



the Sandpiper

Star Island's International Affairs Conference Newspaper

2016 IA CONFERENCE PROGRAM AND HANDBOOK



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A note from the editor

The conference publishes a daily newspaper called *The Sandpiper* which reports about conference events and provides updated information to conferees. Consider writing something to share. The editor welcomes family and personal updates, poetry, riddles, narratives about conference activity, personal reflections on international affairs and other topics.

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2016 Theme

Education Around the World *An International Perspective*

CHAIR'S WELCOME

Hello IA 2016!

It's almost time to journey, park the car (don't forget to leave your keys!), hug some necks, and make the pilgrimage back to our spirits' home. One year, my son Gray was so excited when the island appeared, he couldn't stop his feet from dancing! Exactly.



Since announcing the theme, I've imagined amazing topics that could be covered, and had suggestions of ones I hadn't thought of yet. You've heard it takes a village? It takes a village to plan IA. Every committee member has taken up the torch to find the best minister, speakers, timely topic leaders, workshop leaders, and volunteers. We've got chapel services, IA Follies and many of your favorites, as well as returning past successes like square dancing! The schedule is packed, but always with the option of taking time for lime rickeys, rock climbing, reading, or napping.

Our youth program is in awesome hands once again, including some great intergenerational events. Don't you love how this magical zone of suspended time and space is for everyone from baby to nonagenarian?

I can't wait to see you, hear diverse perspectives on education, from early childhood through university, from hither, thither and yon, and "unplug from the daily grind," as my dad used to say.

- *Becky Miller, chair*

Program Introduction

AS WE CONTINUE TO EVOLVE AS A GLOBAL COMMUNITY, it is clear that the Western idea of education is not the only model. Neither, as may be noted in the wake of No Child Left Behind, is it necessarily the best. IA 2016 will focus on looking at education from different perspectives based on cultural differences, philosophies, and value systems. Whether looking at curriculum or cultural expectations and issues, we will explore education in terms of what students need as well as what teachers need, and look at different models around the world that are shaping education through a variety of approaches.

TO ROUND OUT a very full program we will again enjoy Art Barn, yoga, and music workshops, as well as book discussions, Timely Topics, our campfire, all the usual games, and the marvelous nature and history walks/trips revealing the secrets and beauty of Star Island.

Introducing Our 2016 Speakers

ANDY CALKINS



DEPUTY DIRECTOR, NEXT GENERATION LEARNING CHALLENGES AT EDUCAUSE - Andy leads an initiative that has been at the forefront of a national movement to help public schools move from emphasizing teaching to emphasizing learning. The schools NGLC funds and supports are developing new approaches that put students at the center of the learning process, helping them to build the rich blend of skills and habits they need in order to succeed beyond high school. Andy's talk will help participants draw on their own learning experiences to understand the reasoning behind the design for these schools—and the reasons why they are such energetic, joyful places. We may enlist everyone to join in co-designing the school of your dreams! Go to www.nextgenlearning.org for more information.

Andy lives with his wife, Peggy, so close to Star Island they can see it on a clear day! They look forward to finally visiting!

ELIZABETH SUNEBY



AUTHOR - BOOKS FOR CHILDREN AND TEENS - Elizabeth Suneby writes books for children and teens to help them find their voice in a hopeful world, magazine articles to inspire all of us to live life to the fullest, and content for organizations large and small.

Her award-winning book, *Razia's Ray of Hope: One Girl's Dream of an Education*, is based on the true story of a girl determined to go to the new girl's school built by Afghan native and CNN Hero, Razia Jan. The school is located in a village outside of Kabul where no girls had gone to school previously. Today, 450 girls attend and Razia has earned the support of the local men to educate girls, even when many are illiterate themselves.

In addition to the nine awards Liz's book has received, Khaled Hosseini (author of *The Kite Runner*) adopted Liz's book into the work his foundation does with schools. Liz travels the country leading interactive workshops with students about the 69 million children denied the fundamental right of an education.

Liz also leads interactive workshops for her "mitzvah-themed" books, bringing to life the Jewish value of making the world a better place through good deeds, along with "Mitzvah Meerkat" and his animal friends.

A graduate of Brown University, Liz lives outside of Boston with her husband and dog. She has a daughter in college and a son who just graduated. She is chair of the Advisory Board at the Razia's Ray of Hope Foundation, a member of the Advisory Board at Temple Beth Elohim in Wellesley, and on the Parent's Council at Connecticut College.

SAMEER HONWAD



ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF EDUCATION, UNIVERSITY OF NH -

Sameer Honwad grew up climbing the mountains in Northern and Southern India. Along with hiking and climbing, he was interested in watching the birds in these mountain regions. His research focuses on how people learn about environmental sustainability using technology and collaborative learning approaches. His recent research focuses on how learners in different cultures around the world understand ecosystem processes and how do they use this knowledge in their everyday life practices. He works with various communities in the Himalayas (India, Nepal and Bhutan) and with Native American communities in the Pacific Northwest. He has been working in the Himalayan regions of Bhutan and India for the last 13 years. He has presented and published his work in several national and international venues and has taught at Penn State University, Rutgers University, New York University and also at the Royal Thimpu College in Bhutan. He has recently completed a Spencer/National Academy of Education post-doctoral fellowship and is currently an Assistant Professor of education at the University of New Hampshire.

EK CHO



ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF EDUCATION AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE - Eun Kyeong (EK) Cho is an Associate Professor of Education at the University of New Hampshire. She was born and raised in South Korea. She received her master's degree and doctorate from Teachers College, Columbia University, and worked with student teachers in New York City public schools. She has been in the field of early education for over 20 years as a teacher, researcher, field-experience supervisor, and teacher educator. Her research focuses on institutions that impact the quality of educational services for young children.

