

CONFERENCE HANDBOOK



**Association of Professional
Humane Educators**

2011 APHE National Conference
Fort Myers, Florida
February 24 - 25



Hosted by Florida Gulf Coast University

SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

Day	What	When	Where
Wednesday February 23	Pre-conference Mixer	6:30 - 8:30 pm	Hilton Hotel Ballroom 1 & 2
Thursday February 24	Bus to FGCU	7:45 & 8:15 am	Hilton Hotel Entrance
	Registration	8:15 - 8:45 am	FGCU Student Union Building
	Welcome Stacey Zeitlin, President Jane Deming & FGCU	8:45 - 9:15 am	FGCU Student Union Ballroom
	<i>"Expanding the Circle of Compassion"</i> K. Korona	9:15 - 10:45 am	FGCU Student Union Ballroom
	Break	10:45 - 11:15 am	FGCU Student Union Cafeteria
	<i>"infusion of Humane Ed into Higher Ed Honors Programs"</i> Dr. T. Szecsi	11:15 am - 12:15 pm	FGCU Student Union Ballroom
	Lunch	12:15 - 1:45 pm	FGCU Student Union Cafeteria
	Sharing Coral	12:15 - 1:45 pm	FGCU Ballroom Lobby
	<i>"Humane Edutainment: Combining Tradition and Innovation"</i> - R. Lucius	1:45 - 2:45 pm	FGCU Student Union Ballroom
	<i>"Adventures in Humane Ed: Bringing Farm Animals to Life Through Puppetry, Story-Telling and Yoga"</i> L. McKenna & L. Isenhardt	2:45 - 3:45 pm	FGCU Student Union Ballroom

SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE (continued)

Day	What	When	Where
Thursday February 24	Break	3:45 - 4:00 pm	FGCU Student Union Cafeteria
	APHE Membership Meeting	4:00 - 5:30 pm	FGCU Student Union Ballroom
	Bus to the Hotel	4:30 & 5:30 pm	FGCU Student Union Entrance
	Reception, Dinner & Auction Keynote, Dr. Aubrey Fine	7:00 - 11:00 pm	Hilton Hotel Ballroom 1 & 2
Friday February 25	Bus to FGCU	7:30 & 8:00 am	Hilton Hotel Entrance
	Welcome & Announcements	8:30 - 8:45 am	FGCU Student Union Ballroom
	<i>"Strategy Marketing for Humane Ed: Using For-Profit Concepts to Sell Humane Values"</i> L. Ducceschi & N. Green	8:45 - 9:45 am	FGCU Student Union Ballroom
	<i>"Incorporating Dogs with At-Risk Youth"</i> J. Self-Aulgur & N. Allouche	9:45 - 10:45 am	FGCU Student Union Ballroom
	Break	10:45 - 11:00 am	FGCU Student Union Cafeteria
	Roundtable Activity	11:00 am - 12:30 pm	FGCU Student Union Ballroom
	Lunch	12:30 - 2:00 pm	FGCU Student Union Cafeteria

SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE (continued)

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Friday February 25	<i>"Enforcement to Education: Teachable Moments in Animal Cruelty Investigations"</i> C. Foley	2:00 - 3:30 pm	FGCU Student Union Ballroom
	Break	3:30 - 4:00 pm	FGCU Student Union Cafeteria
	<i>"City Kids Rule: Enhancing Humane Ed for Urban Youth"</i> S. Clark, S. Brown & S. DeLisle	4:00 - 5:30 pm	FGCU Student Union Ballroom
	Bus to the Hotel	5:35 & 6:15 pm	FGCU Student Union Entrance
	Manager's Reception	6:30 - 7:30 pm	Hilton Hotel Lobby
Saturday February 26	Optional Excursion: Bus Pick-up, Sight Seeing Cruise & Lunch	8:00 am - 4:00 pm	Hilton Hotel Entrance

APHE HOSTED: WELCOME MIXER

On Wednesday night at 6:30 pm we will all be meeting in the Hilton Garden Inn ballroom for free beverages and appetizers and some get acquainted time. This is a great opportunity for attendees to see old friends, put faces to names and make new friends. It is also the kick-off to our conference events and the start of a wonderful networking event. Try not to miss this night, as it truly is the beginning of the conference and has historically been a good deal of fun for all.

