Preserving the Historic Road
September 26 – 28, 2014
Savannah, Georgia

“The Hostess City of the South”

Welcome to the ninth biennial Preserving the Historic Road conference!

Savannah, Georgia, “The Hostess City of the South,” provides a beautiful backdrop to our next conference, Savannah 26 – 28, 2014. Upon founding Savannah in 1733 General James Oglethorpe organized the now famous squares as military parade grounds among the residences, businesses and churches of the capital city of the 13th Colony. Beyond Savannah, American Indian roads transformed into colonial trade routes, such as the King’s Road, and were later used during the Revolutionary and Civil wars. These same roads evolved into the highways of the modern era, providing the lifeline between growing industries and the bustling Port of Savannah. These same roads further enticed travelers to southern vacationlands via the Dixie Highway and the Atlantic Coastal Highway (US 17). So journey on down with your fellow road enthusiasts and enjoy some fine southern hospitality!

The 2014 Preserving the Historic Road Conference, partnered with the National Scenic Byways Foundation, will provide a diverse and comprehensive conference program, which will include enlightening educational sessions, and informative mobile workshops to unique sites (featuring some great shrimp, grits and barbeque). The combination of these events will let you experience southern road culture, history and local issues that tie in to the national, and global, perspective of historic road identification and protection.

We hope this year’s conference transports you through history through the stories that roads create, whether they surround city squares or traverse as national highways. Historic roads are connections through time and place. We thank you for traveling to Savannah to participate in lively discussions, share your insights and experiences. Our goal is to ensure you have a memorable experience, filled with southern hospitality. Take home new ideas and strategies to help in your continuing efforts to tell your stories and preserve historic roads in your states and communities.

Don’t miss Preserving the Historic Road 2014!

Preliminary CONFERENCE SCHEDULE May 22, 2014
The following schedule will provide you with all the details you will need to plan your time in Savannah. It is subject to change; additional information and schedule updates are always available at:
www.historicroads.org.

THURSDAY, September 25, 2014

REGISTRATION and INFORMATION DESK
LOCATION:
Embassy Suites Savannah Historic District
605 West Oglethorpe Avenue, Savannah, Georgia, 31401

3:00PM – 7:00PM Registration Open
Pre-Conference Activity  
Evening Stroll Through Savannah’s Squares
6:30PM – 8:00PM

The first 30 registrants can sign up at the conference registration desk for a complimentary 90 minute pre-conference evening guided walking tour of the squares (and possibly some pubs) given by Savannah favorite “Ardis, the Victorian Lady”. The group will depart from the Embassy Suites lobby. End the tour with a group dinner (not included in registration) or pick out a wonderful restaurant for yourself along the way to get your engines going.

FRIDAY, September 26, 2014

REGISTRATION and INFORMATION DESK
LOCATION:
Embassy Suites Savannah Historic District
605 West Oglethorpe Avenue, Savannah, Georgia, 31401
7:00AM - 12:00PM  Registration Open
3:00PM – 8:00PM  Registration Open

MOBILE WORKSHOPS
All mobile workshops are optional fee events and require additional registration to participate. Be sure to register early as space is limited on all tours.

WORKSHOP A  
A Coastal Roads Adventure
8:00AM – 5:00PM
$45.00 Additional Cost & Pre-Registration Required (Lunch Included)
Seating is limited to one coach bus, which departs from Embassy Suites at exactly 8:00AM

Take a day exploring the centuries of historic roads that intertwine down the coast of Georgia, from Savannah to the Florida line, where (until I-95 opened) millions of auto tourists each year crossed the “safety blue” St. Mary’s River truss bridge that was just reopened this year. Colonial trade routes, such as the King’s Road, are still in existence that we can drive on as a dirt road today. Seaport towns of Brunswick, Darien, and Midway will provide stops along the way with sites (and historic auto touring markers dating back to the 1910s) to commemorate Revolutionary and Civil Wars. A classic roadside open-pit barbeque lunch awaits you (included in the tour price, indicate menu choice, with vegetarian option, on the registration form). We’ll stop in the historic port city of Brunswick (a Georgia “Main Street” city), also laid out by General James Oglethorpe and see the ruins of a coastal rice plantation along the coastal low country marshes. The eastern division of the Dixie Highway (Atlantic Coastal Highway), Carl Fisher’s north-south auto trail from Michigan to Miami, will provide much of our inland route along the “Golden Isles” of Georgia with many bridges, gas stations, diners and motor courts that date across the decades to discover! Enjoy a historic coastal adventure with your fellow road enthusiasts and enjoy some fine southern hospitality.