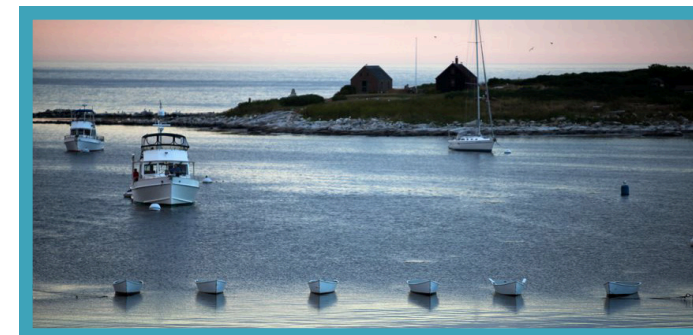
Areas of her research include immigrant families, technology integration in education, and early childhood teacher preparation. At the University of New Hampshire, she trains teachers to be culturally competent educators. She serves as a consulting editor of a professional journal, *Young Children*, published by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) and a research journal, *Early Childhood Research Quarterly* (ECRQ). On Sundays, she enjoys teaching Korean language and culture to a group of second-generation Korean Americans.

Read more about our speakers on our website: internationalaffairsconference.org



PANEL DISCUSSION

ON THURSDAY, we complete the program with a panel discussion among our four speakers as they respond to one another, give their final thoughts for the week, and take your lingering questions.



International Affairs Youth Program 2016

YOUNG SHOALERS are enthusiastically welcomed into the IA Youth Program by friendly faces and engaging children's staff who fill each day with fun and new experiences. The program offers cool, age-appropriate activities and interesting topics related to the conference theme.

THE YOUTH PROGRAM is a structured program that takes place in the morning (9:50 am–12 noon) and in the afternoon (1:20 pm–3:00 pm). There are exceptions to these times: the Toddlers meet in the mornings only and the seniors don't meet in the morning, instead meeting in both the afternoon (1:20 pm–3:00 pm) and the evening (8:00pm–10:00 pm). Adult supervision during these times is provided by the Youth Program staff, chosen and trained to provide a nurturing, creative, and safe atmosphere during Youth Program hours. At other times while on the island, parents are responsible for their children. Additionally, there is no afternoon Youth Program on Wednesday or Friday.

THE CONFERENCE OFFERS other activities (not supervised by the Youth Program) that children and families can enjoy, including a softball game, rowboat races, IA Follies, and an intergenerational dance organized by the Seniors. Also, the island staff (or "Pelicans") perform a talent show called the Pel Show which is always exciting for those kids who can stay up late enough to watch it!

The Youth Program handbook can be found on our website:
http://internationalaffairsconference.org/content/2016/2016_IAFamilyHandbook.docx

Check out our youth staff bios!

We have a wonderful staff this year! If you'd like to read more about our youth staff, check out their bios:
<http://internationalaffairsconference.org/2016/07/04/2016-ia-youth-staff/>

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE YOUTH PROGRAM, please contact Tryst Chagnon at trystelena@gmail.com • 919-656-8892



Timely Topics

"TIMELY TOPICS" ARE PRESENTATIONS on current topics given by members of the conference. Scheduled most evenings, timely topics are not necessarily related to the current year's theme.

JOHN COOK

A Touch of Europe in the US: Rudolf Steiner and Waldorf Education

There is a certain curiosity surrounding "Waldorf" education. Since 1928 when the first Waldorf/Steiner School opened in New York City, interest has grown toward what some term the curriculum of imagination. This topic will provide an opportunity to talk with an IA conferee about his experience parenting two children who began in Waldorf as pre-schoolers, and remain enrolled. The topic will include a basic overview of Waldorf education and philosophy, unique and strange aspects, differences from Montessori, and the difficult choices we make as parents on the subject of education.

STEVE STASOLLA

Homeschooling: Would We Do it Again?

Steve Stasolla will discuss his family's homeschooling experience - why he and his wife Debbie chose to homeschool their son Cord and how and why it worked for their family. Cord and Debbie will also join the session. The Stasollas have been long time IAers. Cord, who will celebrate his 23rd birthday while at Star this year, is an Ensign in the Navy Nuclear Propulsion Program.



Timely Topics cont.

BRUCE POLLACK-JOHNSON

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF MATHEMATICS AND STATISTICS AT VILLANOVA UNIVERSITY

An Experiment in Active Learning

Traditional STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) courses teach content via class lectures, giving student homework. The "flipped" classroom has students learn content at home. This ensures time for group work, helping each other, working on peer instruction "clicker question," and active learning group activities. The idea is that students can learn more at their own pace, learn material more deeply, foster more ability to solve real problems, and think critically. Bruce will report on the results of a randomized experiment he conducted using these methods and give conclusions and advice for others considering such methods.

BOBBY WILLIAMS

ASSOCIATE INFORMATION MANAGEMENT OFFICER AT THE UN ECLAC SUBREGIONAL HEADQUARTERS FOR THE CARIBBEAN IN PORT OF SPAIN

Natural Disasters in the Americas

Bobby will discuss his work doing damage and loss assessment with a UN team after a recent earthquake in Ecuador. He will also discuss his experiences last fall after Hurricane Joaquin in the Bahamas as well as other disaster-related activities he's been involved with in the Caribbean and in Brazil.

Art Barn

JULIA MORGAN-LEAMON

WE'RE EXCITED to have Julia Morgan-Leamon back with us this year to inspire us while working in Star Island's beautiful art barn. Julia has been an artist and art educator for many years. She also illustrated by Portia Weiskel. It's in the bookstore along with a panoramic print of Gosport Harbor.

Particularly in light of the topic of Education, you will have the opportunity to create **handmade journals** in which to write, draw, and dream. Conferees can make use of the journals over the course of the week.

Julia is also planning to do **Blessing Flags** - a concept based on Tibetan Prayer Flags. She will bring her box of a thousand words to create serendipitous poetry/messages to send out into the world. You will be able to design linoleum block prints for the flags as well as the poetry text.

Lastly you will work with pastel to **draw and paint** Star flowers and motifs as well as landscapes en plein aire.

A message from Julia:

Art makes sense. To me creative expression is not something that just some people have access to; creativity is part of all of us. Making art in a supportive community is a powerful thing.

