

The American Weil Society

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Dear Friends and Members of the American Weil Society,

I hope this finds you well.

The next AWS colloquy (“Translations of Beauty: Simone Weil and Literature”) is fast approaching. It will be held on **March 17-19th** on the beautiful campus of the University of Notre Dame. Our local hosts, Professors Ann Astell and E. Jane Doering, were truly delighted to receive a high number of solid proposals from scholars of different disciplines, countries and career stages. In addition to eight regular panels, the colloquy will feature a keynote lecture by Robert Chenavier (President, Association pour l’étude de la pensée de Simone Weil) on Thursday March 17th and another by Vincent Lloyd (Villanova University) on the evening of Friday March 18th. Our conference program also includes a roundtable on Peter Winch’s *The Just Balance* (with speakers Eric Springsted, Mario von der Ruhr, David Cockburn, John Edelman and Steven A.M. Burns). On three consecutive Friday afternoons following the in-person colloquy, there will also be some short virtual sessions: one keynote lecture offered by Alexander Nemerov (Stanford University), a panel on translating Simone Weil’s work (with Ros Schwartz, Philip Wilson, Sylvia Panizza, and Tess Lewis), and a special panel titled “Rethinking Theology” (with Emily King, Gwen Dupré, Joanna Winterø, Mac Loftin, and Thomas Sojer). Please find attached a copy of the **preliminary program** (also check our conference webpage for more details about the keynote speakers and roundtables: http://www.americanweilsociety.org/information_for_2022_colloquy.)

REGISTRATION for the conference is now open; please click here: <https://cvent.me/28zVzE>

The conference registration fee (\$50 for early bird until Feb. 25; \$75 after Feb. 25; student rate \$25 early bird; \$35 after Feb. 25) covers refreshments, lunches, and dinners (including the March 19th conference dinner banquet). Registration for online participants is \$10. ***Please note that the University of Notre Dame requires vaccinations for students, faculty and staff.*** Guests to campus are thus strongly encouraged to be fully vaccinated (as a conference attendee, you will be asked to state your vaccination status when you register).

Accommodation. There is a block of rooms reserved for AWS colloquy participants at the **Morris Inn** for \$125 @ night. You will be able to book a room when you go to the registration page. You can also access it here:

https://res.windsurferers.com/ibe/details.aspx?propertyid=13976&nights=4&checkin=3/16/2022&group=REL001_006&langID=1

The Morris Inn is located just across from the Conference center. Conference participants should feel free to book their accommodation elsewhere around campus if they wish (they can search online for other options). At the end of this Newsletter, you will find information on transportation. An active map of campus can be found here: <https://map.nd.edu/#>

Friendly reminder to AWS paper presenters: please send a **two-page summary**/outline of your talk, plus a brief bibliography, to the conference organizers by March 5th (these brief summaries will be posted on our website shortly before the conference). We also kindly ask you to include a short **biographical note** (150 words maximum) when you send us your summary. Please email the summary, the bibliography, and your bio on the same document (saved in a Word format) to the following address: awscolloquy@gmail.com. Thank you very much.

And last but not least, I'd like to invite you to take a look at the latest edition of the bi-monthly e-journal ATTENTION (<https://attentionsw.org>). The journal is dedicated to exploring and illuminating the life and legacy of Simone Weil. Many warm thanks to Ron Collins and Kate Lawson for their hard work and time commitment. Please visit: <https://attentionsw.org/inside-issue-4-new-and-forthcoming/>.

Warm wishes,

Sophie Bourgault
President, American Weil Society

INFORMATION ON TRANSPORTATION

Getting There

By Air

South Bend International Airport is about 15 minutes by car from the Notre Dame campus (flights should be booked to South Bend, Indiana -- airport code SBN). Various transportation methods are available (e.g., taxi, rental car, limo).

Driving directions from the airport are below:

- Turn left out of the airport entrance onto Lincoln Way West.
- Once in downtown South Bend, turn left on Michigan Street (Indiana 933).
- Continue to Angela Boulevard, the second stoplight north of the St. Joseph River
- Turn right on Angela Boulevard
- Turn left on Notre Dame Avenue

Visitors also can fly into Chicago then drive or take a bus to Notre Dame. The University is about two hours by car from Chicago's O'Hare International Airport and about 90 minutes from Midway International Airport.

Driving Directions from O'Hare:

- Take I-190 east from the airport and merge onto I-90 East (Kennedy Expressway)
- Merge with I-94 South (Dan Ryan Expressway)

- Take the Skyway exit off the Dan Ryan Expressway and follow I-90 to the Indiana Toll Road, which merges with I-80
- Take Exit 77 (South Bend – Notre Dame) off the Indiana Toll Road
- Turn right onto Indiana 933/US 31
- Turn left at Angela Boulevard – the fourth stoplight
- Turn left on Notre Dame Avenue – the first stoplight

By Train

The [South Shore Line](#) trains run directly from the Chicago Loop (at the corner of Michigan and Randolph) to South Bend International Airport (about a three-hour trip). From the airport, the Notre Dame campus is approximately a 15-minute ride by car. Various transportation methods are available (e.g., taxi, rental car, limo).

By Car

From East/West:

- Leave Interstate 80/90 at Exit 77 and turn right onto Indiana 933/US 31
- Turn left at Angela Boulevard – the fourth stoplight
- Turn left on Notre Dame Avenue – the first stoplight

From North/South:

- Take US 31 north, which becomes Indiana 933 outside South Bend
- Stay on 933 to Angela Boulevard, the second stoplight north of the St. Joseph River
- From the north, turn left on Angela Boulevard
- From the south, turn right on Angela Boulevard
- Turn left on Notre Dame Avenue, the first stoplight