

# **St. George Tucker Society Meeting**

July 25-27, 2019  
Milledgeville, GA

## **Guide to Milledgeville, GA**

### ***Welcome & Introduction***

As the current vice president of the St. George Tucker Society, as well as program chair and local coordinator for this year's annual meeting, I, James "Trae" Welborn, am honored to welcome you to Milledgeville, Georgia and to the campus of Georgia College & State University for the 2019 annual conference meeting. Thank you for your continued interest in and support of the Tucker Society and helping to uphold the tradition of excellence established in past conferences.

As with any such endeavor, many people deserve hearty thanks for their efforts in bringing this meeting to fruition. Among our fellow Tuckerites/Tuckeroos, first and foremost, thank you to our president, Regina Sullivan, for her excellent leadership and especially for her guidance as I navigated the first year in "office" as well as this conference planning process for the first time. Another huge thank you to our treasurer, Otis Pickett, for his persistent support, guidance, and assistance in this process, as well as for his continued friendship and admirable allegiance to our mutual alma mater (Clemson University for those of you somehow still unaware of this fact). Thank you also to Tad Brown for his support and assistance, and for arranging the hospitality suite at the conference hotel. And thank you to everyone who agreed to participate in this year's program, be they longtime members or first-time attendees. We look forward to enlightening discussions of many diverse subjects with old and new colleagues and friends alike throughout the meeting.

Here on campus, we all owe a debt of gratitude to Matt Davis, Director of Historic Museums at GCSU, including the Old Governor's Mansion, the Sallie Ellis Davis House, and Flannery O'Connor's Andalusia. He and his staff at the Old Governor's Mansion have been most accommodating and extremely giving of their time, resources, and expertise, so please thank them for their efforts in helping to make this meeting a success. Thank you also to my friends and colleagues in the Department of History & Geography here at GCSU for their continued support not only of this meeting but across the board during my now four years here on campus. And thank you to the GCSU community, including the leadership in the College of Arts & Sciences for their continued support of our intellectual endeavors among colleagues and students alike. Finally, and most importantly, a gargantuan thank you to Ms. Amy Mimes, Office Coordinator for the Department of History & Geography. Without her herculean efforts in planning and executing all the logistical needs for the meeting, we would not be here together.

Again, thank you all for being here, and here's to an intellectually enlightening and socially enlivening meeting. Below please find a brief guide to Milledgeville for your reference and convenience. And as always, should you have any further questions or concerns, don't hesitate to contact me.

### ***Driving Directions to Milledgeville***

#### **[Directions from Interstate 20 \(East-West, connecting Birmingham/Atlanta/Augusta/Columbia/Florence\)](#)**

Whether eastbound from Birmingham/Atlanta or westbound from Augusta/Columbia/Florence, take I-20 to exit 114 (US 129/US 441 S, Madison/Eatonton)

## [Directions from Interstate 16 \(East-West, connecting Macon/Savannah\)](#)

## [Directions from Interstate 85 \(North\)](#)

## [Directions from Interstate 75 \(South\)](#)

### ***Conference Meeting Locations***

#### **Old Governor's Mansion, 120 S. Clarke St, Milledgeville, GA 31061**

The OGM is located across the street from Georgia College's "front campus" near the intersection of W. Hancock St. and Clarke St. Please use this [guest parking pass](#) for parking in Centennial Center Lot 1 (in green on campus map below). However, this lot is not the most convenient to the OGM and Heritage Hall. As with most college campuses, parking is limited on the GCSU campus, but there are several reserved parking spaces for Mansion visitors available along Clarke St. and Greene St. adjacent to the OGM, and un-metered 2-hour general parking is available along W. Hancock Street (from the intersection of W. Hancock and Wayne St. downtown to the intersection with Clarke St.) adjacent to the GCSU campus. Free and un-metered first-come, first-serve street-side parking is also available along W. Hancock St. (from the intersection with Clarke St. westward to the Jackson St. intersection) and along Clarke St. (from the intersection with Franklin St. southward to the W. Hancock St. intersection). Any of these options would be slightly more convenient to the Mansion if available. Otherwise, please use the guest parking pass to park in Centennial Center lot 1. Please see the [campus parking map](#) for reference. Ride sharing to and from the hotel and campus is encouraged to minimize parking complications.