We will delight in our time on Star and engage in creating art that reflects our experiences. See you in the Art Barn on the rocks!



IA Art Auction

PLEASE BRING AN ITEM WITH YOU FOR THE IA ART AUCTION, which occurs during Happy Hour on Friday. Funds raised by the Art Auction, along with the Silent Auction, help replenish the IA Scholarship Fund as well as occasionally allow us to expand conference programming. All artists (emerging, amateur and professional) are encouraged to auction one or more of the works they make on-island during the week and/or to bring something from home.

Questions?

Contact Julia Morgan-Leamona at julia@jmorganart.com • Julia will leave a box under the writing desk designated art auction.

Music and Chorus

BETH ARMSTRONG

Long-time shoaler Beth Armstrong will again direct the IA Chorus and offer music for Morning Chapels and the IA Follies. Beth first came to Star as the Island Music Director in 1997 and 98 and fell in love with the place and people. She has led the IA Chorus for several years and we are thrilled to have her back again.

Beth directs four choruses in Tiverton, RI, Providence and East Providence, RI, and Fall River, MA. Beth firmly believes that singing is a healthy and positive thing that EVERYONE can and should do. Enjoying the process and having fun, as well as contributing to the worship life of the community, make the IA Chorus a great place to spend your afternoons.



IA Follies

THURSDAY NIGHT

A message from Beth Armstrong

On Thursday night, we will once again be presenting the IA Follies. This is a talent showcase for young and not-so-young, and I encourage all who are interested in their fifteen minutes of fame (well, three, actually) to consider what they might have to contribute to the evening. In the past we have had singers, dancers, poetry readers, skits of all types, instrumentalists, jugglers, and other amazing moments of entertainment. There will be a sign-up sheet all week, and I reserve the right to keep the length reasonable- so the more people you can include in your act, the better. Maybe I can connect you with someone who is able to join you in some way – need a foil for your jokes? Need a pianist for your song? Need a volunteer to be sawed in half? Just ask me! I'll do my best! - Beth Armstrong



Yoga

JANE HULTING

A message from Jane:

Yoga is an ancient art for health. We'll use some classical & some contemporary techniques for good alignment. We'll move in ways to get our joints juicy. We will do work for greater self-awareness, including strength, balance, and flexibility. We'll also work on getting a few mental & physical cobwebs out.

Remember: you don't have to already be flexible in order to explore & discover in yoga—that's what you come for!



Square Dance

MONDAY NIGHT 7:30-9PM

They are back! After several years' hiatus, we are thrilled to have the famous and beloved Jacqueline and Dudley Laufman at IA this year for a Square Dance! It will be full of family-friendly, old-time social dances. No experience necessary!

YOUNG KIDS WELCOME 7:30-8 • ADULTS AND MORE EXPERIENCED DANCERS 8-9

Minister of the Week

REVEREND CLAIRE FEINGOLD THORYN

Reverend Claire Feingold Thoryn is Lead Minister of Follen Community Church in Lexington, MA, where she has served since 2013.

She was raised Unitarian Universalist in the Washington, D.C. area, and studied religion at Swarthmore College before receiving a Masters of Divinity from Harvard in 2006. Before coming to Follen, she served First Parish in Lincoln, MA. She lives in Lexington with her husband and two daughters.



Book Discussion

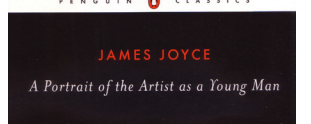
THE PORTRAIT OF THE ARTIST AS A YOUNG MAN

A message from Portia Williams Weiskel

Dear IAers, Here's an idea related to our theme this year: how does the artistic sensibility educate itself, and how, as educators, can we encourage this process? *The Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man* by James Joyce is an inspired and profound novel that illuminates the necessary journey Joyce envisioned for the artist, himself and others. It begins in the imagination and baby talk and moves to an ecstatic acceptance of the role of the artist in society--a task at once sacred, precarious, and perilous.

Portrait is not an "easy" read, but it has always proven to be deeply satisfying to those who take it on, especially when read with others including someone very familiar with the book. That, I hope, could be me; I have led discussions of Joyce's work with all kinds of people--from high school students to older people who want to make sure they've read this book while they can still read.

If you are interested in this discussion group--maybe 2 or 3 meetings during IA week, please let me know. You can probably find copies in a used book store or in your library. Hope this interests some of you! Please feel free to contact Portia with any questions/suggestions about the book between now and when we all see each other on the island: 413.548.9737 • pweiskel@post.harvard.edu



Candlelight Chapel Services

SATURDAY Becky Miller

SUNDAY Ted Trainer

MONDAY Lauri Yanis, Lia Yanis, Aliza Majewski

WEDNESDAY Senior Youth

THURSDAY Jaffe Family

FRIDAY Bryan Williams



Silent Auction

EACH YEAR WE HOLD A SILENT AUCTION OF GOODS AND SERVICES TO REPLENISH OUR SCHOLARSHIP FUND TO HELP CONFEREES WHO COULD NOT OTHERWISE AFFORD TO COME TO IA.

It is time to start thinking about what you might offer to help with this worthy effort. Everyone has something to donate and this is a great opportunity to give back to the community.

What might you offer? New or gently used jewelry, textiles, leather goods, small decorative items, photography and artwork are always popular. Anything that will fit in a suitcase, and if it has a story, all the better. Bring a card with the story to display with your item.

Do you have a vacation cottage, timeshare, boat, or camper you could offer? How about hosting an individual, couple or family at

your home for a week or weekend? Bed and breakfast is always popular. You might also consider offering a service.

Do you do music lessons, coaching sessions, acupuncture, massage, tarot readings, home improvements, computer lessons? Services performed on island or off are greatly appreciated. They also provide both the buyer and the seller an opportunity to get to know each other better.

Details on where to drop off your items, etc., will be given on-island.

