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Dear CMG colleagues,

On behalf of Frederik Simons, the organizer of the PCTS/NSF workshop, *Bridging the Gap Between the Geosciences and Mathematics, Statistics, and Computer Science*, I am writing to invite you to participate, and with logistical information about visiting Princeton University. The workshop will be held from 1-2 October 2012, in Room 407, Jadwin Hall, on the fourth floor, and **we hope that you can attend.** More detailed information can be found on the website at [http://geoweb.princeton.edu/people/simons/bridgingthegap.html](http://geoweb.princeton.edu/people/simons/bridgingthegap.html)

**Registration**
There is no participation fee but registration is required via e-mail to Dawn Reading at reading@princeton.edu.

**Hotel Information**
For your convenience we have created room blocks at three different hotels. To take advantage of the discounted rate, please make your own reservation at the hotel of your choice **before** the cutoff dates listed for each hotel. If you have any problems, please contact Charlene Borsack at cborsack@princeton.edu

1) Nassau Inn -- **Cut-off date is 8/29/2012**
Ten Palmer Square
Princeton, NJ 08542
609-921-7500
- $135 plus tax—This hotel is the only hotel in walking distance to campus. It does not include breakfast or free wifi.
- Call toll free 1-800-862-7728 and ask to make a reservation with “Bridging the Gap-PCTS”

2) Hyatt Place Princeton -- **Cut-off date for reservations is 9/7/12**
3565 US Highway 1 (Southbound side next to Market Fair Shopping Mall)
Princeton, NJ 08540
609-720-0200
- $134 plus tax—This hotel is NOT in walking distance to campus. You must have a car or use the hotel shuttle, but breakfast and wifi are included (and swimming pool/gym)
- Call toll free 1-888-271-6014 or book online at [www.HyattPlacePrinceton.com](http://www.HyattPlacePrinceton.com) and use the corporate/group code G-GAP1

3) Holiday Inn -- **Cut-off date for reservations is 9/10/12**
100 Independence Way (Route 1, Northbound side)
Princeton, NJ 08540
609-806-0014
- $89 plus tax -- This hotel is NOT in walking distance to campus (and is slightly further away than the Hyatt Place.) You must have a car or use the hotel shuttle, but breakfast and wifi are included (and swimming pool/gym)
- Book on line: [Click here](http://www.hiprinceton.com/) to get to the hotel’s reservation web page that is pre-populated with our special group code. If you need to extend your stay outside of these dates, you will need to book your reservation by calling 609-520-1200 and ask for Christine or email Christine@hiprinceton.com and say you are with the Bridging the Gap-PCTS Group.
Travel Information on all modes of transportation to Princeton University can be found at the Princeton University Travel Portal [http://www.campustravel.com/university/princeton/](http://www.campustravel.com/university/princeton/). Below are the basics for your convenience.

a) Air Travel

If flying, it's best to fly into Newark Airport from where you can take a NJ Transit train on the Northeast Corridor Line to Princeton Junction. Then, depending on which hotel you choose to stay, you can either transfer to the DINKY train to Princeton for the Nassau Inn, or take the hotel shuttle or a taxi directly to the other hotels. (Call your hotel at least 1 hour in advance to reserve your local shuttle from Princeton Junction Station.)

The next best choice is to fly into Philadelphia, which sometimes offers less expensive flights. From Philadelphia you will need to drive or take a taxi or car service to your destination. Additional ground transportation options are listed on the travel portal, or contact me directly. (Taxi/car service is approximately $100 one way.)

b) Train

i. There is Amtrak service on the Northeast Regional Line which you can take to several viable locations: NYC/Penn Station, Metropark, NJ, or Trenton, NJ. (Some trains may even stop directly in Princeton Junction but you have to check the schedules.) Once you arrive in any of these stations, transfer to a NJ Transit train to Princeton Junction and then either take the Dinky if staying at the Nassau Inn, or use the hotel shuttle (call ahead to reserve the shuttle bus) or take a taxi to the hotel. See attached train directions for details. [http://www.amtrak.com/servlet/ContentServer?pagename=Amtrak/HomePage](http://www.amtrak.com/servlet/ContentServer?pagename=Amtrak/HomePage)

ii. From NYC/Penn Station it's best to take NJ Transit, Northeast Corridor Line, to Princeton Junction and then either transfer to the Dinky train (for Nassau Inn) or use the hotel shuttle bus (call ahead to reserve the shuttle bus) or take a taxi to the hotel. See attached train directions for details. [http://www.njtransit.com/sf/servlet.srv?hdnPageAction=TrainSchedulesFrom](http://www.njtransit.com/sf/servlet.srv?hdnPageAction=TrainSchedulesFrom)

c) Driving and Parking

Driving directions to the hotels can be found on the hotel websites.

If driving to Jadwin Hall, there are several parking options.

i. There are limited visitors' parking spots directly in front of Jadwin Hall. Attached are special local driving directions to those parking spots. (Under construction so there is extremely limited accessibility at the time.)

ii. There are limited visitors' parking spots in Lot 5 on your immediate right, in the first aisle, after you turn into the parking lot, which is located on Ivy Lane. (Use the directions for Jadwin Hall but turn into Lot 5 on your left, directly across from the Tiger Sculptures, instead of turning into the service road.)

iii. There is nearly unlimited parking in Lot 21. From there you can walk or take the shuttle to Jadwin Hall.

Local Ground Transportation

1. If you stay at the Nassau Inn, you can walk to Jadwin Hall.
2. If you stay at any other local hotel, you will need to either drive or take the hotel shuttle to campus. **If you will be using the shuttle, please call the hotel in advance to reserve it for your individual schedule so that the driver will be available for you when needed.** (Shuttles run every half hour and are very popular so please remember to make your reservation.)

3. Taxi Service is also available throughout Princeton. A list of local taxi services is attached.

4. The Princeton University Shuttle is available to take you around campus and downtown Princeton, although most places are a short walk from Jadwin Hall. The schedule can be found at [http://www.princeton.edu/transportation/tigertransit.html](http://www.princeton.edu/transportation/tigertransit.html)

You can find general information about PCTS on our website at [http://pcts.princeton.edu/pcts/](http://pcts.princeton.edu/pcts/)

Please let me know if you have any questions. I look forward to meeting you. Thank you.

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