SHARING CORRAL

Poster Session will coincide with lunch break on Thursday. Visit the tables and share information about innovative and exciting new ideas and items.

BANQUET & AUCTION

This is the big event of the conference. This evening will take place at the Hilton Garden Inn in their ballroom on the first floor from 7 pm to 11 pm. The banquet is a pasta buffet with vegan options that includes salad, dessert, coffee and wine or beer. We will have a fabulous Keynote Speaker in the warm and engaging Dr. Aubrey Fine and then our Nathania Gartman Memorial Scholarship Fund Auction will take place with proceeds going into the scholarship fund to refill the coffers for the next conference. Not only will you have another opportunity to network, but this event is a barrel of fun. We are prepared to take checks, cash and credit cards for your auction purchases. You will love the variety of wonderful items that are donated. This is why you will need extra space in your luggage! Please plan to join the fun.



MANAGER'S RECEPTION



The manager of the Hilton Gardens Inn has invited us to a little gathering. This event will take place on Friday night from 6:30 to 7:30 pm in the hotel lobby. They will be serving beer and wine and light appetizers as a thank you for choosing their location for the conference. Please come and join us as we unwind after a busy day and enjoy the gorgeous Fort Myers weather.

“Thank you” in advance to the Manager of the hotel for all of the cooperation and help with this event.

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS

Moderated by Stephanie Clark and Others

Topics will be on tables! Pick your favorite three topics, you have 20 minutes at each table. Think about what you might want to ask or share.

1. **Camps:** Sharing great tips and ideas for engaging kids, teaching valuable lessons and having families see your organization as a community resource
2. **Social Justice:** Learn how all humane issues are intertwined and how youth can – and want to - provide solutions and make a difference
3. **Programs on a Shoestring:** Learn more about quality without sacrificing effectiveness or value during these difficult economic times
4. **Riding Solo:** Opportunity to share ideas and tips on how to do a great job as a lone educator, without burning yourself out
5. **Lesson Plans 911:** Tips for connecting education standards, deciding which elements need to be included, and demonstrating character value
6. **Service Learning & Civic Engagement:** Discuss how to help students fulfill service requirements, provide meaningful interaction, and also meet the goals of your organization
7. **Fund Raising:** Share great ideas, and discuss doing more with less and finding funds
8. **Grant Writing:** Tips for understanding how to look for grants and timing your requests
9. **Animal Ethics:** Discuss ideas for how to address ethical dilemmas, while respecting different ideas about what is right and wrong regarding animals
10. **Working with Children with Differences:** Tips and ideas for working with special needs, behavior issues, and disruptions

THE SATURDAY EXCURSION

The Sun Princess Captain and Naturalist will entertain, guide, and teach us. We will cruise to the outer islands which are only accessible by boat or plane. The excursion includes watching dolphins at play, shelling along pristine beaches and enjoying nature that only a few have the opportunity to experience. We will stop for lunch and dine at Barnacle Phil's, a local favorite for Roberta's world-famous black beans and yellow rice and other vegetarian and vegan offerings. Be sure to bring your swimsuits, beach shoes & shelling bag; beach chairs and umbrellas are provided for your use. Bus pick-up at the hotel at 8:00 am. Boat departs at 9:00 am and arrives at North Captiva Island around 11:00 am. Spend two hours shelling, swimming, snorkeling, or just catchin' some rays. Then we travel to Barnacle Phil's for lunch. At 2:00 pm we depart for Port Sanibel Marina and arrive at the marina by 3:20 pm and the bus will then return to the hotel.

