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24th NSF EPSCoR NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Collaboration: Advancing the Role of Science in the Service of Society

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Conference Objectives

- Showcase EPSCoR's broad societal contributions: focus on collaboration
- Share knowledge and build collaboration;
- Enhance effective collaboration within and across EPSCoR jurisdictions and beyond;
- Advance EPSCoR programs' ability to engage in effective interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary collaboration;
- Promote collaboration across the workforce continuum; and
- Build capacity among faculty, staff, students and Statewide Committees to communicate the value of research and its broader impacts to a range of audiences, including legislators.

Conference Design Highlights

- 2 Days
- Engaged dialog and collaborative problem solving
- Contract / agreement: plans for continued collaboration across jurisdictions
- Communication training
- Pre-conference workshop
- Afternoon breakout sessions by research topic
- Evening activities continue theme of communication, collaboration

Sunday, Nov. 1

- **Preconference Workshop: Building Collaborative Capacity**
- **1-5 p.m.**
 - Learn how to measure collaboration within your own project
 - Track development of collaborations over time
 - Increase capacity to develop more effective collaborative practices
 - Develop a contract tailored for the needs of your jurisdiction
- **Poster set up**
- **Reception, 5-7 p.m.**
- **Dinner on your own**

Monday, Nov. 2

- Plenary session at the Portsmouth Music Hall
 - Keynote speaker: The Impact of Collaborative Science
 - Panel discussion: Societal engagement by EPSCoR Institutions
 - Communicating science interactive session (Alan Alda Center)
- Distilling your message training (limited)
- Facilitated breakout sessions by topic (solicited during registration)
- Poster session
- Applied theatre on collaborative processes in higher education
- Dinner on your own (by theme)

Tuesday, Nov. 3

- Plenary session at the Portsmouth Music Hall
 - Speaker and panel: Science of Team Science
- State Committee Chairs Address the EPSCoR Trifecta: Research, Science & Technology, and Economic Development
- Track 3 Panel Session: **National Models for Broadening Participation**
- Facilitated breakout sessions by research topic
- Distilling your Message: Legislators and State Committees
- Alda Improv-based Training
- Conference evaluation discussion
- Dinner on your own (by theme)
- Science Café (optional)

Wednesday, Nov. 4

- PD/PA/EOD meeting
- Need input from the councils for developing the agenda
- Adjourn at 11:30



Communication: Essential Element of Collaboration

- Alan Alda Center for Communicating Science
 - Plenary session and workshops (limited seats)
 - **Improvisation for Scientists:** Theater exercises that help you connect more directly with listeners. It's not about acting or comedy – it's about paying dynamic attention to the people you're talking with.
 - **Distilling Your Message:** How to talk clearly and conversationally about complex science without “dumbing it down.”
- Applied theatre on collaborative processes in higher education



Facilitated Breakout Sessions

- Advance plans for NSF workshops, data sharing, incubation of new research ideas and proposals.
- Monday:
 - Brief presentation from each jurisdiction (or video).
 - Group discussion to identify best practices and challenges in communication and collaboration
- Tuesday:
 - Focus on cross-jurisdictional opportunities for advancing communication and collaboration such as:
 - Recruitment of graduate students and post-docs
 - Research collaborations
 - Site visits to support leadership development of junior faculty, post-docs, graduate students
 - NSF workshop planning
 - Reporting out to whole group

Registration

- Opens March 15, closes September 15
 - Sign up early! No late registrations possible
 - **Registrations should be coordinated by jurisdiction**
 - Begin with registration open to jurisdictions before publicly open
- Limit: 12 attendees per jurisdiction
 - Legislator(s), State committee member(s)
 - State director(s)
 - PDs/PAs/ EODs
 - Early career faculty, post-docs, graduate students

Expenses

- Registration fee: Estimated \$225
 - Waived for students (2)
- Additional costs:
 - Wed. a.m. PD/PA/EOD meeting: \$35 (optional)
 - Dinners on your own
 - Parking

Reimbursements

- Travel reimbursements of up to \$1500 (3)
- State committee chairs who serve as panelists:
 - Reimbursement for travel up to \$1500
 - \$500 stipend
 - Registration is NOT waived.
- Faculty who serve as panelists or facilitators:
 - Reimbursement for travel up to \$1500
 - Waived registration fee
- Travel reimbursements and stipend requests **must** be submitted by the jurisdiction's EPSCoR office.

