



## 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Global Symposium for Sustainable Tourism Research

and

## FWOP Sustainability and Poverty Reduction International Conference

The *Global Symposium for Sustainable Tourism Research (GSSTR)* serves key stakeholders in the US and Costa Rica, as well as international partners with private and public industry involvement, community and educational engagement, and information and research dissemination through an annual digital symposium designed to examine best practices in sustainability and sustainable tourism throughout the world. The GSSTR is sponsored and hosted by UNT in Denton, Texas, USA and CATIE in Turrialba, Cartago, Costa Rica.

The *FWOP Sustainability and Poverty Reduction International Conference* serves as a platform to exchange ideas and projects, while expanding our global network. This hands-on, working conference will include planning upcoming projects and developing the agenda for the 2017 Summit of the Global Coalition for a Future Without Poverty, which is set to be held at CATIE, an international university in Turrialba, Costa Rica and UNT FWOP affiliate. FWOP affiliates from Africa, North America, South America, Europe, and Asia will share inspiring stories about education, micro-business, water, agriculture, and energy projects, including existing and potential projects.

Time (All times Central Daylight Time – CDT)	Activity & Participants
<b>Thursday, April 21, 2016</b> <b>FWOP Conference @ UNION 332 – Senate Room</b> 1155 Union Cir., Denton, TX 76203	
<b>1:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.</b>	<b>WELCOME</b> <i>Mission of Conference &amp; Hosts' Introductions</i> Tom Benjamin, FWOP - Director
<b>1:15 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.</b>	<b>Keynote Address:</b> <i>Sustainability and Poverty Reduction in Latin America</i> Daniel Spears, PhD, UNT – Int'l Sustainable Tourism (MIST) Eliecer Vargas, PhD, CATIE – Int'l Sustainable Tourism (MIST)
<b>2:15 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Keynote Address:</b> <i>Closing the Gap: An overview of Heifer International's Work to End Hunger and Poverty</i> Bryan Gammon, Heifer International – Community Engagement Coordinator Katy Campbell, MBA, UNT MIST – Student
<b>3:00 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.</b>	<b>BREAK</b>
<b>3:15p.m. – 4:15 p.m.</b>	<b>Discussion Panel:</b> <i>Education for Sustainable Living – How to Link Sustainability Education and Poverty Reduction</i> <b>Discussion Moderator:</b> Tom Benjamin, FWOP – Director Alana Presley Taylor, City of Denton Solid Waste Recycling – Public Outreach <i>"Role of Cities to Promote Sustainability Education and Community Engagement"</i> Daniel Spears, PhD, UNT – Int'l Sustainable Tourism <i>"Tourism and Carbon Footprint"</i> Sahil Noorani, UT Dallas & Aga Khan Foundation – Youth Ambassador <i>"Building a Better Future Together, One Innovation at Time"</i> Francisco Moran, Bettie Myers Middle School – Spanish Teacher <i>"GOAL Program – Social and Academic Viability"</i>
<b>4: 15 p.m. – 5:00p.m.</b>	<b>Discussion Panel:</b> <i>Reducing Poverty through Partnerships Instead of Exploitation in Ripley, Ohio</i> <b>Discussion Moderator:</b> Kendall Brune, PhD, FWOP – Executive Board Member Sylvester Flores, FWOP – Founder & President Christina Davis, Ripley Gourmet Tortilla Factory – Assistant Manager Travis Faul, FWOP Brown County Community Chapter – President Gary Davis, Gary's Tasty Dees – Owner & FWOP Community Leader

7:00 p.m.	<b>Social Hour @ Chilton Hall, Suite 302</b>
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<b>Friday, April 22, 2016</b> <b>Graduate Symposium for Sustainable Tourism Research @ UNION 386</b> 1155 Union Cir., Denton, TX 76203		
9:00 a.m. – 9:40 a.m.	Eliecer Vargas, PhD (MIST, CATIE) <b>Opening Remarks</b>	Turrialba, Costa Rica
9:45 a.m. – 10:10 a.m.	Althea Johnson <b>Report Title: TBD</b>	<i>Internship location:</i> Auckland, New Zealand <i>Hometown:</i> Raleigh, North Carolina, USA
10:15 a.m. – 10:40 a.m.	Breana Hyché <b>Report Title: TBD</b>	<i>Internship location:</i> La Fortuna, Costa Rica <i>Hometown:</i>
10:45 a.m. – 11:05 a.m.	Savannah Remmich <b>Report:</b> “How Culture Impacts Sustainable Tourism Development at the Community Level”	<i>Internship location:</i> Isla Bastimentos, Panama <i>Hometown:</i> Pittsburg, Kansas, USA
11:05 a.m. – 11:25 a.m.	Break	
11:30 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.	Sujej Franco <b>Report: TBD</b>	<i>Internship location:</i> Osa, Costa Rica <i>Hometown:</i> Fort Worth, Texas, USA
11:55 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	Mei Ling Liu <b>Report:</b>	<i>Internship location:</i> Tortuguero, Limón, Costa Rica <i>Hometown:</i> Kaohsiung, Taiwan
12:20 p.m. – 12:40 p.m.	Katy Campbell, Ajak Kenyi, Laura Anne Hunt, and Yujun Zhou <b>Report: Sustainable Development in La Fortuna, Costa Rica: Qualitative and Quantitative Assessment of Community Issues Associated with Mixed Tourism Development</b>	Little Rock, Arkansas, USA Juba, South Sudan St. Paul, Minnesota, USA Liaoning, China
12:45 p.m. -1:05 p.m.	AJ McGovern, David Quesada Solano, Yi Ju Toa, and Katrina Wang <b>Report: Sustainable Development in Tortuguero, Costa Rica: Qualitative and Quantitative Assessment of Community Issues Associated with Mixed Tourism Development</b>	Long Island, New York, USA Turrialba, Costa Rica Taipei, Taiwan Taichung, Taiwan
1:30 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.	Daniel L. Spears, PhD (MIST, UNT) <b>Concluding Remarks</b>	Denton, Texas, USA