WORKSHOP B  
History Under Your Feet: Savannah’s Historic Pavements
10:00AM – 12:30PM
$10.00 Additional Cost & Pre-Registration Required
Limited to the first 25 registries

The history of road engineering and paving materials is embedded in Savannah’s squares. Savannah College of Art and Design Architectural History Chair Dr. Robin Williams will give a one-of-a-kind guided walk over a canvas of materials that have been laid out over 280 years. From original English ballast
stone that creates the lanes and embankments up from the riverfront to nineteenth- and twentieth-century pavers throughout Savannah’s historic street grid, each of the 21 squares is a living time capsule in materials. This is one tour where you’re encouraged to touch (and walk) on the artifacts!

Note: This is a walking tour that will include at times, walking along rocky and uneven surfaces, as well as up and down steep inclines. Please remember to dress appropriately.

**WORKSHOP C  Auto Sites of Savannah**
1:30PM – 4:30PM
$10.00 Additional Cost & Pre-Registration Required

Although the origins of Savannah date to the colonial era, the effect of the automobile has clearly played a role in the development of Savannah’s network of roads and its built environment. While maintaining the characteristics of the city’s original plan, Savannah adapted in ways to make room for the car. This trolley bus tour will begin at the beginning of Savannah and explore buildings used to house earlier modes of transportation, then moving through time to illustrate the progression of automobile-related architecture and how Savannah itself evolved.

**OPENING RECEPTION AND CONFERENCE WELCOME – “Inroads”**

LOCATION:
Savannah History Museum and Georgia State Railroad Museum
303 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Savannah, Georgia
Hosted by: The Coastal Heritage Society
(Included in Full Conference Registration)

**Opening Reception**
5:30PM – 9:00PM

**Welcome and Keynote**
6:30PM – 7:45PM

The 2014 Preserving the Historic Road Conference kicks off with an official welcome reception and program surrounded by Savannah’s past. Our venue is the Savannah History Center, located in the 1865 terminal rail station within the Central of Georgia Railroad National Landmark District, just two blocks from the Conference hotels. Our host, The Coastal Heritage Society, will grant us exclusive after-hours access to the largest intact antebellum railroad repair facility and roundhouse complex in the U.S. The exhibits and facilities will take you on a journey along the port city’s historic path, starting in 1733, traveling through the Revolutionary War and the Civil War to the Civil Rights era.

At 6:30PM, in the Visitor Center auditorium, join the Preserving the Historic Road Conference team for words of welcome. The opening Keynote Speaker is Dr. Tammy Ingram Ph.D., author of “Dixie Highway: Road Building and the Making of the Modern South, 1900 – 1930”, who will look at the Dixie Highway and the influence the Good Roads Movement had on Savannah and the South.

Note: The Welcome Reception is a short 5 minute walk from the conference hotels along MLK Jr. Blvd. Entrance to the Savannah History Center is via the visitor center parking lot; note the Roundhouse Shops will only be open from 5:30PM to 6:30PM. The museum and reception will stay open after the program until 9:00pm for you to meet with colleagues and friends. Light fare and drinks will be offered during the Welcome Reception.
SATURDAY, September 27, 2014

The Conference paper sessions will be conveniently located in two locations. For those sessions labeled “A” and “B”, the location will be at the conference hotel - Embassy Suites (605 West Oglethorpe Avenue). The sessions labeled “C” and “D” will be located at the Hampton Inn and Suites (603 West Oglethorpe Avenue), an easy 3-minute walk between the two locations.

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LOCATION:
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605 West Oglethorpe Avenue, Savannah, Georgia, 31401

7:30AM – 9:00AM  Registration Open

BLOCK 1  CONCURRENT SESSIONS
LOCATION: Embassy Suites and Hampton Inn
8:30AM – 9:45AM

SESSION 1A, Room A – Embassy Suites: Historic Corridor Management

Historic Unpaved Roads of Loudoun County - A Community Work in Progress
Mitch Diamond, Loudoun County Preservation and Conservation Coalition; Round Hill, VA

Preserving the Context of California’s Historic Route 66 through the Mohave Desert
Jim Klein, Lardner/Klein Landscape Architects, PC, Alexandria, VA
Dean Apostol, MIG, Inc., Portland, OR

Corridor Management Planning: Key for Organizational Success
Sharon Strouse, Ohio State University, Millersburg, OH

SESSION 1B, Room B – Embassy Suites: National Transportation Safety Board

From Age to Structural Stability, Making the Crossing
Dr. Deborah Bruce, Ph.D., National Transportation Safety Board, Washington D.C.

