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Loyola University  
Maryland



# Getting-Around-Guide

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# Mid-Year Research Conference on Religion and Spirituality

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★**Kinko's Copy Center** - The nearest copy center is FedEx Kinko's located at 6181 Old Dobbin Lane. From Loyola's parking lot make a right on McGaw Road, then immediately make a right on Dobbin Road. Continue for one mile, crossing MD-175, then make a left on Old Dobbin Road. The shopping center will be on the right.

## 1. Getting Around Columbia

Columbia, Maryland is located in Howard County approximately 30 to 45 minutes from both downtown Baltimore and Washington, D.C.

### BWI Airport

The closest commercial airport to the conference is Baltimore-Washington International Airport (BWI). The Airport Shuttle offers door to door reservation service. Arriving passengers' flights are tracked and passengers are met curbside. The vans can carry 7 to 10 passengers.

For reservations and information:

[www.theairportshuttle.com](http://www.theairportshuttle.com)

1-800-776-0323

In Maryland: 410-381-2772

All major credit cards are accepted

### Rail

The nearest AMTRAK stations are BWI Airport, MD (BWI) and Baltimore, MD - Penn Station (BAL). Because taxis are not plentiful at the BWI station, it may be necessary to take the free shuttle to the airport to secure a taxi.

### Car

Columbia is located near Interstate 95 (I-95).

**From the North** (including BWI): Take I-95 South to exit 38B (Route 32 West). **From the South:** Take I-95 North to exit 38B (Route 32 West). Follow Route 32 West to exit 14/Broken Land Parkway. Stay in the right exit lane and yield onto Broken Land Parkway. Make an immediate right turn onto Snowden River Parkway. You will pass a major shopping center on the right that includes a Home Depot and a Staples.

Turn left at the McGaw Road traffic light (before you pass Apple Ford). Loyola University will be on your right (before Dobbin Road). The turn lane into the parking lot is immediately after the Gramophone. Loyola is a three-story building with its parking lot located at the front. Parking is free of charge.

### Cabs

Columbia Cab: 301-604-5800

Columbia Flyer: 410-750-0089

BWI Airport Taxi: 410-859-1100

## 2. Hotels

### Discounted Rate Hotels

The Conference has a negotiated rate at two hotels that are located a half-mile from Loyola. Please remember to mention the conference when booking.

#### Courtyard by Marriott (Preferred Hotel)

Address: 8910 Stanford Blvd., Columbia, MD 21045

Phone: 410-290-0002

Parking: Free

[www.marriott.com/property/propertypage/BWICL](http://www.marriott.com/property/propertypage/BWICL)

#### Extended Stay America Deluxe Columbia -CP

Address: 8890 Stanford Blvd., Columbia, MD 21045

Phone: 410-872-2994

Parking: Free

[www.extendedstaynetwork.com](http://www.extendedstaynetwork.com)

### Other Area Hotels:

#### Hilton Garden Inn

Address: 8241 Snowden River Parkway, Columbia, MD 21045

Phone: 410-750-3700

[www.hiltongardeninn.com](http://www.hiltongardeninn.com)

NOTE: AAA Discount is only good for Friday and Saturday nights.

#### Homewood Suites

Address: 8320 Benson Drive, Columbia, MD 21045

Phone: 410-872-9200

[www.extendedstaynetwork.com](http://www.extendedstaynetwork.com)

#### Holiday Inn

Address: 7900 Washington Blvd., Columbia, MD 20794

Phone: 410-799-7500

<http://www.ichotelsgroup.com/h/d/hi/1/en/hd/balcj>

### Getting From the Hotels to Loyola University

Note: There are NO shuttles to and from the hotels.

From the Courtyard by Marriott and Extended Stay: Head south on Stanford Blvd. Enter roundabout and take first exit onto Stanford Blvd. Turn left onto Dobbin Road. Turn left at McGaw Road, and then turn left into Loyola's parking lot. Parking is free.

### 3. Restaurants

#### Walking distance

Within walking distance from the university and hotels there are several restaurants and cafes in two strip shopping centers.

From Loyola: Turn right onto McGaw Road, and then turn right onto Dobbin Road. Then turn right onto Sanford Blvd, and see on your right:

Noodles Corner  
Riverside Coffee & Café  
Frisco Burritos  
Mongolian Grill  
Quiznos Subs  
Pub Dog Pizza & Drafthouse  
Hanamura Japanese

From Loyola: Turn left on McGaw Road, and take the next left into the adjacent parking lot.

Green Turtle Restaurant  
Cheeburger Cheeburger  
Royal Taj  
Cha Ya Café Sushi and Thai

#### Dobbin Road Stretch (on right)

In addition to a Wal-Mart, this area boasts a number of restaurants including Panera Bread, Wendy's, McDonald's, Chick-Fil-A, and Baja Fresh.

