



PoliInformatics
New data, new methods, new insights

PoliInformatics 2017 is fast approaching! This e-mail provides additional information about:

1. Travel tips
2. Preparing for the workshop
 - Submitting your paper and slides
 - Pi-Net buddy system
 - Preparing your "lightning" talk
3. Workshop schedule

1. Travel information and tips

If you haven't booked your flights, please do!

The workshop venue is the [IslandWood conference center](#) on Bainbridge Island. It's a little remote and not a hotel so bring what you need (we can also make a run to town).

The entire site is ours starting late Monday afternoon (August 28th). There will be a keynote address at 6pm for those who can make it. Dinner (family style including vegan options) will be served around 7pm (so don't fill up on airplane pretzels!).

The workshop ends shortly after noon on the 30th. There are no accommodations at IslandWood that night. Catching flights around 5pm will be no problem, 4pm is do-able.

Getting to IslandWood:

The Bainbridge ferry leaves the Coleman Dock in downtown Seattle [every 50 minutes](#). Option 1 from Sea-Tac airport is to take the light rail, get off at the University Street station, and walk a few blocks downhill to the waterfront and then south to the ferry terminal (10 minutes). Option 2 is to grab a cab or ride service from the airport and have them take you to the Coleman dock.

You will need to purchase a ferry ticket (~\$8), and then catch a cab (\$10) or the #97 bus (\$2, tell the driver where you want to get off). If you are early, downtown Bainbridge is cute and a short walk from the ferry.

Welcome! If you need anything, (206) 370-0132 (John Wilkerson), or (206) 855-4300 (IslandWood)

Anne Washington and John Wilkerson

2. Preparing for the Workshop

We view the workshop as an opportunity to share research ideas and receive feedback in a friendly and supportive setting. To accomplish this, we ask that you share a paper and a lightning talk in advance. Each participant will read at least two other submitted papers prior to the workshop (see below).

Submitting papers and slides

Please use this naming convention: Last names of authors and version (e.g. SmithWessonPaperV1; SmithWessonSlidesV1)

Submit your paper by August 22 to:

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/qts9rdcxogxirg5/AAClso31cG2famOAXyujbQQ6a?dl=0>

Submit your slides by August 27 to:

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/7wxmobax6r3kav8/AABtM3bPneL1GB8mNOvfNy1Sa?dl=0>

(Anyone with the link will be able to see /download these files.)

PiNet buddy system and commenting

Prior to the workshop, we will read two assigned papers. Groups of three or more “buddies” will discuss and provide feedback on each others’ projects at some point during the workshop.

Any participant can also provide feedback on any paper using the comment option in dropbox. Access the paper, click on the ‘...’, and then ‘Add Comment’

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/qts9rdcxogxirg5/AAClso31cG2famOAXyujbQQ6a?dl=0>

"Lightning" talks

These are 5 minute presentations by one person from your project (4-5 slides recommended).

Inspire discussion of your project! Start with a motivating example and the ‘big’ research question. Give an overview of your data sources, methods, and the project’s current status. Close by highlighting a couple of key questions or challenges where you’d benefit from feedback.

Participants will be divided into three teams. Each project will present to one of these teams, followed by a moderated team discussion of the projects.

PoliInformatics 2017 Conference Schedule (draft)

Monday August 28th

6pm keynote: [Noah Smith](#) What's New in NLP? An Update for Text-As-Data Researchers
7pm dinner

Tuesday August 29th

7:30 breakfast w/buddies!

9:00-9:45

Lightning talks 1

(15 minute break)

10:00-10:45

Lightning talks 2

Lightning talks 3

Lightning talks 4

(45 minute break)

11:30-12:15

Lightning talks 5

Lightning talks 6

Lightning talks 7

(2.5 hour break)

2:45-3:30

Lightning talks 8

Lightning talks 9

Lightning talks 10

(2 hour break)

5:30-6:30 Government Text as Data Roundtable and Consulting (optional)

6:30 Reception

7:00 Dinner

Wednesday August 30th

7:30 Breakfast

9:00-10:30 Grant Writing Roundtable and Consulting (optional)

11:00 Closing Plenary