

RARE BOOK SCHOOL

# Information Guide

Summer 2012 at the University of Virginia

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*Michael Suarez in UVA Special Collections, September 2009.*

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## A Message from the Director

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The faculty and staff of Rare Book School (RBS) are excited that you are coming to study with us this summer, our 29th year. As the director of RBS, I very much look forward to the prospect of welcoming you and getting to know you while you are with us in Charlottesville.

With his colleagues and friends, my predecessor Terry Belanger—who founded RBS in 1983, moved it to the University of Virginia (UVA) in 1992, and developed it into the premier institution for the study of bibliography and book history—created and sustained a marvelous academy whose impact on the world of books is far-reaching indeed. For more than a quarter of a century, the bibliographical community has been supported and nourished by RBS. From its tentative beginnings at Columbia, the School has educated two generations of librarians, collectors, academics, and booksellers, producing a network of loyal alumni, talented faculty, and dedicated friends around the globe. Terry’s creative vision, unremitting dedication, and sheer tenacity built an organization that now aims to have a highly significant and salutary impact on the community for many years to come. I am delighted that you will soon be part of our distinguished tradition and of our future filled with promise.

The RBS staff and its world-class faculty have been variously working since September to prepare for your coming. Our constant aim has been to ensure that the School will continue to be a center of academic and professional excellence in the classroom and of enlivening conversation and genuine community during our social time together.

We’ve designed this *Information Guide* to answer most of your questions about transportation, housing, and related matters. Upon arrival, you’ll also receive a copy of the *RBS Student’s Vade Mecum* with additional information to help ensure that your stay is as productive and enjoyable as possible.

Please bring this guide with you when you come to RBS; it contains information not repeated in the *RBS Student's Vade Mecum*.

Charlottesville, a city of about 40,000 persons, is located 110 miles south of Washington, DC, and 70 miles west of Richmond. Noted for its beautiful architecture, excellent restaurants, and marvelous hiking and biking trails, the city also boasts the largest number of used and antiquarian booksellers in Virginia.

Charlottesville's chief employers include the University of Virginia and the tourist industry (Monticello alone gets nearly half a million visitors a year). The city is the county seat of Albemarle County, a prosperous rural area of outstanding natural beauty. The center of the UVA Grounds is Thomas Jefferson's "academical village," a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

We eagerly await your arrival!

MICHAEL F. SUAREZ, S.J.

*24 February 2012*

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*RBS Founding Director Terry Belanger teaches at the Book Arts Press in 1974.*

RARE BOOK SCHOOL attracts a professionally diverse community of students who tend to return to the school. Terry Belanger, founding director of RBS, used to estimate that more than half of the school's students had attended RBS at least once before.

It's nice to welcome old friends back to Charlottesville; but we encourage returning and new students alike to read this guide in preparation for their time at the school. The Sunday evening program, in particular, has changed since 2009, as have other evening activities at RBS.



# The RBS Week

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All RBS students are expected to be in attendance on time for all of the regularly scheduled classes, labs, and field trips of the courses that they are attending. This is to ensure the quality and community of RBS as a school, and we insist that participants attend all sessions of all courses, unless presented with the most extraordinary of circumstances. Practically speaking, this involves a full-time commitment of 5-6:30 PM Sunday, 8:30 AM–5 PM Monday–Thursday, and 8:30 AM–4 PM Friday. Please make your travel plans accordingly! Attendance at RBS evening public lectures and other events is, of course, optional.

## SUNDAY, 2 pm **UVA Dormitory Check-In**

Check-in begins for students staying in UVA dormitories. See “Dormitory Housing” for more details.

## 4:30 pm **RBS Walking Tour**

RBS guided walking tour of UVA Central Grounds and the Corner (optional, and weather permitting). Look for a tour guide carrying a flag featuring the RBS lion! The tour starts promptly at 4:30 PM on the front steps of Alderman Library (please consult [www.virginia.edu/webmap/](http://www.virginia.edu/webmap/); if you would prefer a hard copy of UVA’s official map of Grounds, please let us know, and we can have one mailed), and concludes around 5 PM at Alderman Library.

NB: The primary purpose of this tour is to orient students to various RBS fields of action. If you want a general, historical tour of UVA’s Central Grounds, take one of the frequent free public tours of the Lawn meeting on the ground floor of the Rotunda throughout the week. General admission tours are also available. For more information, call the Admissions Office at 434-982-3200 or visit [www.virginia.edu/uvatours/groundstour](http://www.virginia.edu/uvatours/groundstour).

**5 pm\* Student Registration**

RBS student registration meets on the first floor of Alderman Library. Students will receive the *RBS Student's Vade Mecum* and a name badge. We will also take your picture for our bulletin board. Please do not show up before 5 PM, as we won't be ready to receive students until then. *Late arrival:* If the library is closed, an RBS staff member will be on duty at the Alderman Library main entrance until 7:30 PM Sunday evening. If you arrive after that time, the door may be locked, and you will need to register outside the RBS press-room suite (116 Alderman Library) at 8 AM sharp on Monday.

**5 pm Reception**

A wine and cheese reception, including soft drinks, takes place in the Alderman Library Staff Lounge (109 Alderman Library), coinciding with RBS student registration. Please join us for refreshments, but make sure to attend registration first!

**5:45 pm RBS & UVA Orientation**

Orientation to RBS activities and UVA services, Alderman Library Staff Lounge (109 Alderman Library).

**6 pm Director's Welcome**

Meet RBS Director Michael F. Suarez, S.J., in the library's glorious McGregor Room (East Wing, 2nd Floor of Alderman Library).

**6:30 pm Light Refreshments**

Continue the conversation with RBS staff and faculty and your fellow students in the Alderman Library Staff Lounge (109 Alderman Library), where we will continue to serve light refreshments until 7:15 PM.

*† Students are encouraged to sign up for Sunday night small-group dinners at one of the featured restaurants on the Corner. Sign-up sheets and menus will be located outside the reception.*

*\* Required activities are noted by asterisk*

**MONDAY, 8 am\* Final Registration**

RBS final registration for all courses (for those who have not already registered on Sunday night) will take place outside of Room 116 of Alderman Library, beginning at 8 AM on Monday morning.