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<b>8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Discussion Panel: <i>Creating Social and Ecological Oriented Enterprises</i></b> <u>Discussion Moderator:</u> Raifu Durodoye, North Lake College – Professor Sylvester Flores, FWOP – Founder & President Christian Davis, Ripley Gourmet Tortillas Factory – Assistant Manager <i>"Creating Hope in 'Third World' America"</i> Kendall Brune, PhD, FWOP – Executive Board <i>"Comprehensive Veteran Care: NGO and Private Partnerships"</i> Karen McDaniels, XSProject Reguna Kreasi – Executive Director <i>"Trash Pickers Enterprise Development: Jakarta"</i> Ty Albright, Little Red Hen, LLC – Project Management Frances Punch, OTR/L, Denton Cohousing – Coordinator <i>"Cohousing-Social and Ecological Living: A Better Way to Live"</i>
<b>10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.</b>	Break
<b>10:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Discussion Panel: <i>Restoring and Maintaining Physical and Social Environments—Creating Sustainable Living Environments</i></b> <u>Discussion Moderator:</u> Iftekhar Amin, PhD, UNT Dallas – Gerontology Kevin Peach, Flexiway Solar, Inc. – USA Representative <i>"Disasters: Promoting Sustainable Recovery"</i> Ryan Crocker, Earthwise, Inc. – Owner/Grower <i>"Creating Cooperative Living and Urban Gardening"</i> Amanda Sunny, MPH, CPH, Exquisite Water – Founder & Director <i>"Nigeria: Water Testing and Reducing Illness"</i> Patrick Smith, Denton Serve – Executive Director <i>"Tiny House Communities and the Homeless"</i> Syeda Jesmin, PhD, MPH, UNT Dallas – Sociology <i>"Grameen Bank's Impact: Bangladesh"</i>
<b>11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.</b>	<b>LUNCH @ Harvest of Hillwood Communities – Optional Event</b> 1300 Homestead Way, Argyle, TX 76226 (940) 648-3322 Urban Agrarian Community – Master Planned to Promote Sustainable Living <i>Meal Provided at No Cost to Registered Attendants</i> <i>Cost to Ride Van: \$10/person</i> <i>Pre-registration Required</i>
<b>2:15 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.</b>	<b>Discussion Panel: <i>Empowering Citizens and Youth</i></b> <u>Discussion Moderator:</u> Laud Brown, PhD, Maranatha University College – Vice President Carolyn Wright, AWOW-US – CEO <i>"Creating Girl and Women Empowerment Zones in Nine Nations"</i> Zahria Kamel, UNT FWOP – President <i>"College Student Empowerment for Local and International Involvement"</i> Apatio Marie-Coulibaly, Ivory Coast FWOP – President <i>"Creating New FWOP Chapters in Africa"</i> Ana Fore Tamayo, FWOP – Board Member & Refugee Advocate Andres Pacheco, FWOP – Board Member & Refugee Advocate <i>"The Chronic 'Refugee Problem' Under USA's Rug: Migration Along Our Southern Border"</i> Daniel Cohan, PhD, Rice University – Environmental Engineering <i>"Growing Affordability of Clean Energy in the Developing World"</i>
<b>4:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.</b>	Break
<b>4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Discussion Panel: <i>International Center for Sustainable Technologies—Testing, Training, and Business Models for the Solar Initiative and Cooperative</i></b> <u>Discussion Moderator:</u> Tom Benjamin, FWOP – Director Dr. Eliecer Vargas, CATIE – Int'l Sustainable Tourism (MIST) Dr. Daniel Spears, UNT – Int'l Sustainable Tourism (MIST) Sidney Hartz, UNT FWOP – Secretary David Quesada Solano, UNT MIST – Student Tarah Dykeman, FWOP – Research Associate
<b>5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.</b>	Dinner Break – On-Campus