OUR KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Psychologist Dr. Aubrey Fine has been a faculty member at California State Polytechnic University since 1981 and is presently a Professor in the Department of Education. His leadership among faculty and teaching excellence earned him the prestigious Wang Award in 2001, given to a distinguished professor within the California

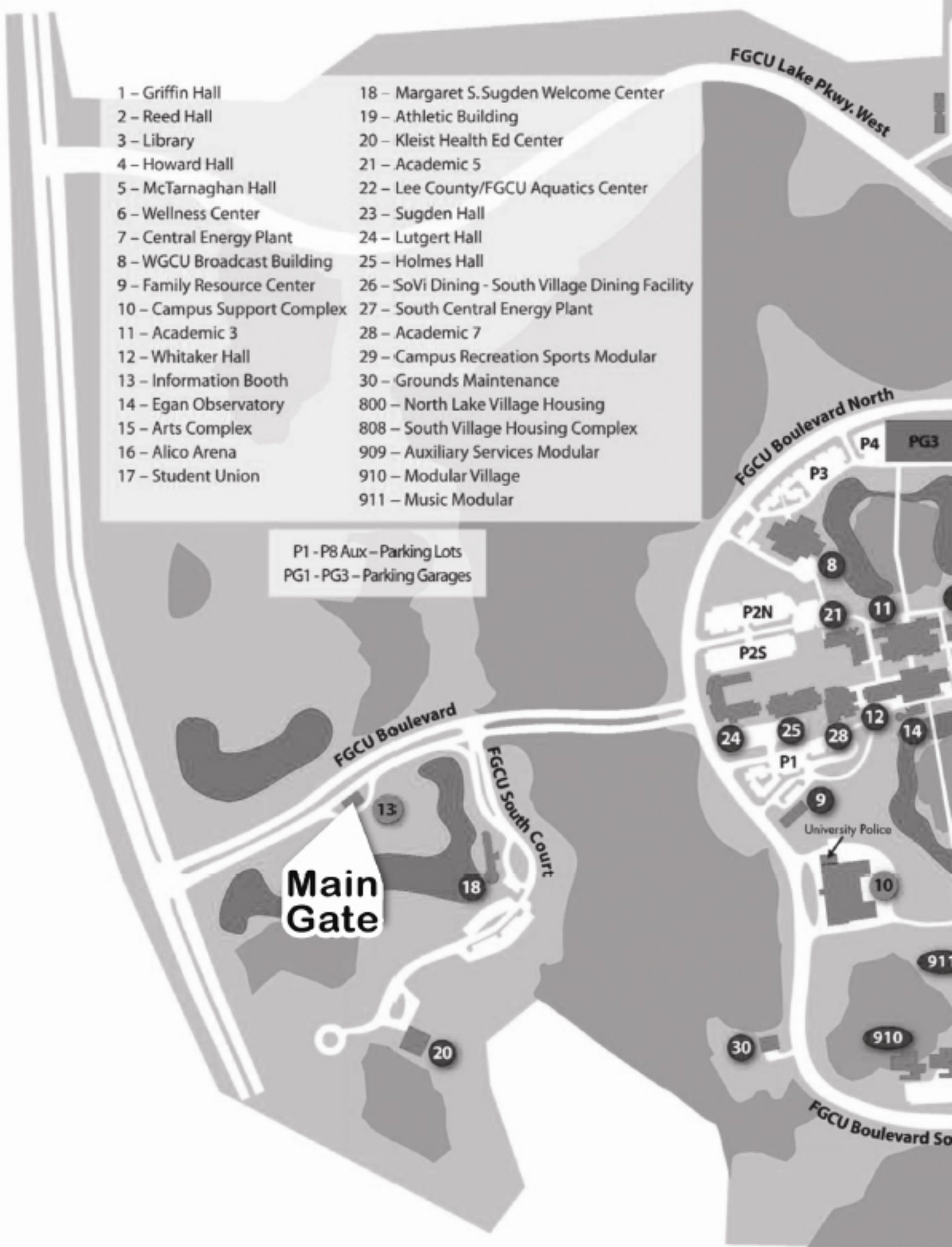
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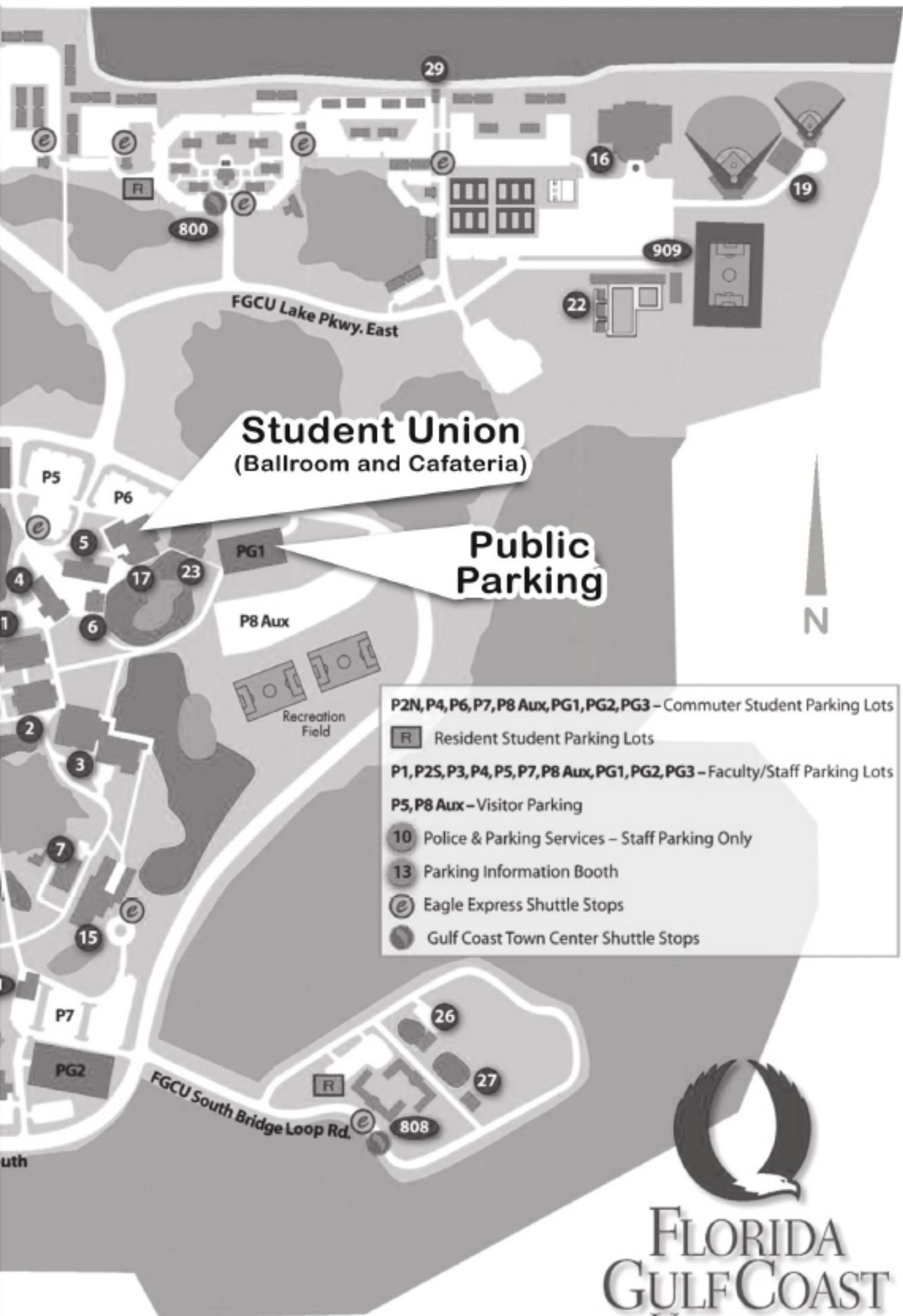
Dr. Fine was selected for exceptional commitment, dedication, and exemplary contributions within the areas of education and applied sciences. Dr. Fine has received numerous other awards, including Educator of The Year Award given by the California Learning Disability Association.