**8 am Daily Breakfast**

RBS serves a daily breakfast, including fresh fruit, yogurt, bagels, coffee and juice, in its Pressroom Suite (116 Alderman Library).

**8:20 am\* Classroom Orientation**

Mandatory classroom orientation. *All students should report to 116 Alderman Library no later than 8:20 AM.* Instructors lead students to their classrooms.

**8:30–10 am\* First Period**

**10–10:30 am Morning Break**

Coffee, tea, juice, and other light refreshments served in the RBS Pressroom Suite (116 Alderman Library).

**10:30 am–noon\* Second Period**

**Noon–1:30 Lunch**

An extensive survey of nearby restaurants appears in the *RBS Food & Restaurant Guide*, provided at registration.

**1:30–3 pm\* Third Period**

**3–3:30 pm Afternoon Break**

Coffee, tea, soft drinks, and other light refreshments served in the RBS Pressroom, 116 Alderman Library.

**3:30–5 pm\* Fourth Period**

**5:30 pm Evening Lecture**

Check the RBS website, as well as the *RBS Student's Vade Mecum* for information about the lecture and its location.

TUESDAY through THURSDAY

8 am **Daily Breakfast**

through

3:30 pm–5 pm\* **Fourth Period**

will follow the schedule detailed on page 9.

5 pm and on **Evening Activities**

During the middle of the week, there are optional evening activities for those interested in taking advantage of them. The usual schedule of events (but by no means set in stone) follows. When you arrive, check your *RBS Student's Vade Mecum* for the current week's events.

Tuesday night, 6:30 pm **Video Night**

Screening of a movie on book history will be accompanied by ice cream and popcorn.

Wednesday night, 5:30 pm **RBS Forum**

RBS Forum is a lecture or roundtable discussion.

Thursday night, 5 pm **Booksellers' Night**

On Booksellers' Night, a number of used/antiquarian booksellers in town remain open until around 8 PM for the benefit of RBS participants. As there are also several good places to eat downtown, our hope is that you will combine shop-hopping with dinner and make a night of it.

FRIDAY

8 am **Daily Breakfast**

through

10:30 am–12 pm\* **Second Period**

will follow the same schedule as Monday-Thursday.

*\* Required activities are noted by asterisk*

Noon-2 pm **Long Lunch**

Note the longer lunch break today. By tradition, though not compulsion, students take their instructors to a group lunch on Friday; consult the *RBS Food & Restaurant Guide*, available at registration, for restaurants that can accommodate large parties. Advance reservations are strongly recommended.

2-3:40 pm\* **Third Period**

3:40 pm\* **Course Evaluations**

Students receive course completion certificates and fill out course evaluations.

4 pm **Farewell Reception and RBS Notions Shop**

Classes break at 4 PM for a school-wide closing reception in the RBS Pressroom Suite (116 Alderman Library), from 4-5:30 PM. These parties are enlivened by the opening of our Notions Shop. Get your current RBS merchandise and BAP publications here!



*RBS staffer Liz Ott runs the RBS Notions Shop in the summer of 2011.*



*RBS faculty members Timothy Barrett and John Bidwell guide students in a papermaking workshop in “History of European & American Papermaking.”*

## Before You Arrive

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### Reading Lists

All RBS courses have advance reading lists or assignments that RBS instructors expect their students to complete before they arrive. These are outlined at [www.rarebookschool.org/reading](http://www.rarebookschool.org/reading).

Students should come to class prepared. Those who have trouble locating required readings might obtain them through inter-library loan (ILL), from used and antiquarian booksellers through the Antiquarian Booksellers Association of America (ABAA), or via online services like [www.bookfinder.com](http://www.bookfinder.com) and [www.vialibri.net](http://www.vialibri.net). If you discover as your course approaches that you are going to be unable to complete the advance reading, please consider withdrawing and reapplying in another session, when your schedule eases.

### Arrival and Departure Logistics

When working out your RBS transportation arrangements, please note that it can be difficult to make the trip to and from Charlottesville in one day. Because we strongly encourage students to attend Sunday night registration and orientation, we suggest coming in on Saturday rather than Sunday, especially if you are new to the Charlottesville area and/or RBS. Staying over Friday night *after* your last day of class is also advised, if you can swing it. Early-evening ground and air travel on Fridays is seldom much fun, and north-bound traffic on Route 29 (the main road to the Charlottesville airport) between 4–6 PM on Friday tends to be particularly tedious.

### Problems

Please let one or another of us know if you are encountering problems on any front. If such problems occur before you arrive, write us, or telephone us at 434-924-8851 (8:30 AM–5 PM; voice mail after hours). During RBS, problems can be handled by reaching out to the RBS staff member closest at hand (look for the blue ribbons on their nametags).



*A free trolley runs between UVA and downtown Charlottesville. To obtain the latest trolley schedule, visit [www.charlottesville.org](http://www.charlottesville.org).*



## Transportation and Parking

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Use this information to design a home-Cville-home itinerary that best suits you, and to learn more about having a car on Grounds.

### Transportation Strategies

Flying, taking the train, and driving are all available means of getting to Charlottesville. Having a car during the Monday through Friday period of RBS classes is not necessary, and only occasionally convenient. There are many places to eat within easy walking distance of the University, as well as free trolley service downtown. There will also be plenty to do on Grounds, both all day and during the early evening.

For seeing local tourist attractions (e.g., Monticello; more information below) a car will come in handy, though there will be little time for such diversions during the week.

### Air Transportation

Use one of the major online discount-airfare services (Expedia, Travelocity, &c.) to search for competitive ticket prices to the Charlottesville area. By far the closest airport to UVA is the Charlottesville/Albemarle Airport (CHO), about eight miles north of town; regional air connections to CHO are usually made through Washington, DC's Dulles Airport (IAD). There are no flights from either Reagan National (DCA) in DC or Richmond (RIC) to CHO.

If you cannot book a flight into CHO to your liking, another possibility is to fly into IAD or DCA, or into RIC, and rent a car for the week to get you to UVA and back to the airport. There is no economical ground transportation between either DCA or RIC and Charlottesville, and—though extant—the ground transportation options from IAD are not very good either: a Greyhound bus—if you happen to catch it.

