



NYS Funders Conference
CONNECTIONS: Purpose, Place, and People
 October 16-18, 2011, Statler Hotel, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY
 Hosted by
 Grantmakers Forum of New York
 Western New York Grantmakers Association
www.grantmakers.org

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

We are proud to present the 2011 NYS Funders Conference to bring together grantmakers to exchange experience and gain knowledge. The conference will be held at the Statler Hotel, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY. Members of Grantmakers Forum of New York and Western New York Grantmakers Association have designed a conference for professional development and funder networking. The agenda includes sessions with compelling speakers and interactive discussions that will provide insight and practical tips to strengthen your grantmaking. And we have provided time for quality networking opportunities as well—all in the beautiful setting of the Cornell campus! Enjoy the I.M. Pei-designed Herbert F. Johnson Museum of Art, featuring a premier collection of Asian art. Visit the Lab of Ornithology, a sanctuary for many species of birds. Circle scenic Beebe Lake on campus, hike glacial gorges nearby or bring your golf clubs to play on the Cornell course (607.254.6531 for tee times and information).

Don't miss this opportunity to learn and share with over 100 grantmakers—an opportunity to connect with those like you who are making a difference in our region! Please circulate this information to your trustees and staff. Each will find content of value at the conference. See you at the conference!

The Conference Committee

- Megan Bell, Marie C. and Joseph C. Wilson Foundation
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- Heidi Holtz, The Gifford Foundation
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- Kathleen Christy, Western New York Grantmakers Association
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With appreciation to our Sponsors:



Conference-At-A-Glance

Sunday, October 16, 2011

- 3:00-5:00 pm Registration, Statler Hotel Lobby
6:00-8:00 pm Welcome Reception
Taylor Room, Statler Hotel
8:00pm Dinner on your own. Enjoy Banfi's at the Statler, or one of Ithaca's many outstanding restaurants

Monday, October 17

- 7:30-8:30 am Breakfast, Conversations & Connections
8:30-10:00 am Opening Plenary: Welcome

Keynote: Catalytic Philanthropy, John Kania, FSG

- 10:15-11:45 am Concurrent Sessions

- Funder Partnerships
- Risk and Change
- Generations in Transition: Family Foundations

- 12:00-1:30 pm Plenary and Lunch
New York State Lt. Governor Robert Duffy (invited)

- 1:45-3:15 pm Concurrent Sessions

- Policy Advocacy
- Community Foundation Issues
- Nonprofits in Crisis

- 3:15-3:45 pm Special Session:
Grantmakers Forum of New York Annual Meeting

- 3:30 pm Open Space discussions

- 4:30 pm Free Time

- 5:30-7:00 pm Gala Reception

- 7:00 pm Dinner on your own or Sign up for
Dutch-treat Dine-Arounds

Tuesday, October 18

- 7:30-8:30 am Breakfast, Conversations & Connections

- 8:30-10:30 am Diversity in Philanthropy,
Cornell Interactive Theatre Ensemble

- 10:45-12:15 pm Concurrent Sessions

- Beyond the Buck: More for Mission
- Evaluating Capacity-Building Grants
- Small Grants, Big Impact

- 12:15-1:30 pm Plenary and Lunch

- 1:30 pm Closing remarks

- 2:00 pm Adjourn

Visit www.grantmakers.org for updates on agenda, speakers, and sessions, etc.

Or call 585.232.2380 or email programs@grantmakers.org

Conference eligibility

Conference participants must be members—or *be eligible for membership*—in the hosting regional associations of grantmakers, Grantmakers Forum of New York or Western New York Grantmakers Association. Members of Grantmakers Forum of New York and Western New York Grantmakers Association receive registration fee discounts.

Not a member?

Both grantmaker associations are offering special membership plus conference options. Join at an organization's minimum one-year membership rate and receive conference registration at member rates.

Grantmakers Forum of New York: Contact Liz Wilder, executive director, 585.232.2380 or email gfnny@grantmakers.org.

Western New York Grantmakers Association: Contact Kathleen Christy, program director, call 716.857.0885 or email wnyga@verizon.net.

Hotel information

Please reserve overnight accommodations directly with the Statler Hotel, Cornell University, 800.541.2501. Group Name: NYS Funders.