Directions: Turn right onto McGaw Road and make an immediate right onto Dobbin Road. Turn right at second light (Dobbin Center Way).

#### Dobbin Road Stretch (on left)

This strip includes StarBucks, Qdoba Burritos, Fuddruckers, and Rocky Run Tap and Grill.

Directions: Turn right onto McGaw Road and make an immediate right onto Dobbin Road. Turn left at second light (Dobbin Center Way).

#### Columbia Crossing

Columbia Crossing is a shopping center offering a number of chain restaurants including La Madeleine, Famous Dave's, Don Pablo's, Chicken Out, and Romano's Macaroni Grill. Also located in the area are Cosi, Chipotle, Red Robin, and Longhorn Steakhouse. Other stores in the vicinity include Target, Borders, FedEx Kinko's and Staples.

Address: Intersection of Dobbin Road and MD-175  
Directions: Turn right on McGaw Road, and make a right on Dobbin Road. Cross MD-175 and turn right or left into the Columbia Crossing shopping areas.

### Baltimore and Washington

Columbia is also in close proximity to both Washington, DC and Baltimore. If you are interested in local dining guides for either city, please check the following resources:

Baltimore:

[www.baltimoremagazine.net](http://www.baltimoremagazine.net)  
Baltimore Sun, Local Newspaper  
Baltimore Magazine

Washington, D.C.:

[www.washingtonian.com.dining](http://www.washingtonian.com.dining)  
Washington Post, Local Newspaper  
Washingtonian Magazine

### 4. Shopping

#### The Mall in Columbia

This shopping mall is a highly popular spot in the local area. In addition to a number of retail venues, the mall also features a large food court, an AMC movie theater, and several restaurants, including P.F. Chang's, Champps Americana, The Cheesecake Factory and Pizzeria Uno. For a bit of local flair, try an order of Boardwalk Fries seasoned with "Old Bay."

Address: 10300 Little Patuxent Parkway  
Columbia, MD 21044

Directions: From Loyola's parking lot make a right on McGaw Road, then immediately make a right on Dobbin Road. Turn left onto MD-175 West and continue for about seven miles. The Mall will be on the right.



## 5. Local Activities

Note that Loyola's Columbia campus is equidistantly situated between Baltimore and Washington, D.C, and both cities offer a number of cultural and site-seeing opportunities. Traffic on the weekends is usually lighter than the weekdays, and you can make it into the city in about 30 to 40 minutes.

### The National Cherry Blossom Festival

"The blooming of the cherry trees around the Jefferson Memorial in Washington, D.C. has come to symbolize the natural beauty of our nation's capital city. Hundreds of thousands of city residents and visitors from across the nation and around the world come here to witness the spectacle, hoping that the trees will be at the peak of bloom for the Cherry Blossom Festival, Washington, D.C.'s rite of spring."

The festival kicks off on March 27<sup>th</sup> and lasts through April 11<sup>th</sup>. A variety of events takes place on each of these days, the most famous of which is the *National Cherry Blossom Festival Parade*. This year, the parade will be held on Saturday, April 10<sup>th</sup>. The festival as a whole promises to offer all sorts of activities for you and your family to enjoy throughout the weekend.

### Washington, D.C.

Washington, D.C. speaks for itself. The Nation's Capital boasts a number of historic monuments and museums, as well as the present-day institutions of our working government. In addition to Congress and the White House, you can also tour the National Archives and the Library of Congress, or the world-famous Smithsonian Museum. Indeed, there is a seemingly endless list of fun activities and fascinating sites to visit in D.C.

### Baltimore

Baltimore is home to the famous National Aquarium and a host of other museums and historic monuments. It is also home to the famous Camden Yards for all you sports fans out there. Several guided-touring options are available, or you can simply venture out on your own and explore the renowned Inner Harbor.

So bring down the whole family (or a bunch of friends) with you, and make a weekend out of it! The weather here is usually beautiful that time of year, and our area is especially known for its spring flowers!

For more information on the Cherry Blossom Festival and other local, Baltimore, and D.C. venues, please feel free to explore the following websites:

#### *National Cherry Blossom Festival*

[www.nationalcherryblossomfestival.org](http://www.nationalcherryblossomfestival.org)

#### *Baltimore*

[www.baltimore.to](http://www.baltimore.to)  
[www.baltimoretourguide.com](http://www.baltimoretourguide.com)  
[www.baltimoreducks.com](http://www.baltimoreducks.com)  
[www.baltimoretours.net](http://www.baltimoretours.net)

#### *Washington, D.C.*

[www.washington.org](http://www.washington.org)  
[www.trolleytours.com/washington-dc](http://www.trolleytours.com/washington-dc)  
[www.historictours.com/washington](http://www.historictours.com/washington)  
[www.dctours.us](http://www.dctours.us)