During his thirty years in the field of Animal Assisted Therapy, Dr. Fine's work and insight into the human-animal bond have placed him at the cutting edge in the field. Dr. Fine's clinical practice focuses on the treatment of children with developmental, learning, attention and behavior disorders. He is also the author of 8 books. He lives in Southern California with his family – including dogs PJ and Magic and his cockatoo Tikvah – who play an integral role in his work with children.

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| 1 – Griffin Hall | 18 – Margaret S. Sugden Welcome Center |
| 2 – Reed Hall | 19 – Athletic Building |
| 3 – Library | 20 – Kleist Health Ed Center |
| 4 – Howard Hall | 21 – Academic 5 |
| 5 – McTarnaghan Hall | 22 – Lee County/FGCU Aquatics Center |
| 6 – Wellness Center | 23 – Sugden Hall |
| 7 – Central Energy Plant | 24 – Lutgert Hall |
| 8 – WGPU Broadcast Building | 25 – Holmes Hall |
| 9 – Family Resource Center | 26 – SoVi Dining - South Village Dining Facility |
| 10 – Campus Support Complex | 27 – South Central Energy Plant |
| 11 – Academic 3 | 28 – Academic 7 |
| 12 – Whitaker Hall | 29 – Campus Recreation Sports Modular |
| 13 – Information Booth | 30 – Grounds Maintenance |
| 14 – Egan Observatory | 800 – North Lake Village Housing |
| 15 – Arts Complex | 808 – South Village Housing Complex |
| 16 – Alico Arena | 909 – Auxiliary Services Modular |
| 17 – Student Union | 910 – Modular Village |
| | 911 – Music Modular |

P1 - P8 Aux – Parking Lots
 PG1 - PG3 – Parking Garages





Student Union
(Ballroom and Cafateria)

Public Parking

- P2N, P4, P6, P7, P8 Aux, PG1, PG2, PG3** – Commuter Student Parking Lots
- R** Resident Student Parking Lots
- P1, P2S, P3, P4, P5, P7, P8 Aux, PG1, PG2, PG3** – Faculty/Staff Parking Lots
- P5, P8 Aux** – Visitor Parking
- 10** Police & Parking Services – Staff Parking Only
- 13** Parking Information Booth
- e** Eagle Express Shuttle Stops
- 10, 13** Gulf Coast Town Center Shuttle Stops



SPEAKER BIOS



Natalie Allouche has been a Registered Nurse for 17 years, is a Certified Humane Educator, and established and ran an inner-city peer intervention and support group. She started a crisis intervention program called, "Brothers in Arms Animal Assisted Therapy" with her Crisis Response Certified mastiff.

Natalie completed studies through Humane Society University and has a deep interest in the human-animal bond. She has designed, coordinated and implemented activities relating to animal welfare, animal rights, animal behavior, and interactions between people, animals and the environment. Educational topics covered through her Brothers in Arms Animal Assisted Therapy included developing empathy towards animals and guiding participants to treat each other with humane behavior. Email: bia@bellsouth.net.



Jennifer Self-Aulgur has been with the Humane Society of West Michigan for eight years and developed the Humane Education program at the organization. Every year, the humane education program provides summer camps, monthly groups, service clubs and classroom presentations that reach thousands of youth. Jennifer was also involved in

the creation of low income programming for pets, including a vaccine clinic, spay and neuter voucher program and pet food bank. Jennifer has a Masters of Public Administration from Grand Valley State University and is also a Certified Humane Education Specialist. Jennifer currently serves on the APHE Board of Directors and is the editor of the Packrat. Email: jaulgur@hswestmi.org.



