

# — ISLALS —

## INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR LATE ANTIQUE LITERARY STUDIES, ANNUAL CONFERENCE, 2014

### Dates and Location

The conference will be held on **November 14<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>, 2014**, at Boston University. The exact schedule has yet to be determined, but we anticipate two full days of papers.

Speakers will give their papers in the **George Sherman Union (GSU) Building, room 315**, 775 Commonwealth Ave, Boston. Coffee and refreshments will be served in the terrace lounge of the same building.

### Conference dinner

There will be a group dinner on the first night of the conference (Friday, November 14<sup>th</sup>). The conference dinner will also be held at the GSU at Boston University. Thanks to a generous contribution by a friend of ISLALS, the cost of the dinner has been subsidized, so participants will only pay a small amount (three courses of food and wine for \$10-15; exact cost to be determined).

### Accommodation

The official hotel of the conference is the **Holiday Inn Boston – Brookline**, 1200 Beacon St. The hotel is fifteen minutes' walk from the conference venue (see map on the reverse of this page). Rooms are available to conference participants at the reduced rate of \$189 a night (the usual rate is \$217). Please call the hotel in advance (617-277-1200) and mention ISLALS to get the reduced rate.

Conference participants who choose to stay elsewhere might consider the Best Western University Hotel or Anthony's Town House, both of which are a short subway ride away from campus. For more inexpensive accommodation, downtown Boston also has a range of hostels: see [www.bostonhostel.org](http://www.bostonhostel.org).

### Travel

If you are arriving in Boston by plane, the nearest airport is Logan International Airport.

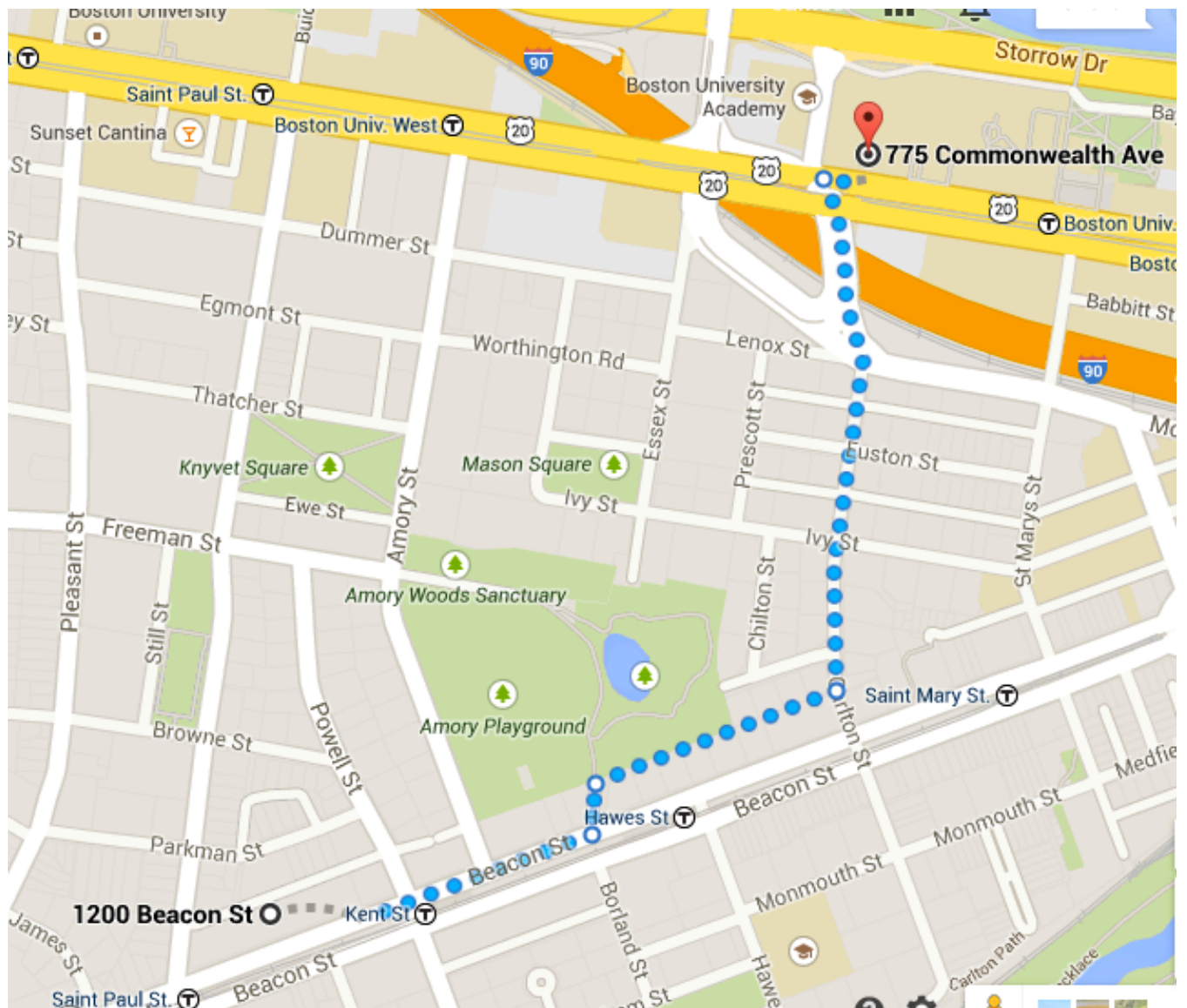
**Airport to hotel by subway** (in Boston, the subway is called 'the T'): From the airport, take the (free) Silver Line bus to South Station. Then buy a subway ticket at the self-serve kiosk (\$2.65) and hop on the Red Line 'T' (going toward Alewife). At South Station, transfer to the Green Line C (going toward Cleveland Circle). Get off at the Saint Paul St Station: the hotel is directly opposite the stop. If you are arriving late at night, note that the last Red Line T departs at 12:15am.