<p><b>7:00 p.m.</b></p>	<p><b>Tour of Environmental Education, Science and Technology (EESAT) Building FWOP Planning Breakout Sessions 2016 - 2017</b></p> <p><u>EESAT 176</u>  <i>Africa Network: Nigeria, Ghana, Ivory Coast, Uganda, Kenya, Cameroon</i>  Facilitator: Daniela Simmons, PhD, PAT, Expressive Therapies Training Institute (ETTi) – Founder &amp; Director</p> <p><u>EESAT 178</u>  <i>Latin American Network: Costa Rica, Mexico, Honduras, Nicaragua, Chile, etc.</i>  Facilitator: Juan Pagoada-Reyes, UNT FWOP – Community and Graduate Liaison</p> <p><u>EESAT 180</u>  <i>USA, EU, India, Indonesia, Bangladesh, Nepal</i>  Facilitator: Kendall Brune, PhD, FWOP – Executive Board</p>
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<b>Saturday, April 23, 2016</b> <b>FWOP Conference @ DISCOVERY PARK 185B</b> 3940 N. Elm St. Denton, TX 76207, (940)369-7033	
<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<i>UNT Bus Departs from EESAT Bldg to UNT Discovery Park Campus</i>
<b>8:45 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.</b>	<b>Open Discussion Panel:</b> <i>Planning the 2017 Summit in Costa Rica</i> Discussion Moderators: Eliecer Vargas, PhD, CATIE – Int’l Sustainable Tourism (MIST) Tom Benjamin, FWOP – Director Carolyn Wright, AWOW – CEO
<b>9:45 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.</b>	<i>Break</i>
<b>10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Keynote Address:</b> <i>Sustainability and Poverty Reduction – Setting an Agenda for Our Common Future</i> Steve Saunders, TexEnergy Solutions, US-EcoLogic, & Tempo Mechanical – CEO, & USGBC Leader in the Residential Sector 2012 Award recipient Ralph Jarvis, Jarvis Business Solutions, LLC – Founder & CEO, & author of "Building a Bridge to Benefits" and other sustainability-related books
<b>12:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.</b>	<b>Tour of Zero Energy Lab</b>
<b>1:35 p.m.</b>	<i>UNT Bus Departs from Zero Net Energy Lab House to UNT Main Campus</i>
<b>1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.</b>	<i>Lunch – ON-CAMPUS @ UNION</i>
<b>3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Conclusion:</b> <i>Draft of Summit 2017 in Costa Rica – Chilton Hall 302C</i>
<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	<b>DINNER @ GREENHOUSE RESTAURANT- OPTIONAL</b> 600 N. Locust Ave., Denton, TX 76201 – (940)484-1349 Back Dining Room – RSVP Suggested – Dutch Treat

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## **Hotel Options near UNT**

### **Spring Hill Suites by Marriott**

1434 Centre Pl Drive

Denton, TX 76205

(940) 381-4100

<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/dfwsd-springhill-suites-denton/>

\$124 (includes tax of 13%)

Breakfast included

Block of 10 rooms on hold

Shuttle provided for 11 people to Harvest for Friday lunch, *as well as* to campus each morning and evening.

2-4 people per room (5<sup>th</sup> person option with sofa-sleeper bed)

### **La Quinta Inn and Suite**

4465 North I-35

Denton, TX 76207

(940) 208-0444

<http://www.laquintadentonuniversitydr.com/>

\$100 (average room rate, taxes not included)

Breakfast included

No shuttle. ½ mile to campus – approximately 15-minute walk to campus

2-4 people per room

### **Best Western Plus**

2910 W University Dr.

Denton, TX 76201

(940) 591-7762

[http://book.bestwestern.com/bestwestern/US/TX/Denton-hotels/BEST-WESTERN-PLUS-Denton-Inn---Suites/Hotel-Overview.do?propertyCode=44472&cm\\_mmc=BL--Google--GMB--44472](http://book.bestwestern.com/bestwestern/US/TX/Denton-hotels/BEST-WESTERN-PLUS-Denton-Inn---Suites/Hotel-Overview.do?propertyCode=44472&cm_mmc=BL--Google--GMB--44472)

\$113 (average room rate, taxes not included)

Breakfast Included

No shuttle. 3 miles to campus

2-4 people per room

### **Howard Johnson Express Inn**

3116 Bandera St

Denton, TX 76207

(940) 383-1681

<http://www.hojo.com/hotels/texas/denton/howard-johnson-express-inn-denton/hotel-overview?WID=LC:HJ:20150901:Rio:Local&iata=00065402&iata=00065402>

\$108 (average room rate, taxes not included)

Breakfast Included

No shuttle. 3 miles to campus

2-4 people per room

### **Knights Inn**

601 N Interstate 35E

Denton, TX 76205

(940) 566-1990

<http://www.knightsinn.com/hotels/texas/denton/knights-inn-denton/hotel-overview?WID=LC:KG:20150901:Rio:Local>

\$106 (average room rate, taxes not included)

Breakfast Included

No shuttle. 3 miles to campus

2-4 people per room

### **Days Inn**

4211 N Interstate 35

Denton, TX 76207

(940) 383-1471

<http://www.daysinn.com/hotels/texas/denton/days-inn-denton/hotel-overview?WID=LC:DI:20160226:RIO:Local:SM-diwsct>

\$90 (average room rate, taxes not included)

Breakfast Included

No shuttle. 3 miles to campus

2-4 people per room