Downtown Portsmouth

- Lodging at 5 hotels: Block rates \$160-165
- Restaurants
- Shops
- Music Hall
- Waterfront
- Historic sites



Conference information

- Website: www.nsfepscor2015.org
- Contact information
- Registration, lodging, travel tips
 - Link to Guidebook
- Sign up for Guidebook: phone, tablet, laptop
 - Conference program and schedule
 - Schedule changes: email alert
 - Program evaluation, comments
 - Downtown businesses, attractions



Provide an up-to-date agenda

Attendees can browse around or search for sessions by keyword. Personal to-do lists and schedules keep them on track, and last-minute changes are a snap!



Send instant push messages

Your team can send important updates to users' phones—even if the app isn't open.



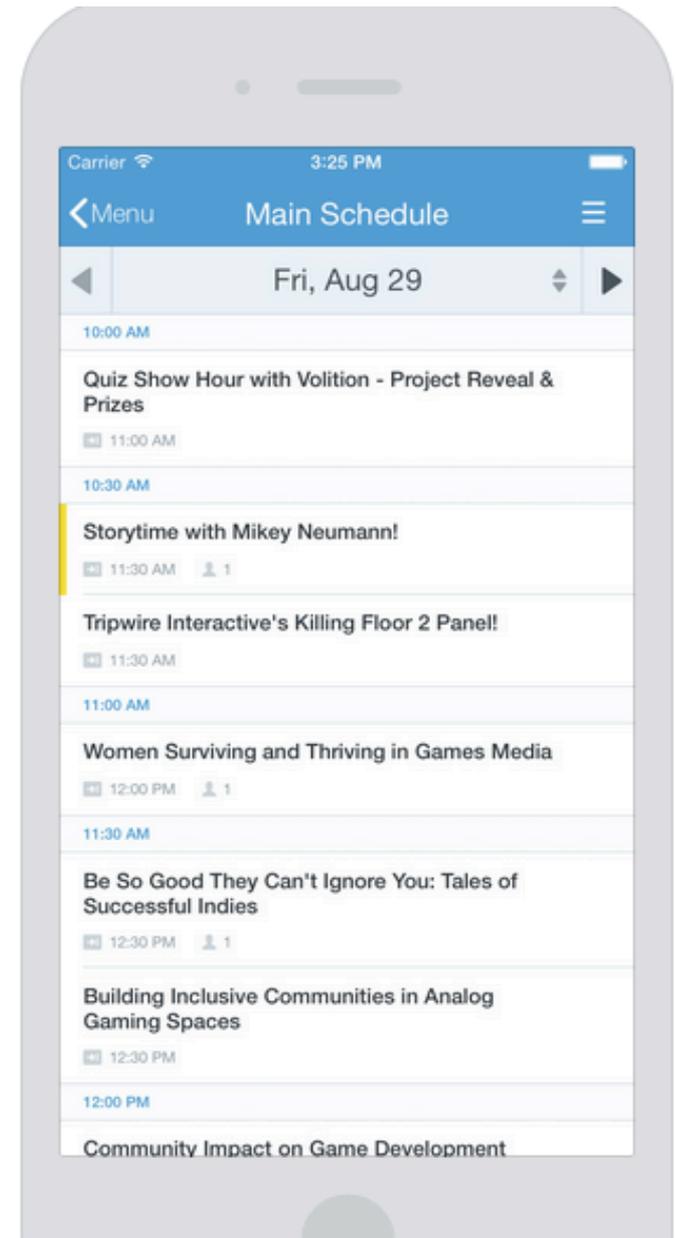
Gather real-time feedback

Request feedback while your attendees are onsite, thinking about the event or a specific session. See results in real-time.



Interact with the audience

Speaker presentations are a two-way street. With live polling, attendees answer polls right from their mobile guide.





