

# PROGRAM

*Southern Labor Studies Association*

*Biennial Meeting*

*Athens, GA*

*May 17-19, 2018*

## *Out on the Town*

### **Ditch the Kids**

For the traveling parents, there are options. To find a student babysitter, who can mind your kids while you enjoy the conference, try [Urban Sitter](#).

### **Goings on Around Town**

#### Eats

The conference will provide lunch on Friday and Saturday, dinner on Friday night, and coffee and munchies during the day. For other meals, there are many restaurants in town. We recommend the following:

#### *Within Easy Walking Distance*

- [The Last Resort](#) (somewhat upscale American food)
- [The National](#) (upscale American food in an old Snow Tire Company Recap Plant)
- [Trappeze Pub](#) (casual, solid pub food, extensive craft beer list)
- [The World Famous](#) (hip bar/grill, known for its Chicken & Waffle Club)
- [Dawg Gone Good Barbecue](#) (casual but tasty BBQ, eat it outside on their tables or take it to Little Kings across the street to enjoy with a beverage)
- [Clocked Diner](#) (casual joint w/good burgers, fries, & milkshakes)
- [Taste of India](#) (all you can eat lunch buffet, and a quiet, peaceful dinner can be had here)
- [Athens Wok](#) (cheap, almost never crowded, solid/spicy Thai food)
- [Thai Spoon](#) (authentic Thai and sushi)
- [Little Italy](#) (great pizza by the slice)

#### *A Little Further*

- [Weaver D's](#) (delicious soul food joint made famous by REM, who named its eighth album after the restaurant's motto—"Automatic for the People.")
- [The Grit](#) (the go-to vegetarian/vegan restaurant in town)
- [Mama's Boy](#) (super popular [but good] brunch spot, expect a long wait for a table)

- [Pulaski Heights Barbecue](#) (best barbecue joint in town, although we're having this on Friday night at the reception, but who knows maybe you'll want seconds)
- [Cali and Tito's](#) (cash-only, indoor/outdoor patio seating, known for its Cuban sandwich, and it's BYOB [w/a \$2 fee] expect to wait in line for a decent stretch on a Saturday night)
- [Automatic Pizza](#) (best pizza in town—NY-style, greasy, delicious, located in the hip Normaltown neighborhood; eat it there or have them deliver it to you next door at Normal Bar)
- [LRG Provisions](#) (Last Resort's sister located in the scenic Five Points neighborhood, somewhat upscale American food)
- [5&10](#) (definitely upscale American food, also located in Five Points)

### Listen to Live Music

Athens has a long and storied history as a hotbed of indie music, particularly in the 1980s, when local acts like REM, the B-52s, and Love Tractor. For the full experience, watch the cult classic documentary [Athens, GA: Inside/Out](#). Take the self-guided walking tour of [Athens Music History](#) and hit up a show when you're here, at...

- [The 40 Watt](#) (one of Athens' oldest and most famous venues; played many times by the likes of REM, the B-52s, and many other famous Athens bands)
- [The Georgia Theatre](#) (Athens' most popular venue, usually gets the biggest acts, was also played by REM before it burned down and was subsequently resurrected several years ago)
- [The Foundry](#) (a newer venue in a repurposed iron mill that specializes in folk, funk, and country acts)
- For smaller, more intimate venues with less famous acts, check out the [Caledonia Lounge](#), [Nowhere Bar](#); or [Flicker Theatre & Bar](#).
- For a master list of concerts, check out [Flagpole Magazine's calendar](#)

### Visit a Museum

[Georgia's Museum of Art](#) is here in Athens on the UGA campus. Founded by Alfred Heber Holbrook in 1945, the Georgia Museum of Art is well worth a visit. As both an academic museum and the state's official art museum, it serves not only the University of Georgia population, but also the owners of its permanent collection—the citizens of Georgia—through award-winning exhibitions, publications and programming. Thirteen galleries house a large portion of the Georgia Museum of Art's permanent collection. Conference goers might be especially interested in the museum's collection of folk art, and **The Phoebe and Ed Forio** and **Martha and Eugene Odum Galleries**, dedicated to decorative arts of the South including silver, pottery, textiles and furniture ranging from slat-back chairs to simply crafted and painted pieces. Check the website to see what temporary exhibits are being featured.

The [Lyndon House Arts Center](#) is an Athens-Clarke County art center, adjacent to the Ware-Lyndon Historic House (at 211 Hoyt St.), an 1840s late Greek Revival home, furnished in period fashion. Come tour the house and visit the current exhibitions in the gallery.

Antebellum Athens was half slave and half free, and was home to some of the richest plantation owners in the region. One of those people—lawyer, author, educator, politician, military leader, and southern nationalist Tom Cobb—lived in a house that is now a museum at 175 Hill Street. [The 1834 T.R.R. Cobb House](#) was originally a four over four “Plantation Plain” home located on Prince Avenue in Athens. Cobb expanded the house as his law career flourished but he died in 1862, and his wife sold the house in 1873. It was then used as a rental property, fraternity house, and boarding house. In the path of the expansion of St. Joseph’s Church in the 1980s, the house was moved to the outskirts of Atlanta to Stone Mountain, GA (home of the KKK) in 1985. There the house languished for 20 years before being moved back to Athens in 2005. It was painstakingly restored to its 1850 appearance.