A cab from the Charlottesville airport to UVA costs about \$35 to \$45 each way. The Hampton Inn on West Main Street, the Cavalier Inn on Emmet Street, and a number of other Charlottesville hotels will pick you up at the airport in their courtesy vans and return you there at the end of the week. The Courtyard Marriott, Budget Inn, and Red Roof Inn do not provide transportation services to and from the airport.

### **Ground Transportation**

*Train.* The Amtrak Crescent and Cardinal trains pass through Charlottesville (cvs) daily, as do some Northeast Regional trains. Consult [www.amtrak.com](http://www.amtrak.com) or call 1-800-USA-RAIL for arrival and departure times.

The cvs Amtrak station is located about a quarter of a mile from the University's Central Grounds. Usually this is a pleasant 15-minute walk, but it can become grueling depending on the weather and your luggage. If you are staying in a local hotel other than the Courtyard Marriott, Red Roof Inn, or Hampton Inn, which are all located nearby, see if your hotel provides a shuttle or call a taxi. Cab fare is usually less than \$10 and is worth it, especially if you are staying in the UVA dormitories, which are another quarter of a mile from the Lawn.

*Bus.* There are generally at least two buses a day from downtown Washington, DC, to Charlottesville (approx. \$24, each way; 3-4 hrs). Not all of these routes are direct, so be sure to ask about transfers when purchasing your ticket. Check [www.greyhound.com](http://www.greyhound.com) or call 800-231-2222 for fare and schedule information. The Greyhound bus terminal is located approximately 2 miles from UVA's Central Grounds, so plan on taking a cab to get to the University once you arrive.

### **Driving**

The main north-south highway to (and through) Charlottesville is Route 29; it intersects with Interstate 66 about 30 miles west of

Washington, DC, and about 80 miles north of UVA.

The main east-west highway, just south of town, is Interstate 64. Interstate 81 (north-south) lies to the west of Charlottesville on the other side of the Blue Ridge Mountains; it intersects I-64 about 25 miles to the west of Charlottesville.

*GPS.* For driving directions to Charlottesville from any point, use a GPS system or one of the popular mapping websites (MapQuest, Yahoo! Maps, or Google Maps). For your destination, enter 105 Emmet Street N, *i.e.* the intersection of Route 29 (Emmet Street) and Route 250 Business (Ivy Road). Once you arrive there, turn east onto University Avenue. UVA is visible on both sides of the street. To drive by the University's Central Grounds, proceed up University Avenue past the tennis courts. Alderman Library is the large building on the right, and the Rotunda can be seen beyond it, also on the right.

*Speed Limits.* Be warned: you have a decent chance of getting a speeding ticket if you speed, especially (but not only) on Route 29 between Culpeper and Charlottesville.

*Scenic Routes.* The Shenandoah National Park and the George Washington National Forest begin about 20 miles to the west of Charlottesville on Interstate 64. One option is to drive south to I-64 on the Skyline Drive from Pennsylvania or north to I-64 on the Blue Ridge Parkway from North Carolina.

## **Parking**

A local antiquarian bookseller says that if *she* ran the zoo, UVA would pave the Lawn; this (she explains) would solve the University parking problem once and for all. Less violent local opinion holds that, as university parking goes in this country, UVA is fairly user-friendly. Here are some guidelines to help you with parking during your stay.

*Parking in University Garages and Lots.* For students staying in dormitory housing, parking is available through UVA Conference Services for \$15 per week. Those students not staying in a nearby accommodation may park in the Central Grounds Parking Garage.

RATES. \$2/hour Mon–Sat 7:30 AM–5 PM

\$0.70/hour 5 PM–midnight

\$1 flat rate midnight–7:30 AM

\$0.70/hour all day Sun

All fees are payable in cash, but a “Cavalier Advantage” card will earn you a 25% discount. You can purchase one from a machine near the photocopiers in Alderman or Clemons Libraries for \$5 (it will have \$3.50 credit to begin with; add value using the machine).

*Sunday Parking.* If you are staying in dormitory housing, you may park in the marked spaces across from the Kent Conference Services Center while you check in. Most street parking around UVA does not require a permit on Sundays, but certain key locations are permit-only at all times. The most important of these is the road that runs behind Brown College, which may not be used to park while unloading bags. Those staying on the Lawn/Range should ask for information on where to park (*i.e.*, the alleys) while unloading.

*Parking in the University Neighborhood.* Single-day on-the-street parking in the immediate precincts of the University is fairly limited (many spaces require a resident’s permit). The best places are on the side streets off Rugby Road to the north of Beta Bridge.

The University places many restrictions on the use of its parking lots, although many lots allow permitless parking after 5 PM and on weekends. Park only in lots for which you have the proper sticker or dashboard pass, or you are likely to get a ticket (fines are \$30 and up). Your first parking ticket in a given year is a warning ticket which does not need to be paid; this allowance does not apply to parking spaces reserved for the handicapped.

*Parking in Charlottesville Generally.* There is free on-the-street parking in central Charlottesville, generally with a two-hour limit. Overtime tickets are \$15 if paid immediately, \$30 after 96 hours. Charlottesville is a well-run city, and aggressively pursues non-payers. **WARNING:** If you park in a fire lane or other street area that must be kept clear at all times, you may be towed in as little as 20 minutes.

Downtown, the most convenient places to park are the (paid) public parking garages on East Market Street between 5th and 6th Streets NE, and on Water Street between 2nd and 4th Streets SE. The Downtown Visitors Center (610 East Main Street; 434-293-6789; Mon–Sun 9 AM–5 PM), located at the east end of the Downtown Mall, will validate your parking pass for *2 hours of complimentary parking* at either garage, courtesy of the City of Charlottesville. Many downtown restaurants and stores will also validate your parking pass, most (but not all) requiring a purchase before doing so.

*If You Get Towed.* If your car has been towed, there are two possibilities: (1) the University had it towed; or (2) the Charlottesville police department had it towed.

In the former case, call the Department of Parking & Transportation Services (434-924-7231) for more information, as the University uses a number of different towing companies. If Parking & Transportation Services did not tow it, or you get no answer at this number, call the University Police (434-924-7166).

