

Conference Facts

Full Conference Package includes: opening reception, all conference sessions, Wednesday-Saturday breakfast, lunch and manager's receptions, Friday Bus Tour, Saturday Gala Banquet and Sunday Farewell Brunch.

Please check www.cgocouncil.org for an "a la carte" menu of partial packages.

Our Hotel: Embassy Suites by Hilton, 28100 Franklin Rd, Southfield, MI. Please book a room at the hotel; it helps keep our conference fee low! There's an indoor pool with whirlpool and sundeck, health club, and all amenities, including a cook-to-order breakfast each day, and manager's reception each afternoon, for up to 4 people per room. Each suite has one king bed and a separate living room with a sofa bed.

Suites are \$99 plus tax. To get this rate you must reserve at (248)359-2000 or www.embassysuites3.hilton.com by July 10th. Please be sure to mention that you are attending the CGO Conference. Reservations or rates cannot be guaranteed after July 10th.

Getting there

Airplane: The hotel is a 20-minute drive from the Detroit Metro Airport (DTW). Preferred transportation vendor: Platinum Eagle. Call (313)585-7033 or email: pegitech@yahoo.com. Let them know you're a Georgist.

Train: AMTRAK offers us 10% off. Our fare code is: X32U-914 We are "The 35th Annual Conference." You need to contact Amtrak at (800)872-7245 to get the discount. There are stations in Dearborn and downtown Detroit; both are about 15 miles from Southfield.

Bus: Every major bus company comes to Detroit, but Greyhound has a station in Southfield, less than 5 miles from our hotel — from which you can get the free hotel shuttle.

Car: Parking is free for guests. If you need driving directions, check the box on your registration form, and they will be provided.

Questions or Special Needs: Notify the Administrators, Scott & Sue Walton as soon as you can. Call (847) 475-0391 or e-mail sns@swwalton.com

Next year:  Florida!

Speakers

- Gordon Abiama** — President, Africa Center for Geoclassical Economics; Board member, Henry George Inst.
- Bill Batt** — Longtime Georgist; "Our man in Albany" has contributed both scholarship and activism for decades.
- Ed Dodson** — Retired analyst for Fannie Mae, longtime Georgist educator and invaluable archivist for the movement; curator of www.cooperativeindividualism.org.
- Marie Donigan** — Transportation advocate; former Chair of the Trans. Committee in the Michigan legislature.
- Karl Fitzgerald** — One of the best of an awesome bunch of Aussies. Project Director for Prosper Australia.
- Mason Gaffney** — Professor, U. of California-Riverside; authority on land, resource and urban economics. Most recent books: *The Mason Gaffney Reader* and *After the Crash: Designing a Depression-Free Economy*.
- Ted Gwartney** — Former Assessor of British Columbia, Greenwich, Connecticut — and of Southfield. President of *The American Journal of Economics and Sociology*.
- Samantha Harkins** — Director, Michigan Municipal League Foundation.
- Alanna Hartzok** — Local-to-Global land rights and anti-poverty activist; General Secretary of the International Union; Pennsylvania Candidate for US Congress in 2014.
- Alex Wagner Lough** — Academic historian; Director, Henry George Birthplace Research Center in Philadelphia.
- Paul Martin** — Has run a very successful Georgist education program in Managua for more than a decade; founder of the Georgist Community Fund.
- Edward Miller** — Board and Faculty member (and longtime Webmaster) of the Henry George School, Chicago.
- Alan Ridley** — Green Business and Career Consultant; Board member, Foundator for Economic Justice.
- Jacob Shwartz-Lucas** — Social-media Director for the Robert Shalkenbach Foundation; force of nature.
- Maureen Taylor** — State Chair, Michigan Welfare Rights Organization
- David Triggs** — Director of the Henry George Foundation of Great Britain; retired design and construction engineer of water, sanitation, and environmental systems.
- Josh Vincent** — Director, Center for the Study of Economics; prime mover of municipal LVT adoption in US cities.
- Dave Wetzel** — Chair of The Professional Land Reform Group; former Vice-Chair of Transport for London & Chair of the Greater London Council's Transport Committee.
- Heather Wetzel** — Member of the UK Labour Party; Chair of the Labour Land Campaign and longtime Georgist scholar and activist.

