

2019 Accessibility Guidelines

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*Feminist Ethics and Social Theory (FEAST) Conference
October 3-6, 2019
at Sheraton Sand Key Resort in Clearwater, FL*

Transportation:

Supershuttle, a shared van service, offers round-trip rides from/to Tampa International Airport (TPA) to the conference hotel for \$27.65 per person for a shared ride or \$61.85 for a direct ride for up to 3 passengers (not including gratuity). Supershuttle offers round trip direct rides from the Clearwater/St. Petersburg airport (PIE) to the conference hotel for \$127.40 for up to 3 passengers. It is possible to make a reservation on-line at <https://booking.supershuttle.com/>.

Wheelchair-accessible vans are available, and there is an option to request this on-line. If you plan to have Supershuttle transport a manual wheelchair, and you do not need a wheelchair lift, I would recommend calling 1-800-BLUE-VAN to convey this information.

Lyft and *Uber* are both available in this area.

The estimated fare for a one-way trip via taxi from TPA to the conference hotel is approximately \$70 (including 15% gratuity). The estimated fare for a one-way trip from PIE to the conference hotel is \$35 (not including gratuity).

Sheraton Sand Key Resort:

- *Hotel rooms:* There are accessible rooms with the following features:
 - Roll-in shower or bathtub with grab bars
 - Portable tub seats
 - Portable communications kits containing visual alarms & notification devices

- Mobility-accessible doors with at least 32 inches of clear door width
 - TTY (Text Telephone Device)
 - Televisions with closed captioning
- *Bathrooms:*
Wheelchair-accessible and gender-neutral bathrooms will be available.
 - *Hotel restaurants:*
There are three restaurants in the hotel as well as a poolside café and bar. Here is a link to the page that describes these options:
<https://www.sheratonsandkey.com/dining/>
The Island Grille, which offers sandwiches, salads, and soup, is the least expensive of the hotel restaurants.

Conference rooms/presentations:

Lighting: There will not be incandescent lights in the conference rooms where sessions will be held. We will also have lamps with LED bulbs. It is important that the lighting is not altered suddenly (light switches being turned on or off) because this creates an unsafe environment for some conference participants.

PowerPoints: Since projection makes presentations inaccessible for some conference participants, we have decided that we will not use PowerPoint or other means of presentation that require projection. In many cases, printed handouts work just as well to convey main points.

Papers: Please have printed copies of your paper with 12 point and 18 point font available at the beginning of your presentation so audience members can follow along if this is helpful to them. (In the past, it has been possible to print papers at the hotel. I expect this will be the case this year as well.)

If you have any questions related to accessibility, please contact Christine Wieseler at cwiese@skidmore.edu. You may also direct questions about accessibility to the hotel at 1-727-595-1611.