In the latter case, call Charlottesville Wrecker Service, the towing company the city police department uses exclusively (434-295-1107).



*The Dinsmore House Inn, Charlottesville*

# Accommodations

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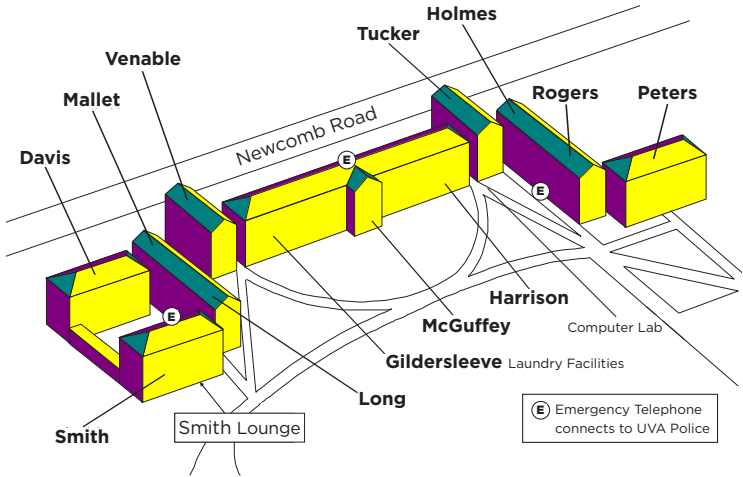
## Bed-and-Breakfasts

If you like bed-and-breakfast accommodations, telephone the local Guest House Reservation Service (434-979-7264; [www.va-guest-houses.com](http://www.va-guest-houses.com); Mon–Fri 9–5 PM) for a brochure and advice. There are a couple of B&Bs within walking distance of Alderman, including the Dinsmore House Inn (434-974-4663; [www.dinsmorehouse.com](http://www.dinsmorehouse.com)); it has received good reviews from previous RBS attendants, and it now offers a discounted RBS rate.

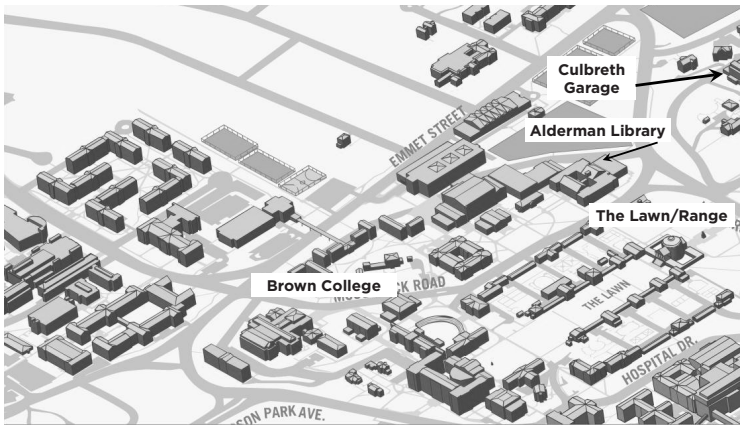
## Hotels

UVA maintains an extensive online list of hotels in the Charlottesville area, many within easy walking distance of Central Grounds: see [www.virginia.edu/placestostay.html](http://www.virginia.edu/placestostay.html). In our experience, the most reliable of the ones within walking distance are the Courtyard Marriott on West Main Street, the Hampton Inn & Suites at the University, The Cavalier Inn on Emmet Street, and the Red Roof Inn.

RBS blocks a small number of rooms at these hotels with a special rate; please ask for the “Rare Book School Room Block” when making your reservation. If they don’t recognize the RBS name, ask for the University of Virginia rate. Even if you decide to stay at a Charlottesville hotel other than one of those mentioned above, be sure to ask your place if it has a University of Virginia rate—many local hotels do.



*Brown College Residence Area*



*University of Virginia McCormick Road Area*



## Residence Halls

### Whom to Contact

The UVA Housing & Residence Life directly manages University housing for RBS participants through its branch, Conference Services (CS), which is located at the Page House Conference Services Center. CS is open 8 AM–8 PM and can be reached at 434-924-4479, seven days a week; an on-call team can be reached at 434-962-3486 outside these hours. The main CS email address is [conferenceservices@virginia.edu](mailto:conferenceservices@virginia.edu).

If you need something that CS cannot provide, contact RBS Program Director Amanda Nelsen at [an2b@virginia.edu](mailto:an2b@virginia.edu).

### On-Grounds Housing Options

Typically, there are two on-Grounds residence options: Brown College on Monroe Hill (see map on page 22) and the Lawn. Sadly, the Lawn will be unavailable during the 2012 summer sessions due to construction. (We will provide updates on the situation in the coming months.) Brown College is modern, air-conditioned, and within easy walking distance of RBS headquarters in Alderman Library.

*Brown College* is made up of pairs of suites that share bathrooms. Each suite is divided into two rooms, with a twin bed in each room. In any suite, the guest in the front room has direct access to the suite entrance but must walk through the back room to the bathroom, while the guest in the back room has direct access to the bathroom but must walk through the front room to the suite entrance.

Guests may choose between “single” and “double” reservations. If you book a double, both beds will be made up; if you book a single, one of the rooms will remain empty. Reserve a double only if you are making two reservations (*i.e.*, reserving an entire suite for yourself and a friend or spouse) or if you are willing to be put in with another guest. If you request a double for yourself alone, you will be placed with another guest with the same sort of reserva-

tion. *Please keep in mind, all bathrooms are communal.* Even if you select the single option, thus reserving an entire suite for yourself, you will still share a bathroom with an adjoining suite.

**RATES.** Brown College single rooms are \$55.00 per night; double rooms are \$40 per person per night. If you like, you may request to room with a friend or friends, thus sharing bathroom facilities.

*The Lawn and the Range.* Sadly, the Lawn will be unavailable during the 2012 summer sessions due to construction. We will provide updates on the situation in the coming months.

*Common amenities.* All dormitory beds are furnished with a mattress cover, pillow, blanket, bedspread, and bed linen package, including one pillow case and two sheets. Guests are provided with two bath towels and a washcloth. *Soaps, shampoo, clothes hangers, refrigerators, and other amenities frequently furnished by hotels are not provided.* There are active ethernet ports in each room; there is no support for analog computer modems.

