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Registration

The Registration Desk will be located in Rookwood. Hours are:

Friday, October 3: 1:00-6:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 4: 7:30-11:00 a.m. and 1:15-5:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 5: 7:45-11:30 a.m.

The following items will be available at the Registration Desk: badges, receipts, program booklets, and late changes to program booklet.

For those who did not preregister, on-site registration is \$175 (including \$65 membership fee). For students, retired, and unemployed, on-site registration is \$135 (including \$45 membership fee). Student ID must be presented.

All attendees must pay both the registration fee and the membership fee.

Badges must be worn at all conference events.

Book Exhibit

Book publishers' tables will be set up in Rookwood. Exhibit hours are:

Friday, October 3: 1:00-7:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 4: 8:00-11:30 a.m., 1:30-6:30 p.m.

Sunday, October 5: 8:00-1:00 p.m.

Special Events

Please note the following special events:

*Friday, October 3, 7:45–9:45 p.m., Continental Ballroom: **Reception**. Free hors d'oeuvres, cash bar. Free admission for conference registrants, but you must wear your badge. Admission to the Reception only is \$30.*

*Friday, October 3, 4:15-5:45 p.m., Mayflower 1: **Mentor and Mentee Meeting***

*Saturday, October 4, 11:30am – 1:15 p.m., Continental Ballroom: **Luncheon and featured speaker Carl Westmoreland**. Free admission for conference registrants, but you must wear your badge. Admission to the Luncheon only is \$35.*

*Saturday, October 4, 1:30-3:00 p.m., Continental Ballroom: **MPCA/MACA Business Meeting**.*

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