

## SIIC FAQs

**Q: Can I take more than one workshop per session?**

A: No, you may only register for one workshop per session. For example: If you want to come to Session II, July 16-20, you may only register for either one 3-day workshop, or one 5-day workshop, as you will be in that class, learning that subject for all 3- or 5-days. That is what makes this conference so unique, and why our participants receive such a rich learning experience. You can expect to leave with not only more understanding of the topic, but also with a toolbox of new and exciting ways to implement that new knowledge into your professional and personal lives.

**Q: Where do I go when I get to Portland?**

A: You will come to the Reed College Campus. Our office and registration site will be located off of SE 28<sup>th</sup> Ave. The driveway to the parking lot is located right next to Campus Safety – look for a white sign that says 28 WEST – their address is **5436 SE 28<sup>th</sup> Ave, Portland OR 97202**. The parking lot is on the north side of this building. On registration days we will have lots of bright pink directional signs to get you to the right place!

**Q: What if my university/organization is paying for me to attend?**

A: No problem – just let us know when you register. At the bottom of the online registration page there is a box for comments. Give us the name and phone number to the correct department and/or a purchase order number, and we can take it from there.

**Q: I'm not sure which workshop is best for me, can you help me?**

A: Absolutely! We have advisors that would be more than happy to help you decide which workshop will be best suited for you. You may call to set up an advising appointment, or email [ici@intercultural.org](mailto:ici@intercultural.org).

**Q: What does the daily schedule look like?**

A: Good question - we keep you busy! Here is what you can expect:

- There will be an Opening Ceremony on the first day of your workshop where you will be introduced to faculty and welcomed to the Institute. Following the ceremony you will be escorted to your classroom. Location for Opening Ceremony will be included in your Welcome Binder that you receive at registration.
- Note: Participants in 5-day workshops get Wednesday afternoons off, to relax or do something fun in Portland.
- The daily schedule looks like this:
  - 8-9am Breakfast in Commons (cafeteria)
  - 9-12 Workshop time
  - 12-2pm Lunch in Commons
  - 2-5pm Workshop time
  - 5-7pm Dinner in Commons
  - 7-9:30pm Evening Program (optional)
  - 9:30-11pm Evening Social hour (optional)

**Q: Will I have time to explore Portland during the institute?**

A: While we do have a very busy schedule, you can find time to go exploring. Many participants choose to walk to one of the neighborhood restaurants for dinner. You will have the evenings free to explore if you choose not to attend an evening program. And for those who are doing a 5-day workshop, you will only have a half-day on Wednesday so you can take the afternoon to relax or do something fun in Portland. A long-term associate of the Institute will also be offering short cultural tours of Portland and the area.

**Q: What if my flight leaves much later than the 10am check-out time, can I stay longer?**

A: You must be out of your dorm room by 10am, but you don't have to leave campus. You can bring your luggage to our office and store it there until you need to depart. We are more than happy to keep it safe while you go explore Portland!

**Q: What is the weather like in July?**

A: That is a tough question! Last year during SIIC the temperatures reached into the mid-90s for a few days. That being said the evenings can get cool, and it has been known to even rain! Be prepared for warm weather and also bring warmer layers for classroom time because they are air-conditioned.

**Q: Is there a dress code?**

A: No, the Summer Institute is casual; in fact many of the faculty will be in shorts! When packing make sure you bring comfortable shoes because the campus is big and you will be walking a bit between dorm buildings and classroom buildings. You will likely be less happy in heels or dress shoes.

**Q: Can my family or children come with me and stay on campus?**

A: You may bring a spouse or partner with you to share a dorm room, and they will be charged the guest fee for room and board. Unfortunately, you may not bring any children that are under the age of 18, or furry family members. The college doesn't allow minors, or pets on campus for this event. Also, the largest room we have to offer is a double so if you have more than one guest you will be in different rooms.

**Q: If I decide to stay longer and take another workshop, can I do that?**

A: Yes! If after your workshop you decide you can't get enough, you may absolutely come to the office and register for another session.

**Q: If I have food allergies, will there be food I can eat in the Commons?**

A: Yes. The cafeteria offers gluten free, vegetarian, and vegan options. Please let our event director Shannon know if you have a particular food allergy so she can make sure that we accommodate you. She can be reached at [smason@intercultural.org](mailto:smason@intercultural.org). Daily food options include a salad bar, soup, a sandwich bar, two made from scratch entrees, and a grill bar that offers burgers, quesadillas and grilled sandwiches. For more information, and sample menus, please visit: <http://reed.cafebonappetit.com/>