

Conference Registration:

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You may register by check to **Council of Georgist Organizations** in \$US or by credit card.

You may also register online at:
<http://cgocouncil.org>

Please call Sue with any questions or comments.

Hotel Rooms

Hotel rooms are \$72/night + tax, including a continental breakfast, for up to four occupants if you identify yourself as a CGO conference attendee ***when you book*** by **June 15**. Call Howard Johnsons Plaza - KCI, **816-268-1600** (not toll-free). You may also register for a hotel room with your conference registration, but the room registration must still be **received** by **June 15**.

Neither rooms nor prices are guaranteed after that date. Amenities include outdoor pool voice mail, coffee makers, irons & ironing boards, and free shuttle service. Restaurants and shopping malls are about two miles away, and available by free shuttle.

If you want help finding someone to share a hotel room, contact Sue Walton (above) by **May 31**.

Conference Package

The full package includes all sessions, including Wednesday evening reception, Friday Afternoon Bus Tour, Thursday & Saturday lunches, coffee breaks, Saturday evening gala banquet ; and Sunday morning friendship brunch. Meals include vegetarian selections.

Meals cannot be guaranteed to those who register after June 29. There is a 50% cancellation fee after June 24 except for documented medical emergencies.

Standard Attendee Rates:

| Item: | Received By | |
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| | May 16 | June 13 |
| Full Package | \$395 | \$420 |
| Wednesday Reception | 20 | 25 |
| Thursday with Lunch | 125 | 135 |
| Thursday without Lunch | 60 | 65 |
| Friday with Tour | 170 | 180 |
| Saturday with Lunch | 125 | 135 |
| Saturday without Lunch | 60 | 65 |
| Saturday Banquet | 55 | 60 |
| Sunday Brunch | 45 | 50 |

Spouses, Children and First-Time Attendees:

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| Full Package: | \$275 | \$300 |
| Wednesday Reception | 15 | 20 |
| Thursday with Lunch | 85 | 95 |
| Thursday without Lunch | 15 | 20 |
| Friday with Tour | 125 | 135 |
| Saturday with Lunch | 85 | 95 |
| Saturday without Lunch | 15 | 20 |
| Saturday Banquet | 40 | 45 |
| Sunday Brunch | 35 | 40 |

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| 6' Exhibit Table (Before June 29) | \$50 |
| Half Table | \$30 |
| Attendee-Packet Inserts | \$25 |

Next Year’s Conference

**“Tom Johnson:
America’s Greatest Mayor”**

August 5-9, 2009 – Cleveland, Ohio

Special thanks to the Robert Schalkenbach Foundation and the Henry George School of New York.

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Getting There

Automobile travellers:

The Howard Johnsons Plaza is at 7301 Tiffany Springs Road, just off Exit 10 of I-29, North of Kansas City and just north of KS 152. From the exit, follow the “HoJo” signs.

From Kansas City International Airport:
Call for the Hotel Shuttle.

Amtrak gives conference attendees a 10% discount. Our fare code is:**X20Q-922**. Contact Amtrak at (800) 872-7245 to get these fares. Train fares are also discounted for those who book early, and get progressively more expensive as seats are filled.

To get to our hotel from the Amtrak station take a KCI shuttle to the airport from the Westin Hotel Crown Center which is located across the street. The shuttle from the Westin runs at 10 minutes and 40 minutes after the hour and costs \$17 each way. Then take the free Howard Johnsons shuttle from the airport.

Greyhound: If you can get bus service to the Kansas City Amtrak station, you can get to the hotel as listed above. Getting to the hotel from the Kansas City Greyhound station on Troost is less convenient. You would first have to take the number 25 bus to the downtown Marriott and then catch the KCI shuttle from there.

The Council of Georgist Organizations presents:

The Value and Importance of Land



Millions of Immigrants fled from Europe, where land was expensive and wages were low, to America, where land was cheap and wages were high. As land prices rose and wages fell in the East, settlers underwent great hardship to find affordable land in the West. Kansas City was one of the gateways for freedom-seeking settlers.

Now that the frontier is long gone and land has become more and more expensive, how will ordinary people find the American dream?

**Howard Johnson’s Plaza KCI
Kansas City, Missouri
July 9 - 13, 2008**

Program subject to change without notice

Wednesday, July 9

7:00-9:30 PM: Welcoming Reception

Hosted by Ted Gwartney, GGO president, Greg Young and Paul Justus, local conference hosts.