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Area Attractions

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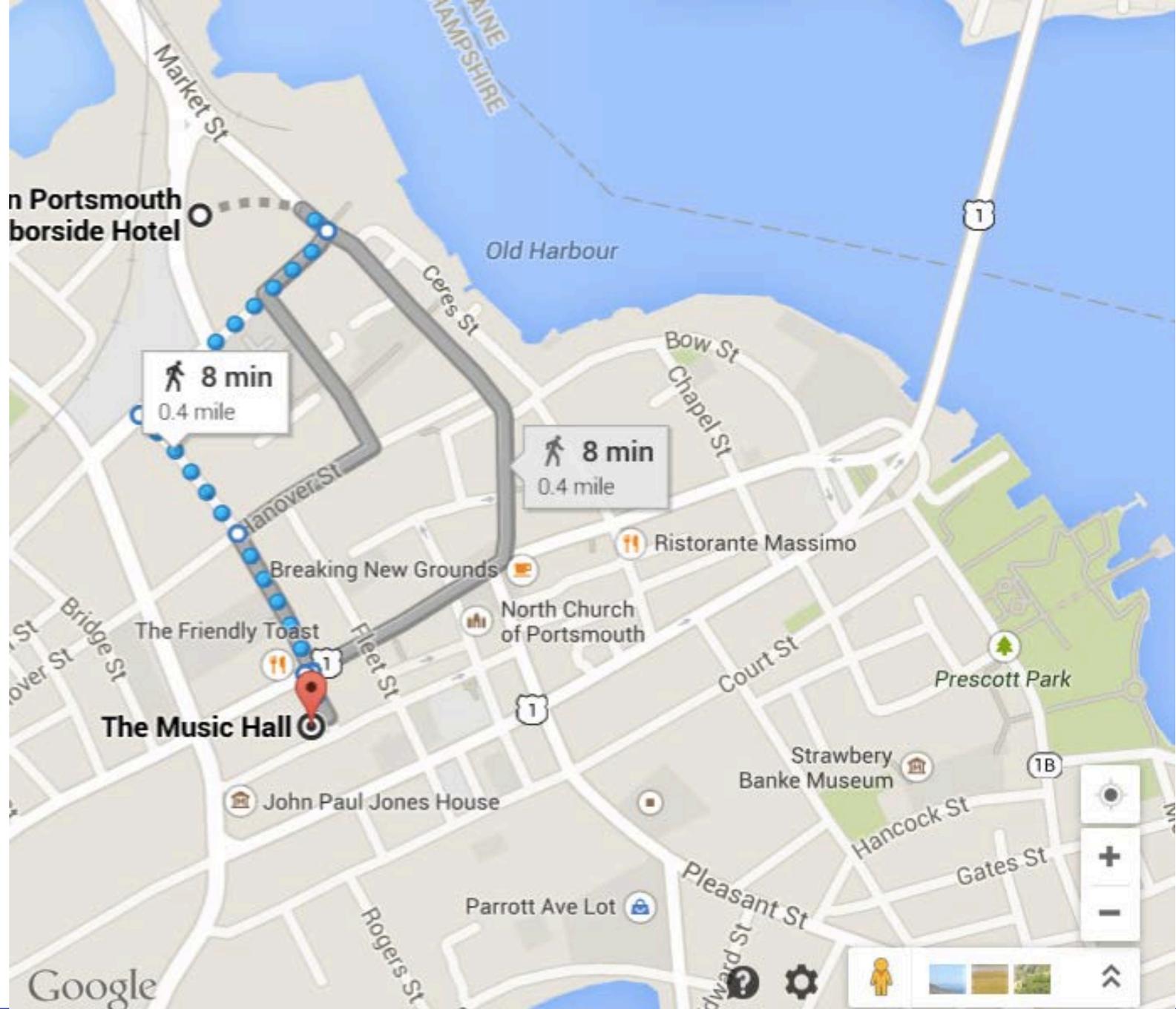
LOCATION

[Sheraton](#)

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Tips for planning your trip

- Bring comfortable shoes! Lots of walking
 - Trolley to and from the Music Hall events
- November weather: Cool (40s-50s) and possibly wet
- Transportation info will be on website
 - No hotel shuttles from airports.
 - Manchester NH, Boston MA, Portland ME airports
 - Bus transportation available, taxi from station
 - Parking fees and availability vary: check with hotel
- Extending your stay? Coming early?
 - Hotels have limited “shoulder” room blocks



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