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TOPIC

During recent decades philosophers from diverse perspectives have extensively discussed the problem of the public sphere and the language, conflicts, and outcomes it can organize. Liberal understandings of politics and public life have been challenged by feminists, critical race theorists, and radical democrats. In view of structural change and the crisis of dominant political institutions, it has become clear that our understanding of politics needs careful reformulation. We need to develop new conceptions of what it means to be political, how the individual and the self are politically situated in the world, and how political action and resistance (or transformations) are possible. This second workshop for social and political thought at Michigan State University will bring these perspectives together and discuss new perspectives for understanding the political sphere within our current social situation.

SPEAKERS and COMMENTATORS

Amy Allen (Dartmouth College); Feminism, Foucault, Continental Philosophy; author of *The Politics of Our Selves: Power, Autonomy, and Gender in Contemporary Critical Theory*

Todd Hedrick (Michigan State University); Critical Theory, Habermas, Philosophy of Law, Social and Political Philosophy

Simon Critchley (New School); Poststructuralism, Continental Philosophy, author of *Infinitely Demanding: Ethics of Commitment, Politics of Resistance, Things Merely Are: Philosophy in the Poetry of Wallace Stevens, Continental Philosophy: A Very Short Introduction, On Humour*

Kristie Dotson (Michigan State University); Feminism, Critical Race Theory, Epistemology, Social and Political Philosophy, editor of *Race, Hybridity and Miscegenation*

Robert Gooding-Williams (University of Chicago), Critical Race Theory, Nietzsche, Social and Political Philosophy, author of *Zarathustra's Dionysian Modernism, Look, a Negro!: Philosophical Essays on Race, Culture and Politics*

Roberto Nigro (Michigan State University); Foucault, Marx, Social and Political Philosophy; editor/translator of *Foucault, Introduction to Kant's Anthropology*

SCHEDULE

Friday, March 27

Arrival speakers

Saturday, March 28

9:00-9:20 Opening Remarks, Richard Peterson (MSU); Christian Lotz (MSU)

9:20-10:20 Robert Gooding-Williams (University of Chicago): *Tommie Shelby's Political Foundationalism: A Critique*

10:20-10:45 Comments: Kristie Dotson (MSU)

10:45-11:00 Coffee Break

11:00-12:00 Discussion

12:00-2:00 Lunch Break

2:00-3:00 Amy Allen (Dartmouth College): *The Force of Reason: Rereading the Dialectic of Enlightenment*

3:00-3:25 Comments: Todd Hedrick (MSU)

3:25-3:45 Coffee break

3:45-5:30 Discussion

6:30 Reception

Sunday, March 29

9:30-10:30 Simon Critchley (New School): *The Catechism of the Citizen*

10:35-11:00 Comments: Roberto Nigro (MSU)

11:00-11:15 Coffee Break

11:15-12:30 Discussion and final roundtable Lunch/Departure

LOCATION

All sessions will be held in the International Center, room 115.

LODGING

Speakers:

Kellogg Hotel & Conference Center

Michigan State University
55 South Harrison Road
East Lansing, MI 48824-1022
Phone: (517) 432-4000
Reservation Line: (800) 875-5090
Webpage: <http://www.kelloggcenter.com/>

Alternative:

East Lansing Marriott® at University Place

300 M.A.C. Avenue
East Lansing, Michigan 48823 (see map)
Phone: 1-517-337-4440
Fax: 1-517-337-5001
Sales: 1-517-337-4440
Webpage: <http://marriott.com/property/propertypage/LANEA>

Both hotels are in walking distance to campus.

Other hotels close to campus:

Residence Inn by Marriott

1600 East Grand River Avenue
East Lansing, Michigan 48823 (see map)
Phone: 1-517-332-7711

Quality Inn University

3121 E Grand River Ave
Lansing, MI 48912
Phone: 1-800-664-6835
(Rates \$77 and up)

Towneplace Suites East Lansing

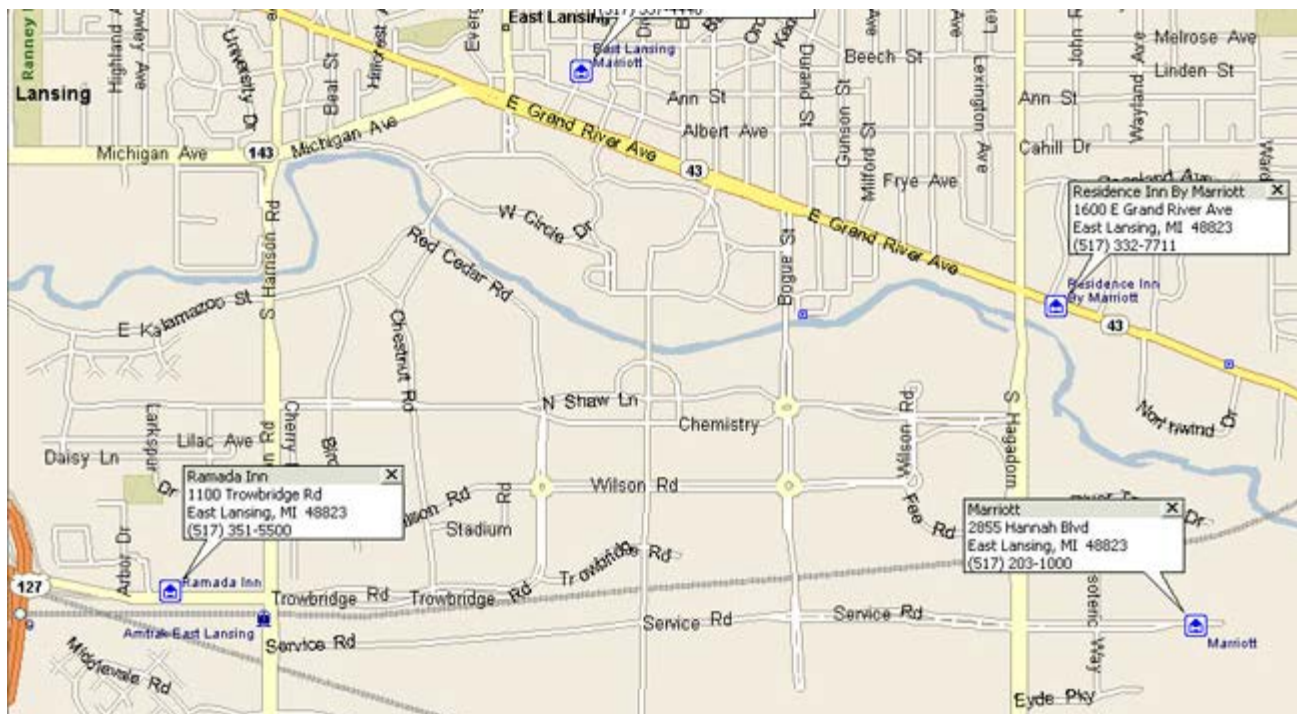
2855 Hannah Blvd
East Lansing, MI 48823 (see map)
Phone: 1-800-754-6835
(Rates \$89 and up)

Howard Johnson East Lansing

1100 Trowbridge Rd
East Lansing, MI 48823 (see map)
(Rates \$69 and up)

Fairfield Inn By Marriott East Lansing

2335 Woodlake Dr
Okemos, MI 48864
Phone: 1-800-754-6835
(Rates \$80 and up)



Ramada Inn = Howard Johnson
Marriott = Towneplace Suites

A Super-8-motel is located close to campus, but the rooms are almost unacceptable.

If you travel by car, check out <http://www.hotels.com> (include Lansing in your search)

DRIVING DIRECTIONS

From Traverse City or Points North via I-75

Proceed south on I-75 to US-127 near Grayling. Proceed south on US-127 to East Lansing. Take the Trowbridge Road exit. Follow Trowbridge Road east to Michigan State University.

From Detroit or Points East via I-96

Proceed west on I-96 to northbound US-127; follow US-127 north to East Lansing. Take the Trowbridge Road exit. Follow Trowbridge Road east to Michigan State University.

From Grand Rapids or Points West via I-96

Proceed east on I-96 to eastbound I-69. Proceed east on I-69 to southbound US-127. Take US-127 south to East Lansing. Take the Trowbridge Road exit. Follow Trowbridge Road east to Michigan State University.

From Flint or Points East via I-69

Proceed southwest on I-69 to southbound US-127. Take US-127 south to East Lansing. Take the Trowbridge Road exit.