Thursday, July 10

7:30-9:00 AM: Registration

8:30-10:00 AM: The Politics of Assessment

Moderator: Harry Pollard, director, Henry George School of Los Angeles; Dan Sullivan, director, Saving Communities; Frank Peddle, barrister, president of the Canadian Research Committee on Taxation; Ted Gwartney, Assessor, Greenwich Connecticut; Joshua Vincent, President, Center for the Study of Economics; Steve Gardner, Public Policy Research Center, University of Missouri

10:30 AM-Noon: Concurrent Sessions

A: Assessment Revaluations: Frequency, methodology and implementation

Moderator: Chuck Metalitz, director, Henry George School of Chicago; Protecting the elderly from large increases, Brett Mandel, director, Philadelphia Forward; Public Relations of Revaluations, Ted Gwartney; Missouri Tax Commissioners invited

B: The Economic Bust of 2010

Ed Dodson, former analyst, Fannie Mae; respondent: Nic Tideman, Virginia Polytechnic Institute

12:00-1:30 PM: Lunch with "Toastmaster-Style Table Topics"

Nic Rosen, moderator



1:30-3:00 PM: Concurrent Sessions

A: Assessment Study Experiences

Moderator: Bill Batt, director, Capital Research; Ontario Assessment Review Board, Frank Peddle; Kansas City and St. Louis LVT studies, Joe Haslag, Show Me Institute, University of Missouri; Assessment study for Greenwich CT, Matt Harris, president, Geotrends

B: Death by Debt Strangulation:

Ed Dodson

3:30-5:00 PM: Concurrent Sessions

A: School Finance Dialogue

Land value tax as a state and local school funding alternative

Moderator Josh Vincent; Steve Gardner, Public Policy Research Center University of Missouri; Bill Batt; Ted Gwartney; Paul Harrell, CFO of North Kansas City School District

B: Citizens' Dividend & BIG Movement

Moderator: Lindy Davies, director, Henry George Institute; Jeff Smith, editor, Progress Report; Alanna Hartzok, director, Earth Rights Institute

7:30-8:30 PM: Open Mike

Friday, July 11

7:30-9:00 AM: Registration

8:30-10:00 AM: Member Reports

10:30-Noon: Land speculation in the settlement of the West

Scott Walton, secretary, Henry George School of Chicago; Ed Dodson



12:05 pm: Tour Bus leaves for River Market Area

Lunch on your own at various restaurants

1:30-2:30 pm: Tour of Arabia Steamboat

2:45 pm: Bus leaves for National Trail Museum

4:45 PM: Bus Returns To Hotel

5:30 PM: Dinner on your own

Zona Rosa shopping & dining complex near hotel

7:30-8:00 PM: Open Mike

8:00-9:30 PM: Sneak Preview:

Movie on land and poverty sponsored by Robert Schalkenbach Foundation

Saturday, July 12

7:30-9:00 AM: Registration

8:30-10:00 AM: Concurrent Sessions

A: Business Meeting

CGO delegates and affiliate members only

B: Open Mike

10:30 AM-Noon: Concurrent Sessions

A: Georgist Taxation in a Mature Civilization

Mike Nickerson, director, The Sustainability Project

B: Beyond Left and Right

Chuck Metalitz , moderator; Dan Sullivan; Joe Bast, director, Heartland Institute; Frank de Jong, leader, Ontario Green Party; John Fisher, director, Henry George Foundation of Canada

Noon-1:30 PM Luncheon: Enthusing and Informing More People

Don Walton, author of Are You Communicating?

1:30-3:00 PM: Concurrent Sessions

A: The Green Tax Shift

Frank de Jong, John Ikerd, professor emeritus, University of Missouri; John Fisher; Alanna Hartzok, moderator

B: Toastmaster-Style Speeches

Hosted by Dan Sullivan and Pia DeSilva, CGO secretary

3:30-5:00 PM: Concurrent Sessions

A: Green Tax Winners and Losers

Ann Zimmerman, singer-songwriter, environmental activist and lawyer; John Ikerd, Professor Emeritus of Agricultural Economics, University of Missouri, Alanna Hartzok, Frank de Jong; Joe Bast; moderator: Jeff Smith

B: Point, Counterpoint

To pander or antagonize? What should we do when non-Georgists expect concessions to their agendas? Lindy Davies, Cay Hehner, director, Henry George School of New York

6:15 PM: Pre-Banquet Reception

7:15-10:00 PM: Banquet

"The Great Realignment" Dan Sullivan

Sunday, July 13

8:00-9:00 AM: Open Mike

9:00-10:30 AM: Where Do We Go from Here?

Lindy Davies, Frank Peddle, Cay Hehner, Gerry Shaw

10:30 AM-12 noon: Farewell Champagne Brunch

Toasts, remembrances and acknowledgements