If you have any questions, or would like to help with collecting payments after the auction, contact IA Committee member, Lucia Green-Weiskel at luciagreenweiskel@gmail.com

12-Step Meetings

EACH EVENING, Sunday through Thursday, from 5:30–6:15, there is a 12-Step meeting in the Writing Room (off the Oceanic Lobby with the entrances from both the Pink Parlor and the end of the Porch). This meeting is especially for those conferees concerned about their own addictions or those of family members or close friends, and for those conferees who would like to learn more about these remarkable programs of insight and recovery. 12-Step meetings provide a safe, supportive place to explore these questions.



Schedule of the Week

IMPORTANT REMINDER TO SHOALERS NEW AND OLD

ALL CONFEREES ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND an orientation session conducted by the Star Island staff shortly after arrival to receive essential information on safety and Island living. A separate orientation session conducted by the IA Committee will be held to introduce conference speakers, staff, volunteers and programs immediately following dinner.

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EDUCATION AROUND THE WORLD: AN INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVE

★ JULY 23RD – JULY 30TH, 2016 ★

updated 7/7/16	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6:00 to 10:30	AT STEAMSHIP COMPANY DOCK PORTSMOUTH, NH: ALL BOARDING MUST BE COMPLETE 5 MINUTES BEFORE YOUR 2:25 DEPARTURE		SHOWERS		SHOWERS		SHOWERS	
6:00		BIRD WATCHERS -- MEET AT RUTLEDGE MARINE LAB						
6:30		EARLY MORNING ON THE PORCH: COFFEE, TEA & HOT CHOCOLATE						
7:00		POLAR BEAR SWIM -- DOCKSIDE						
7:00		MORNING SINGERS -- MEET AT NEWTON CENTRE						
7:30		MORNING STRETCH -- FRONT PORCH						
7:30		MORNING MUSIC -- CHAPEL						
8:00		Conference photo 8:40 front steps	Heitler-Klevans		Pollack-Johnsons			
	YOU DID COME BACK! WHEN THE BOAT ARRIVES HEAD TO THE LOBBY TO CHECK-IN. THEN PLEASE GO TO ELLIOT HALL FOR THE MANDATORY SAFETY ORIENTATION 4:15 to 5:00 "Fire & Water" (Elliot) 5:00 to 5:30 Youth Program Orientation	BREAKFAST						
9:00		MORNING CHAPEL -- Rev. Claire Feingold Thoryn						
9:50 to 12:00		YOUTH PROGRAM -- MEET ON FRONT LAWN at 9:50						
10:00 to NOON		MORNING SPEAKERS -- ELLIOTT HALL						
		Andy Calkins	Sameer Honwad	Elizabeth Suneby	EK Cho	Speaker Panel	To Be Announced	
NOON		Intro / Q&A : Isabel Denham	Intro / Q&A: Martin Schrage	Intro / Q&A: Iyabo Obasanjo	Intro / Q&A: Becky Miller			
12:30		Parents of Toddlers, Barners, and Larries -- Pick up at Louise's Barn at 12:00						
1:00 to 6:00		LUNCH						
1:20 to 3:00			SHOWERS		SHOWERS		SHOWERS	
1:30 to 3:00		YOUTH PROGRAM			No Program Kid's Movie-Elliot	YOUTH PROGRAM		
1:30 to 3:00			Book Discussion (Pink Parlor)	Silent Auction 1:30-5:30	Past Chair Mtg (Sandpiper Room)	Book Discussion (Pink Parlor)		
1:30 to 3:00	ART WORKSHOP: -- Julia Morgan Leamon -- Art Barn					Art Auction Set-up		
Island Tours ~2:00 to 4:00		Geology Walk (Marine Lab) 2:00-3:00	Appledore Trip (Well House) 1:30-3:30	Underworld Tour (Back Porch) 2:00-3:00	Smuttnose Trip (Front Porch) 1:30-3:30	Low Tide Walk (Marine Lab) 1:30-3:00		
3:30 to 5:00		Kids Softball Practice	Kids Softball Practice	Kids vs Adults Softball Game	Community Softball Practice	IA vs PELICANS!		
3:30 to 5:00		YOGA WORKSHOP-- Jane Hulting -- Brookfield						
Island Tours 4:00 to 5:00		MUSIC WORKSHOP -- Beth Armstrong -- Pink Parlor						
5:00		History Tour (Front Porch)	Sustainability & Isld Systems Tour (Back Porch)	Ghosts and Graveyards Tour (Vaughn)	Botany Walk (Marine Lab)			
		New Shoaler Welcome (Newton)	Committee Update (Newton)			Art Auction (Newton)		
5:15 to 6:15	HAPPY HOUR: Newton Center and Lindquist Deck							
5:30	Friends of Bill / 12 Step Meetings: Writing Room							
6:30	DINNER					LOBSTERS AT 6:15	BANQUET NIGHT!	
7:30 to 10:00			SHOWERS		SHOWERS		SHOWERS	
7:30	CONFERENCE ORIENTATION (Elliott)	Youth Led Intergen Activity	Square Dance Dudley&Jacqueline (Brookfield)	BONFIRE (West Rocks) 7:15-8:15		IA FOLLIES (Elliott)	GRAND MARCH!	
7:30 to 9:00 Timely Topics		Home Education: Our Experience	Waldorf Education	UN Natural Disaster Analysis (8:00)	An Experiment in Active Learning			
		Steve Stasolla	John Cook	Bobby Williams	Bruce Pollack-John			
8:00	Senior Youth Group - PARKER							
	CANDLELIGHT CHAPEL SERVICES -- Assemble on porch at 8:45							
9:00	2016 Chair Becky Miller	Ted Trainer	Lauri, Aliza, & Lia	PELICAN SHOW Lobby - 9:00	Senior Youth Chapel	Jaffe Family	2017 Chair Bryan Williams	
AFTER CANDLE LIGHT			Star Historical Movies (Newton)		Seniors Ice Cream Social		Farewell Gathering Newton	
	LATE NIGHT @ NEWTON, SNACK BAR and ELSEWHERE - come join the fun!							

Don't Miss the Boat!