From Jackson or Points South via US-127

Proceed north on US-127 to East Lansing. Take the Trowbridge Road exit. Follow Trowbridge Road east to Michigan State University.

FLIGHT CONNECTIONS

Area airports are in [Lansing](#), [Detroit](#) and [Flint](#).

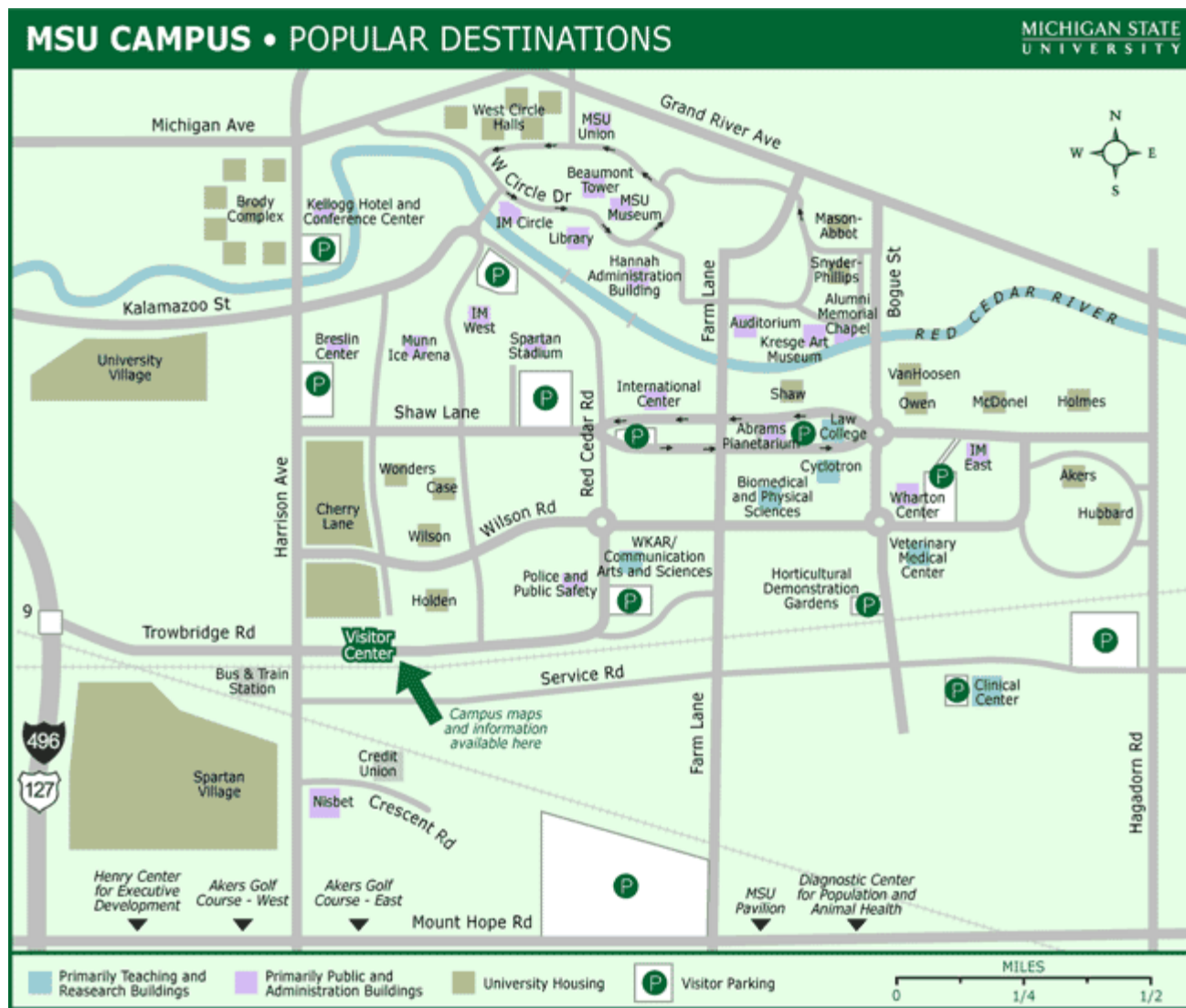
AMTRAK

[East Lansing](#) and [Jackson](#) have AMTRAK-stations.

