The 2011 Upstate Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation (ULSAMP) Conference will be held on March 4-5, 2011 at Cornell University and the focus of the conference is Progress Maximized. This two-day event is a professional development opportunity for students and also presents the chance for students to demonstrate their contributions to Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) scholarship by displaying their research posters. Further, this conference provides Upstate’s STEM educators/administrators, researchers and corporate representatives the opportunity to network and share resources to continue to diversify STEM fields especially at the advanced degree level.

The attendees will be comprised of undergraduate and graduate students pursuing STEM degrees who attend the ULSAMP partner institutions which are Clarkson University, Cornell University, Monroe Community College, Onondaga Community College, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Rochester Institute of Technology, and Syracuse University. Other surrounding area colleges and universities are invited and highly encouraged to attend.

The ULSAMP program is supported by the National Science Foundation (NSF). NSF funds research and education in most fields of science and engineering that are administrated through formed alliances between universities and colleges. It does this through grants and cooperative agreements to more than 2,000 colleges, universities, K-12 school systems, businesses, informal science organizations and other research organizations throughout the United States. The goal of our alliance is to increase and aid in the retention of traditionally underrepresented minority groups in the STEM and to develop pipelines from the bachelors to advanced degrees.

The ULSAMP Conference will offer:

**Excellent Recruitment and Networking Opportunities for:**
- Students (Transfer, Undergraduate, and Graduate)
- Program Administrators
- Academic Institutions

**Conference Highlights:**
- Captivating Research Poster Session
- Impactful Student Workshops
- Dynamic Keynote Speakers

Who should attend?

**STEM Students in search of:**
- Research Opportunities
- Graduate Education Opportunities
- Information Regarding Career Pathways

**STEM Faculty & Administrators interested in:**
- Broadening Participation in STEM
- Capitalizing on the successes of enhanced diversity to maximize the retention and graduation of undergraduate and graduate students
- Collaborating and leveraging focused programs that provide
- opportunities to build upon the existing resources

Conference Location

Cornell University
College of Engineering (Duffield Hall and Olin Hall)
Ithaca, NY 14853
CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

Register Here: ULSAMP REGISTRATION

Registration Includes:
- Access to all events
- Conference materials
- Meals:
  
  * Friday: Reception. *(There is a reception on Friday night; however, dinner will be on your own.)*
  
  * Saturday: Continental Breakfast, Breaks, and Lunch*

Fee
- There is not a registration fee.
- *However, all ULSAMP Conference participants must complete a registration.*

Registration Confirmations
- Registration confirmation sent via email within 24 hours of receiving completed registration information.

Cancellations
- Provide notice of cancellations prior to March 1, 2011.
- Send cancellations to DPENG@cornell.edu

Conference Attire
Business Casual attire is appropriate for all conference activities.

Special Meal Requests
Please be sure to indicate on your registration form if you require a special meal request (vegetarian, vegan, diabetic, kosher, etc) during meal events. We will do our best to accommodate. Meals are pre-ordered before the conference; thus, special meal requests received onsite cannot be guaranteed.

Persons with Disabilities
We strive to host a conference that is accessible to all. Please be sure to indicate on your registration form if you require any special accommodations to participate in this event. Special requests received onsite or less than two weeks before the conference cannot be guaranteed. However, we will do our best to assist you.

DEADLINES

- Registration Feb. 28, 2011
- Call for Abstracts Feb. 28, 2011
- Cancellation March 1, 2011
Abstract Selection Procedure
- Confirmation of submission, acceptance and/or denial will be communicated via email on a rolling basis.
- Acceptance as a poster presenter for the 2011 ULSAMP Conference does not cover the cost of travel to the meeting or printing of poster materials.
- Please note that by submitting an abstract, the submitter agrees to attend the meeting and present the poster.
- Poster presenters must register to attend the conference.

Deadline
- Abstracts must follow the required format and must be submitted online by 11:59 PM, February 28, 2011.
- We encourage you to submit early to ensure prompt confirmation and processing.

POSTER GUIDELINES

Poster Format
- The Poster board display surface provided will be 36 x 48 inches (91 x 122 cm).
- Mount poster by landscape (36 x 48 inches) or portrait (48 x 36 inches).
- Limit the size of your entire poster or poster section to fit on the display board provided by the conference organizers.

Poster Assembly
- Saturday, March 5 from 7:30 AM-8:30 AM
- Easels and mounting materials will be provided.
- No other equipment will be available in the poster presentation area (i.e. computers, DVD players, projectors etc).

Poster Presentation Session Format
- Posters will be available for viewing on Saturday, March 5 from 11 AM-12 PM
- Poster presenters are required to be present by their poster display 10 minutes prior to the start of the session.
- Posters will be grouped by subject area.
- Poster presenters are available for presentation and discussion of the poster from 11am to 12pm.
# CONFERENCE AGENDA

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Speakers: Drs. Richard Allmendinger, Eric Spina, & Lance Collins

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ACCOMMODATIONS

Courtyard by Marriott Ithaca
29 Thornwood Drive
Ithaca, NY 14850

Holiday Inn Ithaca Downtown
222 South Cayuga Street
Ithaca, NY 14850

METHOD OF RESERVATION
Courtyard by Marriott Ithaca
(866) 541-3600

Holiday Inn Ithaca Downtown
http://www.hiithaca.com/

AMENITIES

- Complimentary on-site parking
- Complimentary WiFi in guest rooms
- Complimentary Shuttle service to Cornell and the Commons available from 6:30 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.
- Complimentary limited on-site parking
- Complimentary Local Area Shuttle
- Free wireless internet access
- 24-hour Business Center and free local fax, print and copy services.

TRAVEL & PARKING

Directions to Campus
For door-to-door tailored directions, please visit Google Maps:

Google Map directions:
To Duffield Hall
Type in — Phillips Hall, Ithaca, NY 14850
or
Type in — Pew Engineering Quad, Ithaca, NY 14850

Parking
Hoy Road Parking Garage (Hoy Road, Ithaca, NY)
- Purchase Visitor’s Parking Pass at the Transportation Booth (Friday, 7am-5pm)
- Parking in Hoy Garage is free after 5pm on Friday and free all day Saturday

Google Map directions:
To Parking Garage & Transportation Booth:
Type in — Hoy Road, Ithaca, NY

Cornell University Campus Map
Visitor Map