CONFEREES TRAVEL TO THE ISLAND from Portsmouth, NH aboard the Thomas Lighton, owned and operated by the Isles of Shoals Steamship Company. **You MUST arrive at the dock between 11:00 am and 1:00 pm** or you run the risk of your checked baggage not getting onto the boat!

DIRECTIONS TO THE DOCK

The Steamship Company dock is conveniently located at 315 Market Street in Portsmouth. From 95 South (traveling from the North): Take NH Exit 7. At the end of the ramp, turn left at lights. You should be headed towards downtown Portsmouth. Go approximately ¾ mile, staying in the LEFT LANE as you approach the Portsmouth Sheraton (a large brick building) on your right.

The entrance to the Steamship Company dock is on the LEFT, directly across from the Sheraton. From 95 North (traveling from the South): Take NH Exit 7. At the end of the ramp, turn RIGHT at lights. You should be headed towards downtown Portsmouth. Go approximately ¾ mile, staying in the LEFT LANE as you approach the Portsmouth Sheraton (a large brick building) on your right. The entrance to the Steamship Company dock is on the LEFT, directly across from the Sheraton.



PARKING

The parking fee for the dock in Portsmouth is \$12 per vehicle per day or any part of a day, thus the charge for a car parked from Saturday to Saturday is \$84. To avoid traffic backup, please follow closely the directions of the parking attendant at the front gate. This will ensure that everyone is parked correctly and conveniently.

★ Conferees arriving in Portsmouth on a day other than the conference start date, must check in with the Steamship Company parking attendant to receive instructions about where to park. Please be advised that they may be required to park in the municipal garage on Hanover Street, a couple of blocks from the dock. We do not offer parking to conferees scheduled to depart on a day other than the standard conference departure day. This is to avoid having cars trapped in block parking. ★

SHUTTLE SERVICES

The following companies provide transport to and from Portsmouth and the airports in Boston, MA and Manchester, NH. Both require advance reservations, and drop off at the Sheraton Hotel, Portsmouth or at other locations by request.

- **FLIGHT LINE AIRPORT EXPRES**
800.245.2525, www.flightlineinc.com
- **SEACOAST AIRPORT SERVICE**
866.431.1580, www.transportnh.com

BUS SERVICES

- **C&J BUS SERVICE**
800.258.7111, www.ridecj.com
- **GREYHOUND BUS LINES**
800.231.2222, www.greyhound.com

TAXI SERVICES

- **BLUE STAR TAXI**
603.436.2774
- **ANCHOR TAXI**
603.435.1888

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ARRIVING AT THE DOCK ON SATURDAY, JULY 23, 2016

11AM–1PM Arrive at the Steamship dock to park, unload luggage, and check in

2 PM Be prepared to board the Thomas Lighton

2:25 PM Thomas Lighton departs for Star Island

Conferees arriving after 1 pm run the risk of not having checked luggage delivered to the island until Monday afternoon of the conference and possibly missing the ferry altogether! With the Steamship Company dock conveniently located in downtown Portsmouth, you may wish to explore the town and have lunch before you board the Thomas Lighton, but **please unload your luggage first.**

Luggage

ALTHOUGH EVERY EFFORT will be made to handle luggage with care, conferees should be advised that the Star Island Corporation and the Isles of Shoals Steamship Company assume no responsibility for the handling, damage, or loss of any luggage belonging to Star Island guests. Conferees are urged to leave rare or valuable items at home or, if they must be brought, to handle them personally. Belongings should be consolidated and securely packed; loosely packed items run the risk of being damaged or dropped in the water during handling. Neither Star Island nor the Steamship Company has professionally trained luggage handlers. Luggage limits will be strictly enforced, so please pack accordingly.

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LUGGAGE IS LIMITED TO:

- One checked bag (a duffle bag or other soft-sided bag without wheels is preferable)—limit 40 lbs. per person, or two smaller checked bags—limit 25 lbs. per bag per person
- There is no limit to carry-on luggage or carry-on personal items (i.e. musical instrument, sports equipment, etc.)

Prescriptions must be included in carry-on bags, not checked.

BAGS EXCEEDING 50 LBS. WILL NOT BE TRANSPORTED. There will be a scale at a check-in station to determine each bag's weight. Conference staff with special freight needs must make arrangements for such freight through their conference leaders. Carry-on items are the responsibility of the passengers.

LUGGAGE SHOULD BE

consolidated and marked with nametags (with complete contact information) before arriving at the dock. Island staff will provide color-coded tags at check-in, which, should be affixed to the checked luggage item.



What to bring to Star Island



Even if we must adhere to the bag limit (this is OSHA's rule, folks, not Star Island's) **there are some things that you can tuck into your luggage that will make your Star experience even better** (because let's face it, it's going to be awesome no matter what.) We humbly present these suggestions, compiled with care by Kristen Laverty.

- Baby wipes (in the convenient travel-sized pack)—helpful for cleaning up on non-shower days and after lobster night.
- Flip-flops and/or water shoes—for going to and from shower and to and from the rocky swimming beach
- Bug repellent—Star Island mosquitoes are crazy thirsty bloodivores and they come out at dusk—take care of your ankles!
- Bathrobe/Muumuu— for going back and forth from the showers/swimming, etc.
- Flashlight or headlamp— for crisscrossing rocky paths in the dark
- Sunscreen and Sunglasses—we're surrounded by the ocean and the glare, even on overcast days, can be quite intense
- Real Maple Syrup— for the purists who don't want to have their pancakes/french toast with "maple-flavored" syrup
- Adult Beverages — Aside from the daily social hour, there may be occasions for those of age to imbibe in a convivial atmosphere. (We're talking a bottle of wine or some gin for a gin rickey, folks, not a keg.) Alcohol and cigarettes are NOT for sale on Star Island, and both may only be used in approved areas.
- Something Warm—A fleece, sweatshirt, or the like. The nights can get a wee bit chilly. Extra blankets for beds are always available, but something for your person is wise.
- Meds—if you take daily medication, pack a few days extra in case inclement weather strands us out on Star (unlikely, but possible!)
- Chargers— for your kindle, iPad, phone. The front desk will happily charge your electronics if you must bring them. DON'T charge them in your room please!
- Ear plugs — for any light sleepers out there!
- Cash—Even though the Front Desk & Gift Shop take credit cards, the Snack Bar won't. The IA Silent & Art auctions take cash & checks.
- Softball mitt for the always fun staff/conferee game
- Musical Instruments—If you're a musician, bring your axe!
- Rain coat —a critical item on Star. It rains there.
- Dress-up clothes for banquet night—Most people dress up for the Friday night event.
- Extra shoes —Shoes get wet and muddy.
- Other items —Bathing suit and beach towel, binoculars, books, cameras, games, kites, tennis rackets and balls.
- Some incidentals are available in the Lobby Shop, and in some instances an Island messenger can be dispatched.