SESSION 1C, Room C – Hampton Inn: A Tale of Two Historic Tourist Highways: Survey and Evaluation Criteria

Experiencing the Bankhead Highway Texas Style
Leslie Wolfenden, Texas Historical Commission, Austin, TX
David W. Moore, Jr., Hardy-Heck-Moore, Inc., Austin, TX

This Map Tells the Story: Navigating the Dixie Highway Through Georgia
Matt Tankersley, New South Associates, Stone Mountain, GA
Patrick Sullivan, New South Associates, Stone Mountain, GA

SESSION 1D, Room D – Hampton Inn: Paving Materials – Conservation and Management

Preserving Florida’s Historic Brick-Paved Roads
Laura Duvekot, University of Georgia, Athens, GA

Preserving the 16th Street Mall Granite Pavers in Denver, Colorado
Donald W. Harvey, Jr., Atkinson-Noland & Associates, Boulder, CO
MORNING BREAK
9:45AM – 10:00AM

Block 2 CONCURRENT SESSIONS
LOCATIONS: Embassy Suites and Hampton Inn
10:00AM – 11:15AM

SESSION 2A, Room A – Embassy Suites: Historic Roads as a Teaching Tool
"Road Scholars" - The Use of Route 66 in Teaching Oral History, Sociology, and Cultural Resources
   Dr. John R. Mitano, Ph.D., Central Connecticut State University, New Britain, CT

SESSION 2B, Room B – Embassy Suites: Framing the View
Historic Columbia River Highway - Viewshed Management
   Kristen Stallman, Oregon Department of Transportation, Portland, OR
In Search of Inspiration: Identifying and recording the histories of inspirational viewpoints as cultural landscapes
   Tarin Elizabeth Erickson, Edmonds Historical Museum, Seattle, WA

SESSION 2C, Room C – Hampton Inn: Grass Roots Efforts in Preserving Historic Roads
The (Re)History of State Road PR-15: Community Concerns and Historical Consciousness
   Jorge Ortiz Colom, Institute of Puerto Rican Culture, Ponce, PR
Saving an Historic Bridge Doesn't Always Mean Saving the Historic Road
   Julie Bowers, NSRGA, Grinnell, IA

SESSION 2D, Room D – Hampton Inn: Restoration of Historic Road Features
The Reconstruction of Historic Stone Guardwalls on the Blue Ridge Parkway
   Larry Hultquist, National Park Service, Blue Ridge Parkway, Asheville, NC
   Andy Otten, National Park Service, Blue Ridge Parkway, Asheville, NC
Investigations and Prioritization of Historic Bridges and Retaining Walls for the City of Manitou Springs, Colorado
   David Woodham, P.E., Atkinson-Noland & Associates, Manitou Springs, CO

MORNING BREAK
11:15AM – 11:30AM

Block 3 CONCURRENT SESSIONS
LOCATIONS: Embassy Suites and Hampton Inn
11:30AM – 12:45PM

SESSION 3A, Room A – Embassy Suites: Inventory and Integrity Assessment of the Blue Ridge Parkway
Inventory and Integrity Assessment of the Blue Ridge Parkway
   Steven Kidd, Blue Ridge Parkway Cultural Resources, Asheville, NC
   Liz Sargent, Liz Sargent HLA, Charlottesville, VA
   Deborah Slaton, Wiss, Janey, Elstner Associates, Inc. Northbrook, IL
SESSION 3B, Room B – Embassy Suites: Scenic Byways

Byways: A Look Back, A Look Today, A Look Ahead
Rob Draper, National Scenic Byways Foundation, The Woodlands, TX

Benefits of a Statewide Byway Nonprofit Organization
Chris Sieverdes, Ohion Byway Links, Inc., Millersburg, OH

SESSION 3C, Room C – Hampton Inn: Historic Roads as a Tourism Tool

Program Facilitation Paves the Way: How Friends of A1A and the Vilano Beach Main Street Program Embrace Roadside Resources
Sallie O’Hara, Tara Hill Specialties, LLC, St. Augustine, FL

The Virtual Byway: Heritage at Your Fingertips
Dr. David L. Ames, Ph.D., University of Delaware, Newark, DE

Historic Cars on Historic Roads: a fun way to showcase your historic byway
Trish Eccles, Indiana National Road Association, Columbia, SC