#### **La Quinta Inn & Suites-Milledgeville, 1839 N. Columbia Street, Milledgeville, GA 31061**

For directions to and from the hotel to the GCSU campus, see: [The La Quinta Inn & Suites-Milledgeville is located off of U.S. Hwy 441/GA-29/Columbia St.](#) Parking is available for hotel guests on-site, and all panel sessions and the closing keynote on Saturday, July 27<sup>th</sup> will be held in the hotel conference room. Ride sharing to and from the hotel is encouraged to minimize parking and/or navigation complications.

#### **Pat Peterson Museum Education Room, Heritage Hall, GCSU, 221 N Clarke St., Milledgeville, GA 31061**

[Georgia College Campus Map](#) Heritage Hall is located adjacent to the Ina Dillard Russell Library on the GCSU main campus. It faces Clarke St. near the intersection of Clarke St. and Montgomery St. Heading southward on Clarke St. from the Old Governor's Mansion, it will be on your right just past Chappell Hall.

#### **Aubri Lane's at The Club at Lake Sinclair, 3700 Sinclair Dam Rd NE, Milledgeville, GA 31061**

[Directions from the hotel to Aubri Lane's.](#) Parking will be available on-site at Aubri Lane's for supper on Friday evening. Ride sharing to and from the hotel and restaurant is encouraged to minimize parking and/or navigation complications.

### ***Milledgeville Historic Sites/Sites of Interest***

In addition to the [Old Governor's Mansion](#) (which will be open to conference attendees on Thursday, July 25<sup>th</sup> from 4-5pm prior to the opening keynote reception and address) and the campus of Georgia College & State University (Heritage Hall, where lunch will be served on Friday, July 26<sup>th</sup>, houses the Georgia College University Museum as well as the Special Collections, University Archives, and the papers of noted GC alums and/or Milledgeville luminaries Flannery O'Connor, Alice Walker, and Carl Vinson), Milledgeville offers a bevy of historic sites and other sites of interest, especially as related to the history and culture of the U.S. South. Prominent among them are historic properties owned and operated by GCSU, including the [Sallie Ellis Davis House](#) and [Flannery O'Connor's Andalusia](#). Please also see the Visit Milledgeville site for an [overview of the city's history and culture](#) and for information on various [sites](#) (such as the Old Capitol Building and Memory Hill Cemetery), [museums](#) (such as GCSU's Natural History Museum, the Museum of Fine Arts, and the Black Heritage Plaza), and tours (including the [historic trolley tour](#), [group guided tours](#), [self-guided tours](#)). Other sites around town include the [Lockerly Arboretum](#) (which includes the Rose Hill plantation house), the [Oconee River Greenway](#) (which encompasses several historic sites representing multiple eras of local history), and the former grounds of Georgia's [Central State Hospital](#).

### ***Food & Drink near GCSU campus/downtown Milledgeville***

There are many food and beverage options in downtown Milledgeville, most concentrated on either side of W. Hancock St. between Wayne St. and Wilkinson St. These include The Local Yolka Café (breakfast, brunch, lunch fare), The Velvet Elvis Grille and Tap (typical American pub fare), Bollywood Tacos (Asian-Latin fusion), Kiroshima Japan (Japanese steakhouse and sushi bar), The Brick (American pub fare), and Buffington's (Burgers, pub fare). Along Wayne St., which runs perpendicular to W. Hancock, are Metropolis Café (Mediterranean cuisine), Kirk's Jerk Chicken (Jamaican), La Taverna (classic Tex-Mex), and The Reel Grill of Milledgeville (higher end surf and turf). Several local chains also serve the downtown area, including Barberitos Southwestern Grill & Cantina, Amici Milledgeville (Italian-American, pizza), and Georgia Bob's BBQ.

### ***Food & Drink near Conference Hotel***

Among the many food and beverage options along US-441/Columbia St. near the La Quinta Inn & Suites, local establishments include Pickle Barrel Café & Sports Pub and El Amigo Mexican Restaurant, and further afield to the north on US-441 toward Lake Sinclair: Kai Thai Restaurant, Old Clinton BBQ, Shadetree BBQ, and Jackson's on Sinclair (seafood). Many if not most of the most common chain restaurants and fast-food establishments service this area along US-441 near the Milledgeville Mall.