The absolute best things to bring are an open mind, a love of the sea, a friendly smile, and a sense of adventure!

First-time Visitors to Star Island

Welcome!

If this is your first IA experience, we welcome you!

Each year 15% of registrations are reserved for new attendees. Every IA conference attendee wears a button bearing their name and hometown. Newcomers' buttons are specially marked so that Old Shoalers can keep an eye on them for the first few days. If there is no one at hand to ask, head for the Oceanic Desk. There is at least one person on duty there 24 hours a day. The Oceanic is a 125-year-old hotel and is by far the largest structure on Star. You'll see it as the ferry approaches Star.

Registration - When the ferry docks, walk up to the lobby of the Oceanic Hotel to register. The bags you checked on the mainland will materialize in your room within the first hour or so. Check in at the desk, then you can wander around before the compulsory Orientation Program at 4:30 in Elliot Hall, off the porch near the Oceanic Lobby. A large brass bell is struck once at the start of events such as meals, chapel, and children's program. All regularly scheduled activities as well as last minute changes will be posted on the Chalkboard in the Oceanic Lobby.

Your Room - When you get to your room, you will find a pitcher of wash water and a basin standing on a chest. Semi-modern bathrooms with sinks and toilets are down the hall. Most sinks have drinking water but check the signs before you consume. An opaque plastic pitcher in your room will be filled with drinking water by the staff (college aged kids affectionately called Pelicans or Pels). After dinner, you can pick up another plastic pitcher in the alcove right off the dining room and fill it with hot washing water to take back to your room. If you leave the hot water pitcher outside your door at night, Pels on quiet feet will come along the next morning and fill it with hot water for your morning in-room toilette. Pels make beds, tidy rooms, and refill water pitchers each day. In keeping with the open spirit of Star Island, there are no room keys.

Happy Hour - Get together with friends and family every evening at 5:15 pm in Newton East (up the path behind Oceanic). Happy Hour is one of the most social times of the day. There are snacks and drinks and lots of conversation. A separate Family Happy Hour for kids and their family will be on the lawn in front of the **Kiddie Barn**. There is a Friends of Bill meeting as well in the Writing Room at the east end of the Oceanic Hotel porch.

Dinner - The sound of the bell announces dinner in the main dining room just off of the Oceanic Lobby at 6:30. Meals are served family-style at long tables. Take a seat anywhere and strike up a conversation! Remember everyone will have on buttons with their name and hometown. Many Old Shoalers make a point of sitting with different people every day and meeting newcomers.

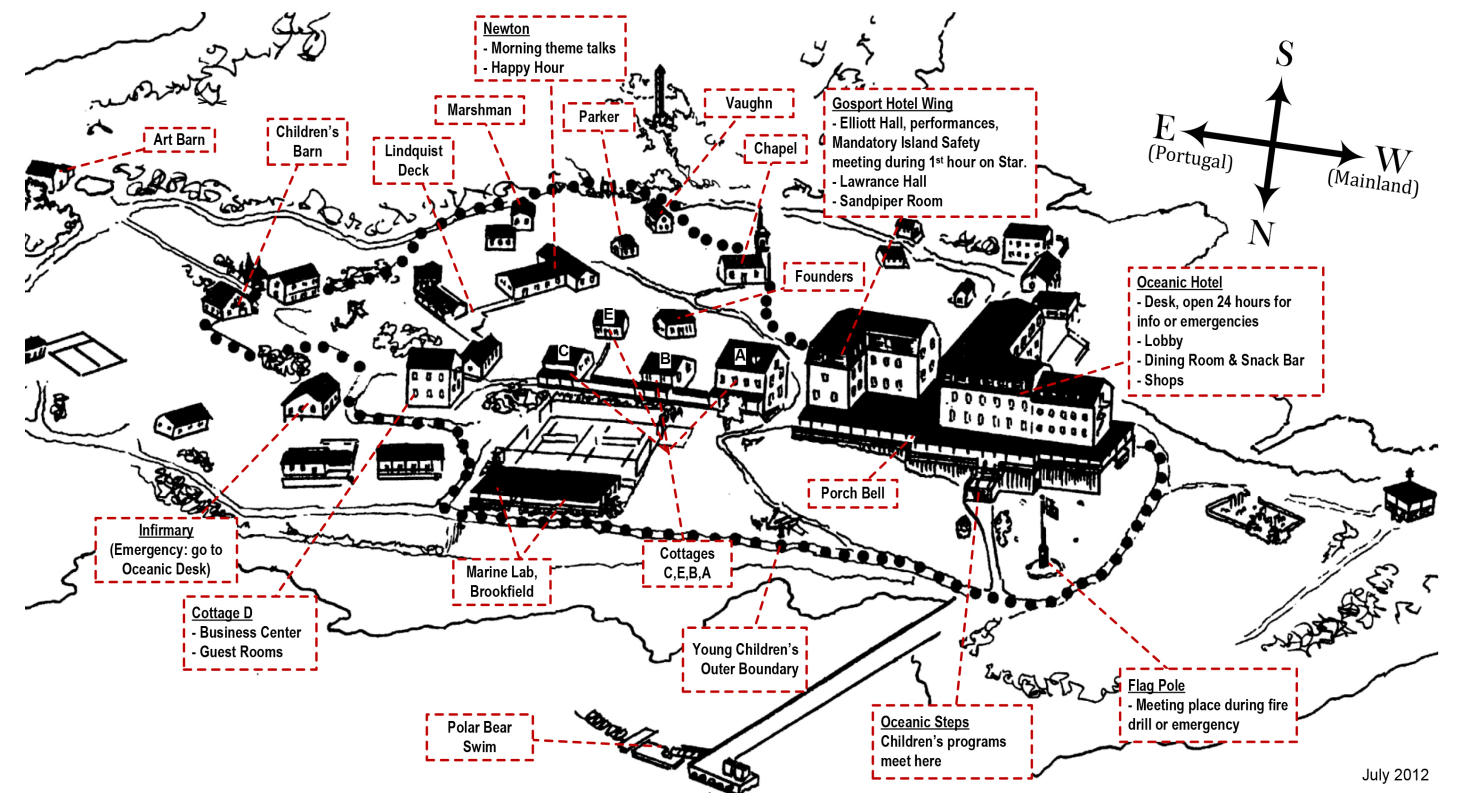
First Evening Program - After the Mandatory Orientation (Fire and Water), there will be a briefing on the youth program in Elliott Hall. After dinner on the first evening, there will be a brief presentation of the IA Conference, also in Elliot Hall. After this meeting, at 9:20 p.m., the bell will sound for the evening Candlelight Service.

