



Indigenous Peoples Specialty Group  
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Association of American Geographers



## **IPSG DC Pre-conference Gathering**

*Pre-conference gathering: 12-13 April 2010, Arlington, VA*  
*Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting: 14-18 April 2010, DC*

### **General Info**

Following in the footsteps of our previous co-chairs, this year's pre-conference meeting in DC will bring together geographers who work with Indigenous Peoples. This gathering will nurture those relationships we have already established as well as those we have yet to make. We will have an opportunity to learn about the Piscataway and the Accokeek Foundation, <http://www.accokeek.org/>; share a lunch together; visit St. Ignatius Church, founded in 1641 where Piscataway were converted to Catholicism; and tour both the NMAI Cultural Resources Center in Suitland, MD and the Museum on the Mall.

With regard to lodging, I hoped to find accommodations that were reasonably priced, near the Metro lines for easy access to popular DC attractions, free shuttle to/from Metro stop, free continental breakfast, and free wireless internet. The Comfort Inn Penatagon meets those needs, <http://www.comfortinn.com/hotel-arlington-virginia-VA383?promo=gglocal>. Please book your own rooms by Mar 15, 2010 and indicate you are with the Indigenous Peoples Specialty Group. If you would like to share a room to save on expenses but do not have a roommate in mind, I will attempt to match people up.

Free hotel shuttle is available from either Regan National Airport or DC Metro blue line Pentagon City metro station between the hours of 6:00am -10:00pm. The hotel shuttle services several hotels. Please plan ahead as it could take up to a half hour for the shuttle to arrive. Transportation details are on the pages that follow.

What better way to ease in to the high velocity AAG annual meeting than with a pre-conference gathering. There will be ample time to reconnect with old friends and 'tok stori' with new friends in a relaxing environment. Don't wait, make your lodging accommodations and send in your registration form and fee today. Early registration of \$75 due by Mar 15, 2010. Registration fee covers group gifts to our various hosts and special guests as well as the Monday "road trip".

### **Contact Info**

If you are interested in participating in the IPSG DC Preconference Gathering and need more information, please contact Renee Pualani Louis, IPSG co-chair, [mapdr@earthlink.net](mailto:mapdr@earthlink.net).



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### **Agenda**

#### **Sunday, Apr 11: Arrival at Comfort Inn Pentagon, Arlington, VA**

No specific plans made at this time. However, we may choose to gather at a restaurant to share a meal together. The cost of this meal is not included in registration.

#### **Monday, Apr 12: Road trip: Arlington-Accokeek-Port Tobacco-Suitland-Arlington**

8:30am Ride to Piscataway National Park

9:30am Accokeek Foundation; NMAI historian Dr. Gabrielle Tayac (Piscataway)

11:30am Ride to Port Tobacco

12noon Lunch on Monday (meal included in registration)

1:30am Ride to St. Ignatius Church – pending availability time

2:00pm Ride to Suitland

3:00pm NMAI Cultural Resources Center, Suitland

5:00pm Return to Comfort Inn Pentagon

Evening Discussion of IPSG Indigenous Peoples Research Ethics statement, location TBD

#### **Tuesday, Apr 13: NMAI Museum on the Mall, DC**

9:00am Take Metro Blue to NMAI,  
see [http://www.wmata.com/rider\\_tools/tripplanner/tripplanner\\_form\\_solo.cfm](http://www.wmata.com/rider_tools/tripplanner/tripplanner_form_solo.cfm)

10:00am NMAI museum tours

Lunch NMAI Cafeteria (meal not included in registration)

1:30-3:00pm Native American Rights Fund (NARF)

3:30-5:00pm US Board on Geographic Names Policy Discussion

5:30pm Take transportation of your choice to DC accommodation for the AAG conference