SESSION 3D, Room D – Hampton Inn: Historic Roads within Larger Settings

Beyond Buildings: How historic roads can play a pivotal role in the creation of NRHP districts
Julie McGilvray, National Park Service Midwest Regional Office, Omaha, NE

Case Study: A.W. Ledbetter Interchange, Rome, Georgia: An Elementary Component in an Evolving System
Adam Archual, HNTB Corporation, Atlanta, GA

Wide Roads, Short Trips: The Controversial Past and Contested Future of Two Parkways
Katelin Olson, Cornell University, Trumansburg, NY

LUNCH BREAK
12:45PM – 2:30PM

Block 4 CONCURRENT SESSIONS

LOCATIONS: Embassy Suites and Hampton Inn
2:30PM – 3:45PM

SESSION 4A, Room A – Embassy Suites: Intown, Out-of-Town Highway History

Intown, Out-of-Town Historic Highways: Atlanta’s Dixie Highway
Paul Simo, Simo Community Design, Atlanta, GA

The Metropolitan/Stewart Avenue Corridor – A 20th Century Story of the Development of South Atlanta
Anne Chance, VerbalEyze Writer’s Cooperative, Marietta, GA

Trails, Highways, and City Streets: Improvising the Peachtree
Tommy Jones, Atlanta, GA

SESSION 4B, Room B – Embassy Suites: Managing the Vision

 Updating Acadia National Park’s Historic Vista Plan
Eliot Foulds, National Park Service, Olmsted Center for Landscape Preservation, Boston, MA

Managing the Vision
Eleanor Williams Clark, National Park Service, Yellowstone National Park, WY
SESSION 4C, Room C – Hampton Inn: Stewardship of Historic Roads

Way up North: Screening for Significance on Alaska’s Roads
    Chad Moffett, Mead & Hunt, Inc., Sacramento, CA
    Christina Slattery, Mead & Hunt, Inc., Madison WI
Stewardship of Historic Road Resources in Georgia
    Pamela Baughman, Georgia Department of Transportation, Atlanta, GA

SESSION 4D, Room D – Hampton Inn: Accommodating Safety Concerns along Historic Roads

The Drive of the Greensward: Toward an Appreciation of and Management Philosophy for the Roadways of New York’s Central Park
    Lane N. Addonizio, Central Park Conservancy, New York, NY
The Challenge and Importance of Incorporating Multi-Modal Transportation into Scenic Byways and Historic Roads
    Laura A. Keeley, Delaware Department of Transportation, Dover, DE
Scenic and Safe? A Parkway Preservation Partnership
    Laura L. Knott, John Milner Associates, Inc., Charlottesville, VA
    Michael A. Strutt, Ph.D., Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Austin, TX

AFTERNOON BREAK
3:45PM – 4:00PM

Block 5 CONCURRENT SESSIONS
LOCATIONS: Embassy Suites and Hampton Inn
4:00PM – 5:15PM

SESSION 5A, Room A – Embassy Suites: What Makes A Road?

The “Hippie Trail” or “Global Highway 1:” Documenting a Cultural Route
    Dr. Rosemary Kerr, Ph.D., Consultant Historian, Bellevue Hill NSW, Australia
Across the Apennines: Historic roads linking Tuscany to Emilia
    Marco Cillis, University of Parma, Parma, Italy
    Claudia Guarnieri, University of Parma, Parma, Italy
    Daniele Paperini, University of Parma, Parma, Italy
The Suburban Eruv: Orthodoxy on the Edge
    David S. Rotenstein, Consulting Historian, Atlanta, GA

SESSION 5B, Room B – Embassy Suites: Memorialization of Historic Roads

A Road Runs Through It: The evolution of a cultural landscape along Victory Drive in Savannah, Georgia
    Jessica Archer, Savannah College of Art and Design, Savannah, GA
Early Twentieth–Century Road Building and Confederate Memorialization in Atlanta
    Timothy Crimmins, Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA
SESSION 5C, Room C – Hampton Inn: Identification of Road Traces

The Mormon Wagon Roads in Southern Nevada: Implications for the History and Archaeology of Early Roads in the Western U.S.
Jeffrey L. Baker, Desert Research Institute, Las Vegas, NV
The Old Federal Road in Georgia
Terry Jackson, Georgia Department of Community Affairs, Marietta, GA
Tree Trunks: The story of logging and Oregon’s highways
Rebecca Burrow, Oregon Department of Transportation, Salem, OR
Larissa Rudnicki, Oregon Department of Transportation, Salem, OR