The Next Morning - There are activities for the early risers, such as Early Morning Stretches or Polar Bear swimming at the dock at 7 a.m. Early morning coffee is available on the front porch (unless weather is unfriendly) about 6:30 a.m. Morning chapel is held Sunday through Friday at 9 a.m. On a nice morning, some people prefer to sit on the rocks outside the chapel. A public address system will carry the minister's words to them. The first Theme Talk takes place at 10 a.m. in Newton Centre.

The Afternoon - After lunch, you will find a great variety of workshops and other activities to pursue or you can just sit on the porch, contemplating your first 24 hours on Star. Welcome!



A Kid's View of Star Island Map



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International Affairs Conference Boundary-Safety Policy

PLEASE READ THROUGH THIS POLICY VERY CAREFULLY. It is vital for the safety of our youth that everyone be aware of and follow these regulations.

STAR ISLAND BOUNDARY POLICY: The breakwater is off limits to every one at all times. Children under twelve years old must stay within the posted safety boundaries unless accompanied by someone 16 or older. Maps with the boundaries are available at the Front Desk. When surf is particularly high or when severe weather is expected, additional boundaries may be announced and posted in the Lobby and alongside key island trails.

IF PARENTS/GUARDIANS ARE CONCERNED ABOUT ISLAND SAFETY BEYOND WHAT IS STATED IN ISLAND POLICIES, THEY ARE ENCOURAGED TO SET THEIR OWN RULES WITH THEIR CHILDREN.

Morning and Evening Chapels

Morning chapel services take place in the Chapel led by Reverend Claire Feingold Thoryn, Minister of the Week, with outside seating also available for those who wish to listen via speakers while enjoying the outdoors and the scenery.

One of the most meaningful traditions at Star Island is the evening candlelight service. At IA, conferees often offer very personal and touching services. This tradition truly illustrates and strengthens the strong sense of community we share at Star Island.

It is customary to proceed from the porch to the Chapel in complete silence and to return in silence as well. It is magical to see the room light up as conferees process in and hang their lanterns on the wall hooks. The sound of the bell buoy in the distance, the twinkling of the stars, and the glow of the moon as we return in silence, carrying our lanterns, prolongs and enhances the magic.

Please note that Chapel starts promptly at 9:00 p.m. The chapel bells will begin to toll between 8:45 and 8:50 p.m., and the path lighters will be out by 8:45. Please be seated by 9:00.



Boat Trip to Historic Appledore Island

What's a conference on Star without our annual trip to nearby Appledore Island? Visit Celia Thaxter's legendary gardens, tour the Shoals Marine Laboratory (operated by Cornell and UNH), and stop in at the Appledore Store. View Duck Island on the way home to Star. Cost is \$25 per person. Children welcome. The boat will leave on Monday promptly at 1:30 p.m. and return by 4 p.m. Participants are warned that there is some walking uphill and over rough terrain. There is a limit of 45 persons (minimum 20 persons needed.) Look for a sign-up sheet on the writing desk in the Hotel Lobby.

Bonfire and Pel Show

All conferees are invited to enjoy a campfire, complete with singing, marshmallows to roast and a stunning sunset - weather permitting. The traditional bonfire will be followed by the Pel Show – a presentation of music, skits and other performances. The Star Island staff - aka “the Pelicans” - pull together a stunning show each week. Conferees of all ages will enjoy both events.



Happy Hour

HAPPY HOUR IS HELD EACH EVENING AT 5:15 PM

Newton East features a full bar, plus light snacks and non-alcoholic beverages. Conferees are invited to take their beverages and snacks out to the **Lindquist Deck**. New this year, we are introducing Family Happy Hour on the lawn in front of the **Kiddie Barn**, where we welcome kids of all ages for pre-dinner munchies and drinks. Per New Hampshire law, persons under the age of 21 are not allowed in Newton East, where alcoholic beverages are being served.

HAPPY HOUR IS SPONSORED DIRECTLY FROM YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS

Please contribute according to what comparable drink and snacks would cost on the mainland. Lauri Yanis & Matt Goggin are our 2016 Happy Hour hosts and need extra hands setting up and running Happy Hour. Please sign up in the Oceanic Lobby at the writing desk for a shift for either Newton East or Family Happy Hour. **See you at Happy Hour – It's the place to meet!**

Are You a New Shoaler?