Shakela Brown has been with the Washington Humane Society as the Humane Educational Outreach Program Manager since 2006. She has a long history with the Washington Humane Society that spans over 16 years. She has worn many hats during those years, from animal caretaker, front desk staff, animal control officer and wherever she was needed. Eventually, she became a Humane Law Enforcement Officer and in a short

time she was called the "kid officer" because she visited schools with the Humane Educator. She was named Humane Educator of the Year in 2008 by the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments in Washington DC. She is also interim Area Director for Young Life N.E. in Washington DC. She has been a youth leader for the past 6 years. She truly has a heart for the community and uses non traditional methods to reach and teach the youth. She is able combine her love for animals and the toughest teens in the city. One of her greatest joys is when her Young Life teens help animals. She believes through compassionate interactions and teaching, lives will be changed.

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Stephanie Clark is the manager of training for The Humane Society of the United States Student Outreach program, has guided hundreds of students in projects for animals through the Mission: Humane service-learning program and serves as principal of Humane High School. Stephanie also manages curriculum and professional development activities for humane educators and instructs the Certified Humane Education Specialist courses. Prior to joining The HSUS, she worked as a classroom teacher, where she infused humane and service concepts into the required curriculum and led an animal protection club. Stephanie holds a Master's in Educational Development and Strategies, a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education, and Certified Humane Education Specialist credentials. She currently serves on the Board of the Association of Professional Humane Educators. Email: sclark@humanesociety.org.



Sandy DeLisle joined the End Dogfighting in Chicago (EDC) program of The HSUS in 2007 and has served as the campaign's lead educator and event organizer. In her current role for EDC, Sandy developed the anti-dogfighting curriculum that is being implemented in select Chicago Public schools. The curriculum has been well-received by educators, as it addresses subject area benchmarks as well as state mandated educational standards. The students like the hands-on learning techniques the course provides, including a lively game show about dogfighting and a student showcase with prizes for the top projects. She received her Master's of Education from Northern Illinois University in 1992 and has worked as a middle school public school teacher, museum educator, and educational consultant. Email: sdelisle@humanesociety.org.



Laura Ducceschi is the Director of Education for the American Anti-Vivisection Society, where she has worked for 8 years and oversees the Animalearn Division. Animalearn's "The Science Bank" has become the largest lending library of alternatives serving a wide array of audiences. Laura's research has been published in various peer-reviewed journals, she co-authored "They Dying to Learn Report" on use of companion animals in colleges and universities, and she has presented at international conferences and symposiums. Prior to AAVS, Laura was the Director of Junior Achievement of Delaware Valley, and served on the Annenberg Public Policy Center's project team with the Pew Charitable Trusts. She has her MA In Communication from the Annenberg School of Communication at the University of Pennsylvania, and an MBA in Marketing and Organizational Management from Drexel University's Lebow College of Business. Email: laurajducceschi@yahoo.com.

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Clay Foley is the Humane Educator and Humane Investigator for the Champaign County Humane Society in Urbana, Illinois. He joined CCHS in 2006, building the organization's Humane Education Department which reaches over 3,000 students per year. Certified as a humane investigator in the state of Illinois, Clay has performed over 500 animal cruelty investigations. Concerned by the plight of neglected outdoor dogs, he created the CANOPY Program, which donates doghouses, straw, food, and other essential supplies free-of-charge to needy outdoor pets. Clay is a board member for the Companion Animal Resource and Education (CARE) Center in Urbana, and acts as an advisor for Teachers for Creatures - a University of Illinois student organization devoted to spreading humane education. Email: clayfoley@yahoo.com.