SESSION 5D, Room D – Hampton Inn: Roadside Features

Need a Rest? The significance of rest stops and how we can preserve them
Helen Blackmore, University of Oregon, Eugene, OR
The Atalissa Weigh Scale Facility and Truck Pit Scale
Marlin Ingalls, Office of the State Archaeologists, Iowa City, IA

SATURDAY DINNER – “the beginning of the end”
LOCATION:
Tybee Island Lighthouse and Museum and Tybee Lite Shrine Club
30 Meddin Avenue, Tybee Island
Hosted by: Tybee Island Historical Society
Included in Full Registration

6:30PM – 9:00PM
Shuttle buses will depart from Embassy Suites at 6:00PM, 6:15PM, and 6:30PM; Shuttle buses will begin return trips to Embassy Suites beginning at 8:45PM.

Our evening activity takes us to the “beginning of the end” … of US80 that is, a transcontinental highway with a terminus at Tybee Island. After a day of paper sessions, stretch your legs on a 178-stair climb to enjoy sunset views from atop the c. 1867 Tybee Lighthouse. The Tybee light has brought mariners to the port of Savannah for more than 270 years, and defenses have watched over the mouth of the Savannah River for almost the same time. Climb into the heart of the 1898 Battery Garland of Fort Screven, the WWI & WWII 12-inch non-disappearing, rifled long-range cannon platforms of the Atlantic coastal defense station.

After you’ve built up an appetite and need to quench your thirst, enjoy a beachside evening program with a traditional "low country boil" dinner and drinks at the Tybee Lite Shrine Club, located in a converted WWII barracks at the fort. A brief evening program on US80, an historic tourist route and military road that was a harbinger of early- to mid-century Savannah suburbs and island life will be given by Mr. Robert Ciucevich of Quatrefoil Historic Preservation Consulting of Savannah, Georgia.

And… it is the beach after all… get some sand on your feet and dip your toes in the Atlantic Ocean while you’re here!

Note: Tybee Island is about 14 miles/30min drive from Embassy Suites; bus transportation will be provided. There will be some outdoor walking and stairs for navigation; parts of the complex are non-ADA accessible. Libations begin at 6:30pm, followed by a dinner buffet (with vegetarian option) at 7:00pm. Special dietary needs and those with shellfish allergies can be accommodated upon request at the registration table. And wear appropriate shoes and dress if you wish to climb the lighthouse!
SUNDAY, September 28, 2014

Movie Matinee and Closing Session– “until we meet again”
LOCATION:
Historic Savannah Theatre
222 Bull Street, Savannah, Georgia
8:00AM – 10:00AM

Movie Matinee – Down the Dixie Highway
8:00AM – 9:00AM

We couldn’t have the Preserving the Historic Road Conference without a movie event? So, let’s call this a Sunday morning matinee!

Don’t let the streamlined Art Deco façade fool you, as the Historic Savannah Theatre has been continuously used as a theatre since its doors opened in 1818. The same stage has played host to Fanny Davenport, Julia Marlowe, Otis Skinner, Oscar Wilde, Lillian Russell, W.C. Fields and even Georgia’s very own baseball great, Ty Cobb in a 1911 performance of “the College Widow”. The Historic Savannah Theatre will also be the site of the premiere of a documentary on the Dixie Highway in Georgia, produced by the Georgia Public Broadcasting in corporation with the Georgia Department of Transportation and New South Associates of Stone Mountain, Georgia.

Closing Session – Connecting the DOTs
Presented by Chad Moffett and Christina Slattery of Mead & Hunt, Inc.
9:00AM – 10:00AM

The second portion of the program will round out the conference with a closing plenary focusing on how state preservation offices and departments of transportation deal with historic roads. Presented by Chad Moffett and Christina Slattery of Mead & Hunt, Inc., the “Connecting the DOTs” will present current national trends from the results of a nationwide survey on how state agencies are dealing with historic road identification, evaluation and management, and the challenges and discussion tools we need to take back home with us, until we meet again….

Note: The theatre is approximately a 6-block walk from the conference hotels; as such, please let the registration staff know at the time of your check-in if you require transportation Sunday morning. Light breakfast fare and coffee will also be provided at the Historic Savannah Theatre. The conference planners would encourage large parties who may be leaving for the airport to carpool rides. Luggage can be stored at the theatre for those who may wish to leave at a mid-point in the program.

General Information

You’ll find you don’t even need a car in Savannah!