Discount rate (\$170/night.). **Hotel deadline is September 16.**

After the deadline, rooms, if available, will be charged at the rate of the day.

Traveling to Ithaca

Detailed driving directions and other options are available on our website, www.grantmakers.org Or call 585.232.2380 for information.

By air

Ithaca Tompkins Regional Airport is served by three carriers. The Statler Hotel provides a free shuttle from the airport. Reserve shuttle in advance.

Hancock International Airport in Syracuse, about 1 hour drive, is served by many carriers. Ithaca Airline Limousine Service has regular Ithaca-Syracuse trips but requires 48 hours reservation. Visit <http://ithacaairlinelimo.org> or call 607.273.3030.

Parking

Parking for hotel guests is \$12/car/day. Commuters, stop at the campus gates for information and maps for parking. \$10 cash-only fee. Note that parking may be somewhat distant from the hotel. Campus buses access parking lots regularly but not always immediately.

What to pack

Pack your bags with business casual attire for conference events. No formal business attire is required. Bring leisure clothing for Ithaca's many recreational options.

To register

Please mail the registration form with payment to Grantmakers Forum of New York. **Registration deadline is October 7, 2011.** Members of host organizations receive **Early Bird rates** if registering **by August 26**. Additional *full* registrations from the same organization receive \$40 discount each. New philanthropists with less than two years experience receive \$40 discount also.

We encourage full conference participation to take advantage of the valuable education and networking opportunities. However, partial conference registration is available. Reception tickets may be purchased separately and reception tickets for guests are available.

Payment

Payment must be mailed with registration form. We accept checks or money orders made payable to Grantmakers Forum of New York. (We cannot accept credit cards.) Mail to: Grantmakers Forum of New York, 75 College Avenue, Rochester, NY 14607-1009.

Confirmation

Registration confirmation will be sent via email securing your place at the conference. If you do not receive a confirmation, please call 585-232-2380 or email programs@grantmakers.org.

Cancellation Policy

To obtain a refund (minus a \$30 administration fee), please notify us in writing of your cancellation. Your request must be postmarked by October 7. No refunds will be granted after October 10.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM
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 75 College Avenue
 Rochester, NY 14607-1009

Note: Conference registration does NOT include hotel lodging. Please make hotel reservations directly with the Statler Hotel, 1.800.541.2501. Group Name: NYS Funders. Discount rate deadline is September 16.

Conference Fee Schedule

Full Conference Fee includes 2 receptions, 2 continental breakfasts, 2 lunches. We highly recommend you attend the full conference to take advantage of this learning and networking opportunity, but other options are available.

	Early Bird Members Only*	Members	Nonmembers	Guest
Full conference	\$275	\$325	\$395	
Day rate	\$225	\$250	\$325	
Sunday Reception only		\$60	\$75	\$65
Monday reception only		\$60	\$75	\$65

**Discounted Early Bird rate only available to MEMBERS of a host regional association, and must be postmarked by August 26, 2011.*

I will attend

_____ **Full Conference** \$ _____

_____ \$40 discount for additional **full**
 registration from same organization.

_____ \$40 discount if **NEW** to Philanthropy
 (less than two years as staff or trustee)
 This discount may not be combined
 with other discounts.

I will attend Partial Conference \$ _____

(Day registrants, please check all that apply)

_____ Monday Day sessions and lunch

_____ Tuesday Day sessions and lunch

Ticket for Reception *(for Day registrants only)*

_____ Sunday evening reception

_____ Monday evening reception

_____ Both receptions \$ _____

Guest(s) of conference registrant

_____ Sunday evening reception

_____ Monday evening reception

_____ Both receptions \$ _____

Registrant Information

(Please copy form for each additional registrant.)

I am a member* of:

_____ Grantmakers Forum of New York

_____ Western New York Grantmakers

_____ None of the above

* Become a member! See special membership/conference offer.

Complete Name _____

(please print)

Name/Nickname for name tag _____

Title _____

Organization _____

Street Address _____

City, State Zip _____

Telephone _____

Email Address _____

Guest's Name _____

(if registering for receptions)

Special Needs (access, dietary, etc.) _____

Total \$ _____