Housekeeping staff will make up beds, remove trash, and sanitize bathrooms Monday-Saturday. Personal belongings must be removed from common living areas and common baths in order for the housekeepers to clean; housekeeping will deny service to any guest who does not comply with this request. Guests may not ask housekeepers to return at a later time.

A kitchen with a refrigerator, stove, oven, and microwave oven is available in Tucker Hall at Brown College; guests are responsible for cleaning up after themselves. Vending machines, a laundry facility, and a computer lab are also available inside Brown, on the lower level of Gildersleeve near Venable (see the diagram at the beginning of this section).

### **Online Housing Request Form**

Reservations for dormitory housing can now be made online. Visit [www.virginia.edu/housing/conferences](http://www.virginia.edu/housing/conferences), click “Current Pro-

grams”, and select “Rare Book School.” Payment (using any major credit card) is due at the time of booking. The deadline for housing requests falls exactly one month before each session begins; after this date a \$50 late fee will be applied to your reservation.

CS will do its best to accommodate last-minute housing requests and changes, but it cannot create space where there isn’t any; please let them know your requirements as soon as possible! The online form will accommodate most participants’ needs; however, if you have special requests, *e.g.*, a non-standard departure time, please contact CS by phone. *If you are attending back-to-back RBS sessions and wish to remain in the same room for the duration of your stay, call CS when booking or you may be required to switch rooms.*

### **Checking Into and Out of UVA Housing**

*Checking in.* The primary check-in time is from 2–4 PM on Sunday. However, you may check in any time after 2 PM on the day you arrive. Checkout time is by 11 AM on the day you leave.

When you arrive on grounds, go directly to Page House, the Conference Services Center, on Bonnycastle Drive to check in. Page House is open 8 AM–8 PM, seven days a week. After hours, an on-call team is available; call 434-962-3486.

After checking in and stowing your luggage in your room, park your car, if you have one, in the lot to which Conference Services has assigned you. Note for those staying at Brown College: you cannot get to the Brown College end of Newcomb Road directly from the University Avenue end of Newcomb Road (there’s a car barrier in front of the bookstore).

*Checking out.* Checking out of your room simply means turning in your keys. This may be done either at the CS office (open 8 AM–8 PM) or, if you are checking out on Friday, at the RBS main office (114 Alderman Library), where an RBS staffer will collect keys and return them to CS. The CS check-out time is 11 AM. Don’t forget to return your keys—a key deposit is at stake!

*Friday checkout.* If you are leaving Charlottesville on Friday evening, you will need to check out of your dormitory room that morning before class or during the first coffee break. After checking out, bring your luggage with you to RBS; a secure luggage storage area will be available in our Pressroom Suite (116 Alderman Library).

*Keys.* When you check in at Kent Conference Services Center, you will be given a room key and a swipe card. The swipe card gets you through any door into the building complex.

The charges for lost keys are \$95 (room key) and \$40 (swipe card). To ensure appropriate billing, you must put down a key deposit, via a valid credit card, when you check in. This card will not be charged unless you fail to return your keys by your scheduled check-out time.

### **Cancellations, Refunds, and Penalties**

To cancel your on-Grounds housing, you must send CS a notice *in writing*, and they must receive this notice *at least seven days* prior to your scheduled arrival date in order for you to receive a full refund (minus a \$50 cancellation fee). For notifications less than one week prior to the arrival date, you will be charged for one night's accommodations in addition to the \$50 cancellation fee. It is not possible to cancel for a refund once you arrive.

Credit card refunds will be issued within 48 hours. Check refunds require you to fill out a refund form; refunds may take six to eight weeks to clear after submission of paperwork.

If you check out after 11 AM, you will be charged for an additional night's accommodations. The timelines are tight because of the need to have rooms ready for the next week's arrivals. You have *not* checked out if you have not returned your keys to the CS office!

If you are late in returning your keys, or lose them, you will forgo your key deposit. Mailing the keys back later won't help—the locks will already have been changed.

**Troubleshooting**

If there is a problem in or around your room or if your room isn't being properly looked after, please call CS right away. If you are cold at night, they can provide extra blankets. If you need something that CS cannot provide, check in with RBS Program Director Amanda Nelsen ([an2b@virginia.edu](mailto:an2b@virginia.edu)).



*Alderman Library, 2010*

# Advance Advices

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Here follows general advice and comfort about life at Rare Book School, at the University of Virginia, and in Charlottesville. Please consult [www.virginia.edu/Map/](http://www.virginia.edu/Map/) for a searchable map of UVA

## Cabs

The best way to get a cab in this area is to call for one. Local cab companies include:

*Yellow Cab* 434-295-4131

*Carter's Taxi* 434-981-0170

*AAA Cab Company* 434-975-5555

Cabs are almost always available at the airport; if not, phone for one. We have received a few reports of some unscrupulous cab companies charging excessive fares for transportation to and from the airport (usually \$35 to \$45 each way). To avoid this, we recommend that you use the cab companies listed.

## Connecting to the Internet

Guest access to the UVA computing network is available for RBS participants through two options:

*Public computing clusters.* Public computer terminals are available in both Alderman and Clemons Libraries. Library guests must obtain a temporary (one-use) login and PIN before accessing any of the machines.

*Personal computer.* At the Sunday night registration you will receive the RBS *Getting Connected* guide that contains a PIN needed to access the UVA wireless network. If you need internet access prior to registration (*i.e.*, the Saturday or Sunday before your course begins), please contact RBS at [applyrbs@gmail.com](mailto:applyrbs@gmail.com) for an early copy of the *Getting Connected* guide.

Wireless access is available in most public study areas in Alderman and Clemons Libraries, and in both dormitories.

If you have problems registering your computer, call the Information, Technology and Communication (locally known as “ITC”) Help Desk Center at 434-924-3731, Mon-Fri 8 AM–5 PM. Have your PIN handy; when they ask for your computing ID, tell them that you are a guest of Rare Book School. If you’re already online, you may also consult [www.itc.virginia.edu/helpdesk](http://www.itc.virginia.edu/helpdesk) for more information.