Reclaiming Our Land & Water: Michigan and the World



A joint conference of the Council of Georgist Organizations and the

International Union for Land Value Taxation

August 4-9, 2015

Embassy Suites, Southfield, Michigan

Tuesday, August 4th

1-5 pm — *International Union for Land Value Taxation Business Meeting*

7:30-9:30 — Opening Reception: Welcome by Dan Sullivan and Dave Wetzel — *America's First Northwest: History of Settlement in the Area* — Ed Dodson

Wednesday, August 5th

8-8:45 am — *Open Mike*

9-10:30 — *The Situation in Michigan* — Samantha Harkins, Marie Donigan and Maureen Taylor.

10:45-12:20 — *Detroit and the World: Who Should Pay for Water and Transit?* — David Triggs, Dave Wetzel

12:30-1:30 pm — Lunch — *Table Topics*, with Dan Sullivan

1:30-2:30 — *How Moving Away from Property Taxes Hindered Detroit's Development* — Mason Gaffney

2:30-3:30 — *Southfield's 1960s Boom and Other Successful Assessment Reforms* — Ted Gwartney

3:45-5:00 — *Why Pennsylvania's Cities are Bouncing Back from the Collapse of Big Steel* — Josh Vincent

Dinner on your own

7-9 — *What I Learned about US Foreign Policy* — film discussion led by Alanna Hartzok

Thursday, August 6th

8-8:45 am — *Open Mike*

8:45-10 — *Welfare for the Rich: How the Poor Subsidize Landowners* — Heather Wetzel

10:30-12:30 — *Education for Movement-Building:*

What Must We Teach? — Mike Curtis, Lindy Davies, Ed Dodson, Mason Gaffney, Ed Miller

12:30-1:45 pm — Lunch — *CGO Member Reports*

1:45-3:15 — *Education & Movement-Building in Nicaragua: A Success Story* — Paul Martin

3:30-4:45 — *Hackathon: What Works (and Doesn't Work) in Social Media*

— Jacob Shwartz-Lucas, Edward Miller, Karl Fitzgerald

Dinner on your own

7:30-9 — *Brainstorming International Cooperation* — Led by Karl Fitzgerald

Friday, August 7th

8-10 am — *Open Mike and*

Discussions

8:45-10 — *CGO Business Meeting*

10:15-11:30 — *Hazen Pingree: The Leader Who Brought Jobs, People and Capital Flocking to Detroit* — Alex Wagner Lough and Mason Gaffney

11:30-1:00 — Lunch — *CGO Member Reports*

1:00-6:00 — *Bus Tour!* Detroit's illustrious past and challenging present. We'll take an instructively scenic route to the Detroit Institute of History, with its fascinating industrial exhibits. Then on to Belle Isle, and the Dossin Great Lakes Museum, which boasts maritime history and outstanding stained glass windows. Finally, a swing by Grosse Pointe Shores to see how the other half lives. Narrated by Scott Walton.



Special Welcome!

The Embassy Suites offers these extraordinary benefits free to hotel guests:

☞ A free, cooked-to-order breakfast each morning!

☞ A Manager's Reception each evening, with free bar and snacks!

7:30-8:30 — *Henry George Institute membership meeting*

Saturday, August 8th

8-8:45 am — *Open Mike*

8:45-9:45 — *Deadweight Loss: The Productivity We Never See* — Bill Batt

10-11:15 — *Nigeria Report: Governance, Trade and Natural Rights* — Gordon Abiama

11:15-12:30 — *Water Access in Underdeveloped Countries* — David Triggs

12:30-1:30 pm — Lunch — *CGO Member Reports*

1:30-3 — *The Total Resource Rent of Australia and the Neocon Constriction* — Karl Fitzgerald

3:15-4:15 — *Victory: Lessons from the Life of Korean Admiral Yi Soon Shin* — Alan Ridley

4:15-5:30 — *On the Spot Topics* — Hosted by Jacob Shwartz-Lucas and Dan Sullivan

6:30-9:30 — *Gala Banquet — Alanna Hartzok: My 2014 Congressional Campaign and Movement-Building for LVT* — Economic Justice Awards

Sunday, August 9th

8-8:45 am — *Open Mike*

9-10:30 — *How Francis Neilson Came to Hold Winston Churchill in Such Low Esteem* — Ed Dodson

10:30-12 — *Open Mike Brainstorming*

12-1:30 pm — *Our Traditional Farewell Lunch: Toasts and Farewells*

The Law of Rent never changes. But our schedule may, without notice.



Stained-glass detail at the Dossin Museum