



FALL EDUCATORS' CONFERENCE
ORLANDO, FL
SEPTEMBER 27-29, 2023

Conference Venue

- Our conference will take place at the [Drury Plaza Hotel Orlando/Disney Springs](#)
2000 Hotel Plaza Boulevard
Lake Buena Vista, FL 32830
P: 407-560-6111; F: 407-560-6118
- Meeting space is located on the Main Level (see map on the last page); all sessions will be held in the Scarlett rooms and the Awards Banquet on Thursday will be in the Coral Ballroom.
- The Commons on the 2nd Floor will be the location for Friday's lunch (sponsored by McGraw Hill Education).



Transportation

- There isn't a Hotel Shuttle for the airport, but the Drury does offer parking at a discount to those registered at the hotel - \$18/day Self-parking.
- Uber/Lyft or Taxis operate regularly to and from the Drury.

Attire

- Business Casual. Be comfortable; it's Florida, after all!

Meals

- Breakfast - Attendees staying at the Drury Plaza Hotel have access to a free hot breakfast every morning, 6:00 am – 10:00 am in the Commons area.
- Lunch – Registration includes a Plated Awards Banquet on Thursday and a Box Lunch on Friday (sponsored by McGraw Hill Education).
- 5:30 Kick-Back– Attendees staying at the Drury Plaza Hotel have access to a free kick-back event starting at 5:30 every evening. This includes three free drinks (mixed drinks, beer, or wine), free sodas and coffee, and a rotating menu of fresh, hot food.
- Dinner – Registration includes dinner on Wednesday, Sept. 27, at [Paradiso 37](#): <https://disneyworld.disney.go.com/dining/disney-springs/paradiso-37-taste-of-the-americas/>. We invite you to meet colleagues in the lobby at 6:15 pm to walk to dinner, together. You will find the short walk (1/2 mile) to Disney Springs will show you many options along the way, for your own dinner plans on other evenings.

Session Timing

- The session chairs have been asked to monitor each presenter's time to ensure that everyone has equal opportunity to share their insights. Please follow their directives.
- As an example, for a session with three position papers, each presenter has 15 minutes with the balance of the 50-minute session available for Q&A or open discussion.

Session Chairs

- Projectors and connecting cords are provided in meeting rooms.
- The session chairs are asked to determine who in their session will provide a laptop. Other presenters should bring their presentation on a flash drive or send it to the laptop provider to load in advance.
- Free Wi-Fi is available throughout the hotel and in the guest rooms.

Proceedings and Program

- The conference proceedings will be posted on the conference website after the conference is complete.
- The current program is posted on the website. Some copies of the program will be available at the registration table but feel free to download the latest version that will be emailed to all registered attendees prior to the conference's start on Wednesday, 09/27: <https://www.mmaglobal.org/mma-fall-educators-conference-in-person>

Exhibitors and Sponsors

- We strongly encourage you to take advantage of visiting with the exhibitors and sponsors at the conference. Please support their efforts by attending at least one exhibitor session as they have prepared excellent resource material and they help to make the conference a good value for everyone. We will have a contest for those who visit with the exhibitors and sponsors and attend their sessions. More information will be available at the conference check-in. See the program for all exhibitor and sponsor sessions.



Doctoral Student Consortium

- MMA is excited to, once again, offer a consortium for doctoral students on Wednesday afternoon. There is a separate program for doc consortium attendees as the sessions are only open to registered doctoral students and faculty colleagues. Thanks to Brian Rutherford and Brian Vander Schee for heading up this endeavor!

What to do before and after the conference:

- An Official Walt Disney World® Hotel, the Drury Plaza Hotel Orlando - Disney Springs® Area is located just half a mile from Disney Springs® and offers free shuttle service to all four Walt Disney World® Theme Parks: <https://www.druryhotels.com/locations/orlando-fl/drury-plaza-hotel-orlando>.
- You'll find plenty of places to eat, drink and be merry. [The Visit Orlando Website is a great place to see all your options!](https://www.visitorlando.com/gb/) (<https://www.visitorlando.com/gb/>)

Don't forget to make your hotel reservations by 08/27 to get the best rate available:

<https://www.druryhotels.com/bookandstay/newreservation/?groupno=10016896>

The conference rate is available from Tuesday, 09/26/2023 through 10/01/2023.

If you have any questions or concerns about the hotel or conference registration, please contact Ursula Sullivan, MMA Conference Chair: usullivan@niu.edu. If you need help with the MMA program, contact Chad Milewicz, MMA Program Chair: cmmilewicz@usi.edu.

We're looking forward to seeing you in Orlando next month!

Map of the Drury Meeting Space (Main Level)

