

## Collections for the 21st Century

a symposium

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University of Florida, Gainesville, 5-6 May 2014

### Contact for Questions or Problems:

If you encounter logistical issues prior to or upon your arrival in Gainesville and require assistance, we encourage you to contact Project Assistant Cathy Bester at 352.294.1949, Project Manager David Jennings at 352.273.1906, or iDigBio IT Expert Kevin Love at 352.294.1924. More information regarding this Symposium can be found at [https://www.idigbio.org/wiki/index.php/Collections\\_for\\_the\\_21st\\_Century](https://www.idigbio.org/wiki/index.php/Collections_for_the_21st_Century).

### Travel to Gainesville FL:

If you are a speaker, your travel arrangements have been coordinated and finalized by Cathy Bester; you should have already received all travel details in a separate email. If you have any remaining travel questions, please contact Cathy at [cbester@flmnh.ufl.edu](mailto:cbester@flmnh.ufl.edu).

### Shuttles from the Gainesville (GNV) airport to the Holiday Inn:

The Holiday Inn will provide shuttle service from the Gainesville airport to the hotel. When you reach the Gainesville airport, if the shuttle is not already onsite, call the Holiday Inn at 352-376-1661 to request a shuttle pick-up. If the shuttle is unavailable, taxis are usually available at the airport and can be called to pick you up by pushing the red 'Taxi Button' outside the front entrance to the airport. Also, Bestway Cab is a local taxi service and may be reached at 352-367-8222. Taxi to/from the airport is \$20-25.

### Hotel and Symposium Locations:

#### Hotel Address

Holiday Inn University Center  
1250 W. University Ave.  
Gainesville, FL 32601  
Phone: 352-376-1661  
<http://www.theuniversityhotel.com/>

#### Symposium Venue Address

Emerson Alumni Hall  
1938 W. University Ave.  
Gainesville FL 32604  
<http://www.ufalumni.ufl.edu/contact/>

**Hotel Check-in:**

A block of rooms has been reserved for Symposium participants and speakers. Participants are responsible for reserving and paying for their lodging from this block of rooms. Rooms at the iDigBio group rate are only available until **April 22**. Funded speakers only need to check in as part of the iDigBio room block; their lodging will be paid by iDigBio via direct bill from the Holiday Inn.

**Shuttles to Symposium Venue:**

The distance between the Holiday Inn and Emerson Alumni Hall is 0.6 miles, which is within walking distance. If you choose not to walk, you can either (1) request the shuttle at the Holiday Inn front desk or (2) take the #5 westbound city bus that stops in front of the Holiday Inn and will drop you off approx. 1 block east of Emerson Hall at NW 19<sup>th</sup> St. For more information on how to use the Gainesville RTS, visit <http://go-rts.com/>. The fare is \$1.50 each way.

**Symposium Check-in:**

Name tags and wireless information will be distributed as participants arrive at the symposium location on May 5th. Power for laptops and wireless access information will be provided for all participants. Symposium materials, PowerPoint presentations, Logistics document, and associated collaborative documents will be hosted on the symposium

Wiki: [https://www.idigbio.org/wiki/index.php/Collections\\_for\\_the\\_21st\\_Century](https://www.idigbio.org/wiki/index.php/Collections_for_the_21st_Century). All speakers should send a copy of their PowerPoint presentation to Kevin Love ([klove@flmnh.ufl.edu](mailto:klove@flmnh.ufl.edu)) for posting ahead of time, or bring it on a thumb drive.

**Reception:**

There will be a reception on Monday, May 5, from 6:30-9:00pm at the Florida Museum of Natural History (FLMNH). Heavy hors d'oeuvres will be served, and there will be a cash bar. Museum exhibits will be open. Pre-arranged shuttle transportation will be available to transport attendees from the Holiday Inn to Powell Hall (FLMNH) at 6:15pm, with pickup at Powell Hall at 9:00pm for return to the Holiday Inn.

**Meals and Other Related Activities:**

Light breakfast along with coffee, juice, and tea will be available onsite at Emerson Alumni Hall beginning at 8 am on Monday and Tuesday. In addition, mid-morning and mid-afternoon break refreshments will be provided. Alternatively, a full breakfast menu is available each morning at Beef O'Bradys, located at the Holiday Inn. Other meals are on your own; see attached local restaurant information.

### **Field Trips:**

Two field trips are being offered to Symposium attendees:

1. La Chua Trail at Paynes Prairie Preserve State Park, a large marsh and wetlands on the southern edge of Gainesville (<http://www.floridahikes.com/paynes-prairie-lachua>), is a popular birding site with an impressive population of alligators. The round-trip hike is about 3 miles on flat land, and you are guaranteed to see dozens of (small to very large) alligators and other wildlife. This trip is free of charge.
2. A canoe trip on the Ichetucknee River at Ichetucknee Springs State Park (<http://www.floridastateparks.org/ichetuckneesprings>). This is a spectacularly beautiful river about one hour from Gainesville. It takes ~2 hours to complete the trip – paddling downstream on a spring-fed, gently flowing river (very easy!). Total time to/from Gainesville will be 4-5 hours, and the cost is \$35/person including transportation, canoe (or kayak) and park entry.

If you wish to go on either of these field trips, please email Adania ([aflemming@flmnh.ufl.edu](mailto:aflemming@flmnh.ufl.edu)) by **April 20** so transportation can be arranged.

### **Shuttles to the Gainesville (GNV) airport from the Holiday Inn:**

During your stay at the Holiday Inn, schedule the hotel shuttle for your return to the airport at the front desk.

### **Reimbursement Procedures:**

Project Assistant Cathy Bester will send out an email to supported symposium speakers with details on reimbursement procedures during the week following the symposium. Any meals not provided as workshop functions and during travel will be reimbursed at the state per diem rate (Breakfast \$6, Lunch \$11, Dinner \$19); no receipts are needed. Taxi fares, parking fees, and baggage fees may qualify for reimbursement – please retain your original receipts showing form of payment. If you have any questions, please contact Cathy at 352.294.1949 or [cbester@flmnh.ufl.edu](mailto:cbester@flmnh.ufl.edu)

**Area Restaurants (Walking Distance from Emerson Hall and the Holiday Inn):**

How Do You Roll	Sushi	1802 West University Ave
Flacos	Cuban food	1702 West University Ave
Designer Greens	Gourmet salads and flatbread	1702 West University Ave
Relish	Hamburgers	1702 West University Ave
Tatu	Sushi	1702 West University Ave
Pita Pit	Quick pitas including veg options	1702 West University Ave
Copper Monkey	Hamburgers, veg burgers, etc.	1702 West University Ave
The Swamp	Sandwiches and salads	1642 West University Ave
Sushi Chao	Sushi, Chinese buffet style	1620 West University Ave
The Coop	Tenders, wings and shakes	1620 West University Ave
Planet Smoothie	Smoothies	1620 West University Ave
Larry's Giant Subs	Subs, sandwiches	1620 West University Ave
Chipotle	Mexican	1432 West University Ave
Firehouse subs	Sandwiches	1412 West University Ave
Burrito Brothers	Mexican	1402 West University Ave
The Bistro	Pasta, salads and sandwiches	1245 West University Ave
Bagels and Noodles	Breakfast/noodles	1222 West University Ave – good for breakfast
Gyro Plus	Mediterranean/Greek food	1011 West University Ave
Leonardo's 706	Italian/Mediterranean food	706 West University Ave – good for dinner
El Indio	Takeout Mexican food	407 NW 13th St
Beef 'O' Brady's	(at the Holiday Inn)	1250 NW 13th St – good for breakfast