NEW SHOALERS' SPECIAL WELCOME AND SUNDAY EVENING HAPPY HOUR

FIRST TIME AT STAR? That makes you a “New Shoaler”! Each New Shoaler will receive a welcoming message from an Old Shoaler before the conference. It may be a greeting by letter, e-mail, or telephone. Please don't hesitate to ask questions or to share your concerns. You may want to meet each other on the dock or for lunch before the boat sails. New Shoalers who have not been contacted by an Old Shoaler please contact **Ross Fenster** at fenster@gmail.com

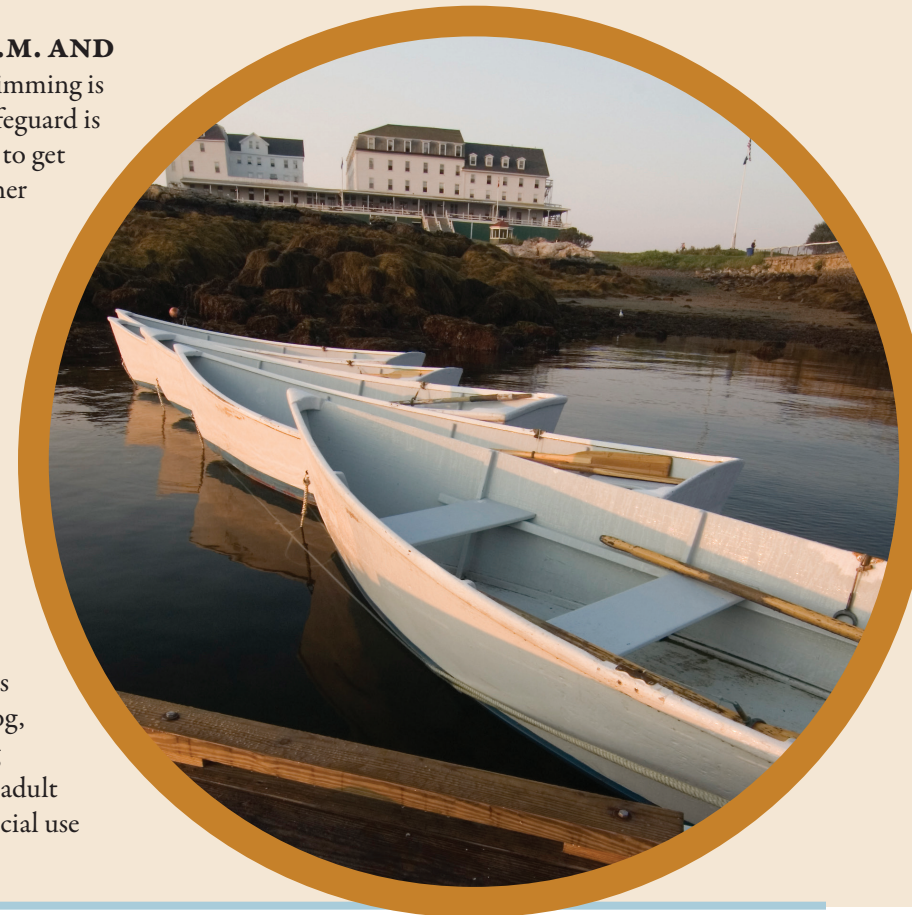
NEW SHOALER HAPPY HOUR All New Shoalers are invited and encouraged to attend the New Shoaler Happy Hour on Sunday at 5:00 p.m., right before our regular Happy Hour, in the same location.

Swimming and Boating

YOU ARE FREE TO SWIM BETWEEN 7-8 A.M. AND FROM 9 A.M.-6 P.M. unless otherwise posted. Swimming is permitted only during those hours and only when a lifeguard is on duty on the dock. The lifeguard will ask swimmers to get out of the water and off the float when the ferry or other large boats are docking, docked, or departing. A long-time tradition is the 7 a.m. Polar Bear swim. A hardy band gathers each morning for a dip followed by hot coffee served on the Oceanic Porch. Swimming at any other time or in any location other than the designated swimming area is prohibited.

ROWBOATS AND KAYAKS ARE AVAILABLE FOR USE FROM

9 A.M. TO 6 P.M. Check out rowboats/kayaks from a Bellhop at the Front Desk. There is a small rental fee. Rowboats/kayaks are for use in the harbor. The lifeguard will call boats to the dock 10-15 minutes before 6 p.m. and may call boats in any time there is fog, strong winds, rough seas, or if the ferry is approaching the dock. Young people may use rowboats only under adult supervision. Please check with the Front Desk for special use and safety rules applying to children.



Adhering to New Hampshire Laws

The State of New Hampshire forbids the sale of alcoholic beverage on Star Island. The drinking age in NH is 21 years of age. Alcoholic beverages may not be consumed in public spaces except at IA-sponsored Events held in designated areas. In addition, the International Affairs Conference has policies and procedures addressing discrimination, child abuse and sexual harassment. The IA Chair has a copy and one is on file with the Star Island Corporation.

Restrooms

PUBLIC RESTROOMS

(ACCESSIBLE TO DAY VISITORS AS WELL AS CONFEREES) ARE LOCATED IN THE FOLLOWING BUILDINGS:

- Brookfield
- Gosport in Lawrence Hall (before the staircase)
- Marshman
- Newton
- Oceanic near the Pink Parlor (improved access) and Oceanic basement, adjacent to the shower rooms

Environmental Concerns

WE ALL WANT STAR ISLAND to remain healthy and beautiful into the future. Your cooperation will go a long way in preserving the island environment. Use environmentally safe products on the Island (i.e. non-aerosol hair spray and deodorant, biodegradable soap and shampoo). Help eliminate unnecessary rubbish on the Island. Bring any food in reusable containers; use paper products not lined with plastic.

The Shops at Star Island

THE OCEANIC HOTEL HOUSES THREE SHOPS

ALL PROFITS GO TO STAR ISLAND AND THE CONFERENCES.

- **GIFT SHOP** There is a gift shop off the lobby of the hotel. Donations of items for the Shop are welcome, such as collectibles, handmade articles, and jewelry.
- **BOOK SHOP** A bookstore off the lobby offers books on conference topics, Isles of Shoals history, and general interest topics.
- **SNACK BAR** Just what it sounds like – lunch items, ice cream, candy, chips, lime rickeys - all types of good things.