### **Childcare**

In our experience, it is only possible to bring children to RBS if there is someone who can look after them during the day. You’re welcome to bring children to the opening reception on Sunday or farewell reception on Friday, but not to breaks or classes. See [www.virginia.edu/graduateguide/preschools.html](http://www.virginia.edu/graduateguide/preschools.html) for a list of daycares.

### **Exercise and Gym Privileges**

For a description of the fitness facilities available to guests, visit [www.virginia.edu/ims/facilities/](http://www.virginia.edu/ims/facilities/). Use of the facilities requires the purchase of an all-inclusive athletic pass (currently \$30 for one week) and presentation of a current photo ID. The business office, where you can purchase membership, is located on the second floor of the Aquatic and Fitness Center (450 Whitehead Road), and is open Mon–Fri 8 AM–5:30 PM.

### **Guests**

You are welcome to invite guests to attend all RBS lectures and social functions, including the Sunday walking tour, Video Night, and the Friday farewell reception.

### **Library Privileges**

RBS participants may use UVA’s libraries during their stay here. To register for privileges, present a current photo ID at any Library circulation desk. For hours, consult [www.lib.virginia.edu/hours](http://www.lib.virginia.edu/hours).

### **Pharmacies & Medical Facilities**

*Nearest pharmacy.* CVS, 1417 University Ave (on the Corner, next to Littlejohn’s Deli; 434-244-4028). The UVA Bookstore sells



medical and personal sundries, as does Cohn's on the Corner (1611 University Avenue; 434-977-1986).

*24-hour pharmacy.* CVS, Barracks Road Shopping Center (Emmet Street; 434-293-9151).

*Delivery.* Meadowbrook (Meadowbrook Shopping Center, corner of Barracks Road and Route 29 N; 434-296-4135) will deliver medication.

*Nearest hospital emergency room.* UVA Hospital (434-924-2231 or dial 911).

### **Privacy**

RBS publishes a list of its participating students in the *RBS Student's Vade Mecum*. If you do not want your address information to appear in the *Vade Mecum*, please contact the RBS Program Director two weeks in advance of the course.

### **Telephones**

Phone messages can probably be held for you most easily at your hotel, but may also be left at the RBS general number: 434-924-8851 (8:30 AM–5 PM; voice mail after hours). Outgoing phone calls may be made using the public telephones located in Alderman Library; ask an RBS staff member for directions. N.B. Cell phone reception can be unreliable, especially on the first floor of Alderman.

### **What to Bring**

Before leaving home, check both your course homepage and reading list for specific instructions on what to bring to class. It is not always necessary to bring copies of your advance reading, although you may choose to bring them. Previous course evaluations, available online, may also contain useful tips on what to bring.

RBS participants are encouraged to come to class on time. Bring a watch. If you wish to take notes, plan accordingly. Pencils, paper, and other supplies are available nearby in the UVA bookstore. You

may not need to bring a computer; consult your course homepage for more information. If you do, it's also a good idea to bring an ethernet cable, as you may be required to first register a wired connection before connecting to a wireless network. (Cables can also be purchased at the UVA bookstore).

A light rain jacket (and/or umbrella) is useful. If you're staying in dormitory housing, please read the chapter "Dormitory Housing" for details about what to expect (and not to expect) in your room.

### **Local Attractions**

Your RBS week will be busy, no doubt. If you'd like to have some time getting to know the Charlottesville area, we suggest budgeting a couple of days for play before or after your course week.

*Historical attractions.* Albemarle County sports two Presidential homes (Jefferson's Monticello and Monroe's Ash Lawn); two additional ones (Madison's Montpelier and Woodrow Wilson's birthplace) are in nearby Orange County and Staunton, respectively. Other nearby historical attractions include the Museum of American Frontier Culture in Staunton (30 miles west; 540-332-7850; [www.frontiermuseum.org](http://www.frontiermuseum.org)) and Colonial Williamsburg (110 miles east; 757-229-1000; [www.history.org](http://www.history.org)).

*Monticello.* Monticello sits on a little hill three miles (as the crow flies) from University Grounds. Cab fare from UVA to Monticello is about \$20 each way. With half a million visitors a year, Monticello is the fourth or fifth most frequently visited house in America—and with good reason. The house and its grounds are well-run and beautifully interpreted by the Thomas Jefferson Memorial Foundation, a private non-profit. For more information about visiting Monticello during your stay, consult [www.monticello.org](http://www.monticello.org).

*Local history.* The adjoining campuses of Washington and Lee University and the Virginia Military Institute in the town of Lexington (70 miles west) are well worth visiting ([www.wlu.edu](http://www.wlu.edu); [www.vmi.edu](http://www.vmi.edu)).

There is a whole batch of museums and suchlike in and near Richmond (70 miles east), including such James River plantations as Berkeley, Sherwood Forest, and Shirley. Appomattox is a pretty 90 minutes' drive south; Manassas is en route to Washington, DC.

*Antiques.* Albemarle and nearby counties are an antiquer's heaven. If you're interested, ask us for the name of our local antiques maven, always glad to describe buying opportunities.

*Arts.* For a small town, Charlottesville boasts a sizeable art scene, including several small galleries (many of which are situated on or near the Downtown Mall), a handful of festivals (including the LOOK Festival of the Photograph, taking place during our first session in June), a drama venue (Live Arts; [www.livearts.org](http://www.livearts.org)), several music venues, and more. Consult [www.charlottesville.org](http://www.charlottesville.org) for more information.

*The great outdoors.* The Shenandoah National Park and the George Washington National Forest are about 20 miles to the west of Charlottesville. (The Luray and Skyline caves are touristy, but worth seeing; Grand and Endless caves are closer to Charlottesville, less touristy, and nearly as spectacular.) Highland County (50 miles west) boasts the highest net elevation of any county east of the Mississippi, gorgeous scenery, trout streams, wildlife management areas, and hiking trails; and with a beautiful Victorian county seat (Monterey), barely touched by tourism (in Virginia, this means that there's fewer than one antique shop per block).

*Information.* Brochures advertising local attractions are available outside the RBS office (114 Alderman Library), at the Newcomb Hall Information Desk, and in most hotel and motel lobbies. Hiking and local area maps may also be consulted in the Government Documents department on the third floor of Alderman Library.