Nicole Green is the Associate Director of Education for the American Anti-Vivisection Society (AAVS). She has worked for AAVS for over 10 years, helping to educate students, educators, and other concerned individuals about the use of animals in research, testing, and education. Nicole co-authored The Dying to Learn report, which exposed the use of companion animals in teaching labs in colleges and universities nationwide. Nicole has been active with a variety of animal protection issues for close to 20 years - during that time she hosted her own radio show at Rowan University entitled "Speak Out for Animals," and wrote a NJ newspaper column called "Animals and Us." Nicole also served as a State Coordinator for the New Jersey Animal Rights Alliance. Nicole is currently working on her Master's in Education & Innovation with an emphasis in Humane Education. Email: ngreen@animalearn.org.



Lisa Isenhardt works as the Program Associate for Food Animal Concerns Trust (FACT), a farm animal welfare and public health non-profit organization. Along with her colleague Larissa McKenna, she created and launched FACT's Chicago-based Humane Education Project in 2009. Lisa is a Certified Humane Education Specialist (CHES) through the Humane Society University, and also is a Certified Yoga Teacher (CYT-200). These skills are especially useful in bringing FACT's brand of humane education - one that relies on storytelling, yoga-inspired movement, and puppetry - to children in the Chicagoland area. Email: lisenhardt@foodanimalconcerns.org.



Kim Korona works as a humane education instructor and program coordinator for HEART (Humane Education Advocates Reaching Teachers) in New York, where she teaches broad-based humane education to students from K-12 and conducts teacher trainings, covering topics related to human rights, animal protection, and environmental preservation. Kim first worked as a humane

SPEAKER BIOS (continued)

Kimberly Korona (continued) educator for the Michigan Humane Society, where she designed and taught programs for youth and adults. In addition, Kim works for the Institute for Humane Education, as a workshop facilitator, training people to teach humane education and providing people with the keys to leading a more humane life. Kim received her B.A. from Goddard College in Vermont and her M.Ed from the Institute for Humane Education.

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Lieutenant Colonel Robert Lucius entered the U.S. Marine Corps in 1989 and has served 22 years on active duty in a variety of command, staff and diplomatic assignments. He is a specialist in Asian foreign languages and cultures and is now assigned as The Assistant Provost and Dean of Educational Support Services for Continuing Education at the Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center in Monterey, CA. He earned a Bachelor of Arts in History from Norwich University, a Master of Forensic Science degree from National University, a Master of Arts degree in National Security Studies from Naval Postgraduate School and a Graduate Certificate in Community Advocacy from George Washington University. In 2009, he founded the Kairos Coalition to pilot experimental Humane Education initiatives.

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Dr. Tunde Szecsi is an Associate Professor at Florida Gulf Coast University, Fort Myers, FL. She earned her Master's degrees in Hungary, and her Ph.D. in Early Childhood Education at University at Buffalo in 2003. Currently she teaches courses on Humane Education and Early Childhood Education. Recently her research project on teaching dog safety programs has been awarded with a community grant. Over the last decade she has made numerous presentations in Hungary, Denmark, Bolivia, Russia, Italy, France and USA. She has contributed over thirty articles in child development, multicultural education, and culturally responsive teacher preparation, and humane education. She is the coeditor of the Teaching Strategies column and of the 2012 international theme issue of the Childhood Education journal. Email: tszecsi@fgcu.edu.

WHAT TO DO AROUND FORT MYERS

Native Wildlife

Barefoot Beach Preserve - about 1/2 hour from the hotel.

Ding Darling Preserve - about 45 minutes from the hotel.

Lee County Manatee Park - about 15 minutes from the hotel.

Lovers Key State Park - about 30 minutes from the hotel.

Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary - about 1 hour from the hotel.

Sight Seeing & Shopping

Sanibel & Captiva Island - about 45 minutes from the hotel.

Gulf Coast Town Center Mall - directly across from the hotel with free shuttle service.

Time Square, Ft. Myers Beach - about 45 minutes from the hotel.

Animals & Environment

Naples Zoo - about 15 minutes from the hotel.

Mote Marine Lab & Aquarium - about 1 1/2 hours from the hotel.

ECHO Global Farm - about 15 minutes from the hotel.



This Year's Conference Committee

Jane Greco Deming - <i>Conference Chair</i>	
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