**Airport to hotel by taxi:** A taxi from the airport to the hotel will cost approximately \$45.

For driving instructions to Boston University from surrounding areas, see <http://www.bu.edu/admissions/visit-us/map/>. Parking is available at the hotel for a daily rate (the current charge is \$29 per night). We do not recommend driving to the conference venue itself, since there is very little parking at or around the university (a typical Boston problem).

If you are travelling to Boston on the Amtrak **train**, get off at South Station, and then take the Green Line C (going toward Cleveland Circle). Get off at the Saint Paul St Station: the hotel is directly opposite the stop.

### Map – Hotel to Campus



### Food and drink

We will provide complimentary tea, coffee, and snacks in the morning and afternoon. Conference participants can buy their lunch cheaply at the GSU (there is a sandwich shop, a salad bar, a hamburger joint, a Chinese food store, and a Starbucks). We also recommend Nud Pob Thai cuisine, right across the road from our conference venue (738 Commonwealth Ave).

Here are some suggestions for dinner on your own on Thursday and Saturday night, all of which are walking distance from both the conference venue and the hotel:

- Elephant Walk, 900 Beacon St. (French/Cambodian cuisine; somewhat pricey but nice food and atmosphere)
- Gyu-kaku, 1002 Beacon St (Japanese/Korean BBQ)
- O'Leary's, 1010 Beacon St (neighborhood pub/ Irish restaurant; very casual and a firm favorite of the Classics faculty at BU)

There are also many nice restaurants at Coolidge Corner. If you are walking from the university to the hotel, keep walking for another 10 minutes down Beacon St, and you will arrive at this neighborhood of restaurants and cafes.

While visiting Boston, conference participants may want to check out historic Fenway Park, which is also walking distance from the university.

### Contacts

For questions about the conference venue or getting around Boston, contact conference host James Uden ([uden@bu.edu](mailto:uden@bu.edu), phone: 646-797-9069). For questions about papers or the program, contact the steering committee of ISLALS, Joseph Pucci ([Joseph\\_Pucci@brown.edu](mailto:Joseph_Pucci@brown.edu)), Scott McGill ([smcgill@rice.edu](mailto:smcgill@rice.edu)), or David Bright ([dbright@emory.edu](mailto:dbright@emory.edu)).