAMP

Your room and meals at Kilauea Military Camp (KMC) will be covered by the DISCCRS office through a grant from the U. S. National Science Foundation starting with lunch on Monday September 10, 2007 through breakfast on Monday September 17, 2007. You may extend the reservations yourself at the discounted conference rate of \$90/day for a 6-person dorm room. The per-person rate will vary from \$15-\$90 depending on the number in the room. We encourage you to use this opportunity to extend your visit before the meeting to recover from jet lag and explore the area (KMC is in Volcanoes National Park, please visit their website at www.kmc-volcano.com). As you can see from the map at <http://www.konacoast.net/images/maps/hawaii%20isle%20road%20map.jpg> the site is isolated but there is a lot to explore in the immediate area.

We encourage you to take advantage of the location and come early to explore the area. If you would like to stay at the KMC before the start of the symposium on May 10, the KMC has offered to extend its conference rate. Bunk rooms are available for \$90/night and have beds for six people. The KMC offers several tours that might be of interest:

Volcano Chain of Craters Road Tour:

Monday, Thursday, & Sunday Mornings, 8:30 a.m. – Noon
Route is through Chain of Craters Road, past Mauna Ulu and Lava River Bed Lookout.
Adult \$18.00/Child \$9.00

Volcano Crater Rim Tour:

Monday, Thursday, & Sunday Afternoons, 1:00 – 4:15 p.m
Learn about the rich history of Hawaii's volcanoes. The 11-mile crater rim drive lets you discover the Thomas A. Jaggar Museum, Halema'uma'u Crater, Thurston Lava Tube, Kilauea 'Iki, Kilauea Visitor Center, Volcano House and Volcano Art Center. Adult \$18.00/Child \$9.00

Hilo Tour:

Wednesday & Saturday, 8:30 a.m. – 4:15 p.m.
Enjoy the charm of Hilo Town and its surrounding community. Tour includes Hilo Farmer's Market, Akaka Falls, Rainbow Falls, Big Island Candies, Lili'uokalani Park, Mauna Loa Macadamia Nut Farm, and Akatsuka Orchid Garden.
Adult \$26.00/Child \$13.00

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Circle Island Tour:

Tuesday & Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Explore the beauty of the Big Island. Set foot onto a black sand beach, sample fresh baked local breads, view lush tropical rainforests, stark lava fields, green country pastures and everything in between! Tour highlights include the Punalu'u Black Sand Beach, Punalu'u Bake Shop, Pu'uuhonua O Honaunau (Place of Refuge; \$3.00 entry fee not included), Kailua-Kona, Waimea Country and Hamakua Coast.

Adult \$34.00/Child \$17.00