We know…it’s a “roads” conference, but the latticework of landscaped city squares is considered the first “planned” city in America. Even the boulevards and lanes are best experienced on foot. Thanks to the “Oglethorpe Plan”, everything for us today remains within a short and amazingly beautiful walk. We will provide transportation for the mobile workshops (Workshop A and C), and provide transportation to the Saturday evening dinner. If you need transportation assistance, please let the staff at the registration table know. We encourage guests to check with your hotel and/or arrange your transportation to and from Savannah/Hilton Head International Airport (approximately 12 miles from Savannah) in advance.
Weather and what to bring

Wear comfortable walking shoes and please dress in comfortable business-casual attire for events. This is Savannah, home to thousands of art students and tourists, so feel free to pack the shorts for mobile workshops and walking events. The coastal southern autumn weather will be warm by day with cool ocean breezes at night. There will inevitably be a passing shower during an afternoon or two, so don’t forget an umbrella.

Getting here early and looking for something to do?

We can honestly say that you will never find “nothing” to do in Savannah, from shopping, world class local dining, historic house museums, strolling about the historic squares, or sitting on a bench like Forest Gump. It’s all here for you before and after the conference activities. If you do get in early, registration tables open at 3:00PM (Thursday – September 25) in the lobby of the Embassy Suites.

Conference Hotels

Embassy Suites Savannah Historic District – Conference Hotel

605 W. Oglethorpe Ave., Savannah, GA 31401
912-721-6900
$189.00 / night + tax and fees

The Embassy Suites is one of the newest full-service hotels in downtown Savannah that includes a full menu breakfast and all rooms being 2 room suites. The hotel is just a few minute walk to all conference events and the sites, as well as the historic squares and night life of the world-renown Savannah downtown historic district.

Buses for all tours will drop off and pick up at the front of the Embassy Suites conference hotel. The Embassy Suites and Hampton Inn (see below) share a parking deck and overnight parking rates apply to both hotels (currently $15 self park/$20 valet).

Hampton Inn and Suites Savannah Historic District – Associate Hotel

603 W. Oglethorpe Ave., Savannah, GA 31401
912-721-1600
$139 / night + tax and fees

The Hampton Inn and Suites Savannah Historic District is directly next door to the conference hotel and will also host paper session in meeting rooms literally steps away. The Hampton Inn and Suites provides a standard hotel room, continental breakfast, pool, workout room, as well as overlooks the moss-draped live oaks of Oglethorpe Avenue. Just minutes from all of the historic Savannah squares.

Savannah Thunderbird Inn – Partner Hotel

611 W. Oglethorpe Ave., Savannah, GA 31401
912-232-2661
$109.00 (+ tax, fees and $5 parking) MUST be booked direct at 866-324-2661 & give code: “ROADS”

Get a free RC Cola and a Moon pie with your stay here! This recently restored 1964 motor inn is a retro-classic to the mid-century historic road and dubbed the “Hippest Hotel in Savannah.” Located just next
door to our conference hotel, everyone will be within eye-shot of the Thunderbird’s magnificent restored neon sign, the largest neon sign in Savannah. Special conference rates must be made direct with motel.

**Marriott Courtyard Savannah Downtown/Historic District – Partner Hotel**

415 W. Liberty Street, Savannah, GA 31401  
912-790-8287  
$139.00 / tax and fees (includes 2 breakfast buffets - $20.00 value - each morning)

The Marriott Courtyard has also recognized PTHR with a special room rate for a limited time (until Aug. 15). Guests must call the Hotel Reservations Line directly at 800-321-2211 or during business hours, and must request the “PTHR – 9th Biannual Conference” group block. Standard rooms and a continental breakfast are included. This property is only a short 2 block walk from our conference hotel. It is directly across the street from the site of our Friday evening opening reception at the Savannah History Museum, Central of GA Railroad Landmark District and Tri-centennial Battlefield Park.

**Other Lodging Options**

Don't forget other lodging options! Savannah is an incredible (and unique) place to find a lodging destination to fit each personality. The downtown Historic District has many bed-and-breakfasts (with spa packages), boutique hotels, riverfront lodging, and haunted colonial inns (if you're into that kind of thing). Island retreats and ocean front hotels are within driving distance to the historic district. There's even a wonderful hostel (with elder hostel rates) in a downtown Victorian mansion.

*Note: Bring a bike if you are driving and stay an extra day. Unique lodging is as close as your internet browser and another great way to experience the charm and hospitality of visiting the “Hostess City of the South.”*

**END CONFERENCE SCHEDULE**