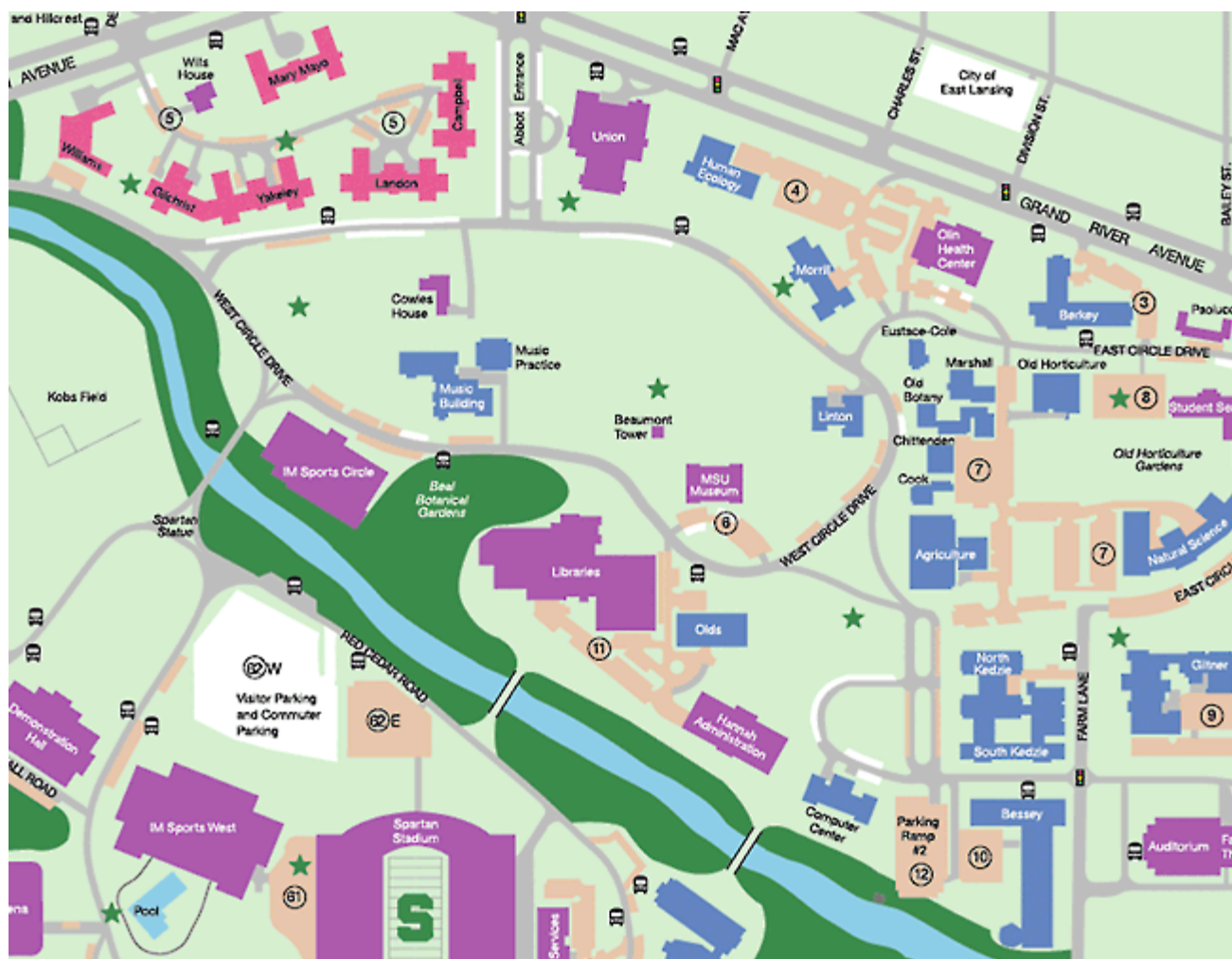
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CAMPUS MAP



DETAILED CAMPUS MAP



You'll find South Kedzie Hall in the lower right corner, west of Farm Lane.

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SPONSORS

This event has been made possible by generous support from the *College of Arts and Letters*, the *Philosophy Department*, the *English Department*, the *Anthropology Department*, the *History Department*, and the *James Madison College*.

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There is no registration fee connected to this workshop, but we would much appreciate it if you could let us know by email (lotz@msu.edu / fent@msu.edu) or by phone (517.355.4490) if you are interested in participating in this event.



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