For details before you arrive, consult:

*City of Charlottesville* [www.charlottesville.org](http://www.charlottesville.org)

*Charlottesville/Albemarle Convention & Visitors Bureau*  
[www.pursuecharlottesville.com](http://www.pursuecharlottesville.com); 434-293-6789

*See also* [www.charlottesvilleguide.com](http://www.charlottesvilleguide.com); [www.avenue.org](http://www.avenue.org)



*The Corner, Charlottesville*

## Weekend Restaurant Guide

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There are many good restaurants in Charlottesville. The short restaurant list below is intended for the convenience of those arriving early and who may not yet have access to the more complete list in the current *Food & Restaurant Guide* (which is handed out at registration).

As RBS is no longer serving its Sunday evening cold supper, you might want to plan dinner in advance, although you are also encouraged to sign up for the small-group dinner outings, held at some featured restaurants on the Corner directly after the welcome reception. Sign up sheets and menus will be provided.

### Within easy walking distance of UVA

University Avenue begins at Route 29 and proceeds east past Alderman Library, the Rotunda, and the University's Central Grounds down the hill to the railroad bridge and the Corner. Elliewood Avenue is a dead-end street off University Avenue, one block west of 14th Street.

#### On the Corner

*The Biltmore*. 16 Elliewood Avenue (434-202-1498; [www.virginianrestaurant.com/thebiltmore](http://www.virginianrestaurant.com/thebiltmore)). Sandwiches and hamburgers. Full bar. Nice vine-shaded terrace for outside eating. Daily 11 AM–2 AM (kitchen closes at 10 PM). Entrees under \$10.

\**Buttz BBQ*. 17 Elliewood Avenue (434-296-4227). A meat lover's heaven. Eco-friendly, too! Mon-Sat 11:30 AM–9 PM. Under \$10.

*Christian's Pizza*. 100B 14th Street NW (434-872-0436; [www.christianspizza.com](http://www.christianspizza.com)). Your best bet for a quick slice of pizza, with many topping options. Outdoor seating. Credit cards accepted. Sun–Thu 11 AM–2 AM, Fri–Sat 11 AM–3 AM. Under \$10. *Another location off the Downtown Mall (118 West Main Street; 434-977-9688).*

*\*Restaurants closed on Sunday evenings*

*College Inn.* 1511 University Avenue (434-977-2710; www.thecollegeinn.com). Italian food with Greek overtones; predictable and reliable, with efficient service. Better for breakfast or lunch than dinner. Mon–Fri 11 AM–2 AM, Sat 7:30 AM–2 AM, Sun 8:30 AM–1 AM. Entrees under \$10.

*Lemongrass.* 104 14th Street NW (434-244-8424; www.lemongrassuva.com). Flavorful Thai, with several vegetarian and vegan options. Tue–Fri 11 AM–2:30 PM, 5–9 PM, Sat–Sun noon–9 PM. \$.10–15 Recommended.

*Littlejohn’s NY Deli.* 1427 University Avenue (434-977-0588). Deli sandwiches to eat in or take out. Open 24 hours/day, seven days a week. Under \$10.

*Marco & Luca’s Noodle Shop.* 107 Elliewood Avenue (434-244-0016). Serves a handful of items: soup, cold noodles, and the best pan-fried dumplings we’ve ever had. Cash/check only. Mon–Thu 10:30 AM–8:30 PM, Fri–Sat 10:30 AM–10 PM, Sun noon–10 PM. Under \$10. *Another location on the Downtown Mall (115 West Main Street, inside the York Place Shopping Center; 434-295-3855).*

*Michael’s Bistro & Taphouse.* 1427½ University Avenue (above Littlejohn’s NY Deli; 434-977-3697). Classic American: burgers, salads, pasta, and at least one vegetarian option. Wide selection of microbrews domestic and imported; many beers also on tap. Mon–Sat 11:30 AM–2:30 AM, Sun 5:30 PM–2 AM. \$10–15.

*Ni Hao Café.* 104 14th Street NW, Suite 8 (behind Lemongrass; 434-872-9386). Great price for great Asian food. Bubble tea. Mon–Thu 11 AM–10:30 PM, Sat noon–10:30 PM, Sun noon–10 PM. \$10.

*\*The Pigeon Hole.* 11 Elliewood Avenue (just past Heartwood Books; 434-977-4711). Wonderfully simple, decently-priced comfort food. Ask about their bagged lunches. Mon–Fri 8 AM–3 PM and Sat–Sun 9 AM–3 PM. \$5–15.

*\*Revolutionary Soup.* 108 Second Street SE (434-296-7687). Soups and sandwiches made with organic, local ingredients. Vegan and vegetarian friendly. Weekdays 11 AM-8 PM, Friday and Saturday 11 AM-9 PM. \$5-10. *Another location on the Mall; 108 2nd Street.*

*Sushi Love.* 12 Elliewood Avenue (434-202-0187; [www.sushi-loveva.com](http://www.sushi-loveva.com)). Extensive selection of sushi/sashimi rolls, plus hibachi, noodle bowl, and bento box options. Lunch: Mon-Fri 11 AM-2 PM. Dinner: Mon-Thu, Sun 5-10 PM, Fri-Sat 5-10 PM. \$10-15.

On Route 29

*Afghan Kabob Palace.* 400 Emmet Street (434-245-0095; [www.afghankabobpalace.com](http://www.afghankabobpalace.com)). Authentic, flavorful Afghan cuisine, including vegetarian options and a very popular pumpkin curry. Mon-Sat 11 AM-10 PM, Sun noon-9 PM. \$10-15. Recommended.

*The Villa Diner* (formerly Espresso Italian Villa/Pancake House). 129 Emmet Street (next door to the Cavalier Inn; 434-296-9977; [www.villadiner.com](http://www.villadiner.com)). A greasy spoon coffee/pizza shop (we couldn't make this up), serving standard diner fare and breakfast all day. Daily 6 AM-2 AM. Under \$10.

## **Downtown (Trolley/Cab)**

Just over a mile from Central Grounds is the pedestrian-only Downtown Mall (Main Street). If you take a cab, ask the driver to let you off on Market Street or Water Street, which both run parallel to Main Street. Street maps are posted along the length of the Mall.

