

The Atlantic Center for Learning Communities presents:



*The 14th Annual Learning Community Retreat
Full STEAM Ahead!*

**WEDNESDAY-
FRIDAY,
OCTOBER
22-24, 2014**

The Atlantic Center for Learning Communities (ACLC) offers affordable retreats in lovely settings for faculty and staff teams who anticipate working together on a variety of learning community initiatives. The retreat offers speakers, workshops and personal guidance from experienced learning community practitioners, but most of all, ACLC retreats are designed to provide time for participants to work on their learning community projects in a supportive environment. The 14th annual ACLC Curriculum Planning Retreat will be held Wednesday, October 22- Friday, October 24, 2014 at Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center in West Hartford, CT.

The 2014 theme is “*Full STEAM Ahead!*” This year’s retreat will feature workshops on the continued evolution of learning communities, with a special focus on the integration of the Arts and STEM disciplines. Piet Hut, Ph.D., astrophysicist and Professor of Interdisciplinary Studies at Princeton University's Institute for Advanced Study, will be our keynote speaker. Hut was an early pioneer of interdisciplinary approaches of scientific scholarship and continues to work at bringing together the best ideas of various disciplines.

Workshop topics will include STEAM-related learning communities and initiatives, assessment of learning communities, innovations in learning communities, community beyond the learning community, diversity and inclusion in learning communities and creating faculty community.

Further information about Piet Hut can be found at:

<http://www.ids.ias.edu/~piet/>

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Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center
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<http://www.holyfamilyretreat.org/reserve/>

BEGINNING AND ENDING TIMES: The retreat begins with check-in and dinner on Wednesday. Check-in begins at 4:00 pm, dinner is at 6:00 pm, and the keynote begins at 7:00 pm. The retreat ends after lunch on Friday afternoon. Your time is best spent if you plan to be present for the entire retreat. Retreat participants may choose to attend workshops and/or spend time with their teams doing their own integrative, interdisciplinary work.

WEDNESDAY EVENING POSTER SESSION: Bring posters, flyers, syllabi, books and other learning community materials so that we can have a robust poster session/display. Teams appreciate seeing materials from learning communities that have been developed on other campuses, and in the informal setting of the reception participants will hear good stories as well.

THURSDAY EVENING RECEPTION AND TALENT SHOW: Let your inner artist emerge! Sing, dance, read a story or a poem, play an instrument, try out your stand-up comedy routine. Integrating the arts doesn't have to stop when you take off your educator's hat. Join us after dinner for an hour (or more) to celebrate your creativity and that of others.

WHAT TO BRING: Informal clothing and walking shoes if desired, as the Retreat Center features short wooded walking trails.

ACCOMMODATIONS: Single rooms with shared bathrooms. The Retreat Center includes a fireplace and comfortable lounge areas. Wireless internet access is available throughout the facility.

TRAVEL: The Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center is located minutes from Interstate 84 in West Hartford, Connecticut. Parking is plentiful onsite. **Air travelers:** Bradley International Airport in Windsor Locks, Connecticut is 22 miles (about a 30 minute drive) from the Retreat Center. Taxi fare with tip is approximately \$55 one-way.

REGISTRATION:

Early-bird fees, due Aug. 8: \$245 for residents (includes lodging & 6 meals)
\$170 for commuters (includes 6 meals)
Later fees, due Oct. 8: \$280 for residents (includes lodging & 6 meals)
\$205 for commuters (includes 6 meals)

For further information, see the Atlantic Center for Learning
Communities Website: www.wagner.edu/aclc