*Bizou.* 119 West Main Street (434-977-1818). Solid American cuisine served in a retro atmosphere. Lunch and dinner seven days a week. \$15-25.

*Blue Light Grill & Raw Bar.* 120 East Main Street (434-295-1223; [www.bluelightgrill.com](http://www.bluelightgrill.com)). Traditional seafood and Asian dishes served in an eclectic, posh atmosphere. Dinner seven days a week. \$15-25.

*C & O.* 515 East Water Street (one block south of the Mall; 434-971-7044; [www.candorestaurant.com](http://www.candorestaurant.com)). Expensive, but reliable and highly praised in recent years. Dinner only. Sun–Thu 5–10 PM, Fri–Sat 5–11 PM. Reservations necessary. \$25 and up.

*Miller's.* 109 West Main Street (434-971-8511; [www.millersdowntown.com](http://www.millersdowntown.com)). Burgers, sandwiches, and other bar fare. Tables right on the Mall; nice place for a nightcap. Often has live music. Daily 11:30 AM–2 AM. Entrees under \$10.

*Mono Loco.* 200 West Water Street (434-979-0688; [www.monolocorestaurant.com](http://www.monolocorestaurant.com)). Cuban/Mexican cuisine. Full bar. Tends to be noisy. Outdoor seating. Dinner only. Sun–Wed 5–9 PM, Thu 5–9:30 PM, Fri–Sat 5–10:30 PM. \$10–15. Recommended.

*Monsoon.* 113 West Market Street (one block north of the Mall; 434-971-1515; [www.monsoonville.com](http://www.monsoonville.com)). Unpretentious, flavorful Thai, as hot as you want it. Cozy house setting; patio open in warm weather. Dinner only. Daily 5–10 PM. \$5–15.

\**The Whiskey Jar.* 227 West Main Street (434-202-1549). Traditional southern cuisine focused on local and organic sustainability. Lunch 11 AM–2:30 PM, dinner 5:30 PM–10 PM; Sunday breakfast/brunch 8:30 AM–2:30 PM. \$5–15.

\**Tastings.* 502 East Market Street (434-293-3663; [www.tastingsofville.com](http://www.tastingsofville.com)). Excellent, eclectic American food. Best (and cheapest) selection in town of wines by bottle or glass. Lunch: Tue–Sat 11:30 AM–2:30 PM. Dinner: Thu–Sat 6–9 PM. Tell them RBS sent you. \$25 and up. Recommended.

\**X Lounge.* 313 2nd Street SE (south of the Downtown Mall just across the train tracks; 434-244-8439; [www.the-x-lounge.com](http://www.the-x-lounge.com)). Late-night hangout that offers a full dining menu later than any other restaurant on the Mall. LGBT friendly. Dinner only. Tue–Sat 5:30 PM–2 AM. \$15–25. Recommended.



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## Useful Sites

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### **Amtrak**

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

### **Airports**

*Charlottesville-Albermarle* (CHO): [www.gocho.com](http://www.gocho.com)

*Dulles International* (LAD): [www.metwashairports.com/dulles](http://www.metwashairports.com/dulles)

*Reagan National* (DCA): [www.metwashairports.com/national](http://www.metwashairports.com/national)

*Richmond International* (RIC): [www.flyrichmond.com](http://www.flyrichmond.com)

### **Charlottesville Churches/Religious Organizations**

[www.avenue.org/religion.htm](http://www.avenue.org/religion.htm)

### **City of Charlottesville**

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

### **Charlottesville Convention & Visitors Bureau**

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

### **Maps**

[www.virginia.edu/webmap/](http://www.virginia.edu/webmap/)

### **Monticello**

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

### **Commonwealth of Virginia**

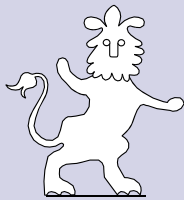
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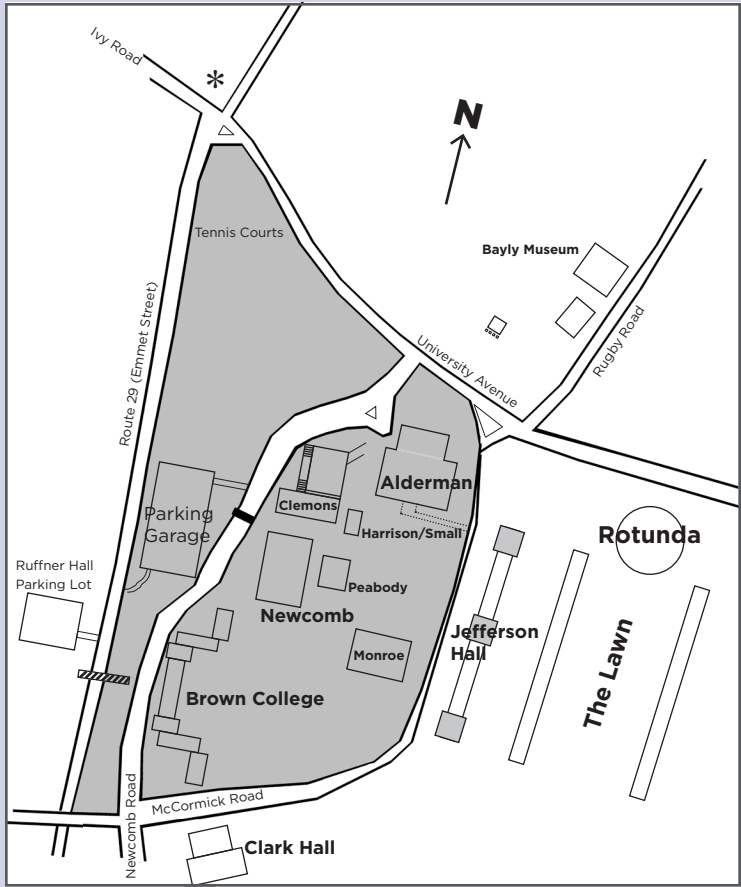
### **University of Virginia**

[www.virginia.edu](http://www.virginia.edu)

### **UVA Library**

[www.lib.virginia.edu](http://www.lib.virginia.edu)





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