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The Annual Seminar of the
International Society for Teacher Education
Ogden, UT, USA – 29 April - 3 May 2024
Weber State University

The organizing committee welcomes you to the 2024 Annual Seminar of the International Society for Teacher Education held in Utah, USA.

Welcome to the Crossroads of Education and Innovation



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Home to the “greatest snow on earth”, unique natural park scenery, the Tabernacle Choir at Temple Square, and the Great Salt Lake, Utah is known as the *Crossroads of the West* for gathering and connection. The state symbol is the beehive for its hardworking people and productive ethic. USA is known for independence and welcoming of people around the world. ISfTE welcomes you to connect ideas, research, and discussion in a rich tradition of international collegiality and experiences in Utah.

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2024 SEMINAR VENUE

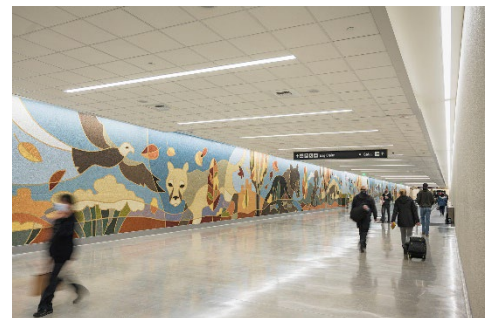
Weber State University is honored to welcome ISfTE to its beautiful campus nestled next to the Rocky Mountains near the shores of the Great Salt Lake. WSU was established in 1889 and is nationally ranked.



Approximately 30,000 students attend WSU in one of 255 undergraduate or graduate degree programs. Teacher Education is one of top 10 degree programs at WSU. The university campus' elevation is at 1437 meters or 4715 feet. Temperatures during the Seminar will be cool to comfortable ranging between highs of 65°-75° F (18 – 24°C) with lows around 45°F (7°C). However, it is not unusual to have snow during the early spring. Expect to experience a variety of temperatures so bring layers of clothing to be comfortable. Recognizing the natural beauty surrounding the area and the emphasis Weber State University places on sustainability, meetings will be held in sustainable carbon neutral capable spaces, attendees will travel via public transportation during seminar events, and technology will be used as much as possible to reduce paper waste.

Traveling to the Seminar

Salt Lake City International Airport ([website](#)) is the nearest and largest airport to Weber State. Airlines and their partners include Aeromexico, Air Canada, Alaska, American, Delta, Frontier, Hawaiian, JetBlue, KLM Royal Dutch, Spirit, Southwest, Sun Country, and United. Most likely you will be arriving in terminal A or B if coming from a connection in the USA. Make your way to baggage claim on Level 2. If you arrive at Terminal B you will have a long walk but there is interesting wall art along the way. Once you have collected your baggage follow the signs to public transportation, TRAX, on Level 1. If you are arriving on Monday, April 29th between 6 am and 8 pm



there will be someone by the ISfTE sign to welcome you and present your transportation card to Ogden. The card will be used for all transportation during the seminar. Exit the airport on Level 1 and walk to the TRAX station. Board the green line TRAX train to Salt Lake City. Exit the TRAX train at the North Temple Bridge/Guadalupe Station. When you get off TRAX at the top of the bridge you will have a nice view of Salt Lake City and the mountains. Go down the stairs

or take the elevator to the FrontRunner Train. Board the FrontRunner Train going north to Ogden. Ride the train to the end of the line, Ogden Station. From the Ogden Station, it is an easy 10 minute walk on level sidewalks to the hotel. Depending on the time you arrive it will take about 2 hours from when you get your luggage until you arrive at the hotel. Be sure to drink plenty of water in the high desert air to avoid headaches and altitude sickness.

Accommodations

Delegates are responsible for making their own hotel reservations. The seminar hotel is the Hilton Garden Inn at 2271 Washington Blvd in Ogden, Utah. Breakfast is included in the room rate. Breakfast is not provided if not staying at the hotel. The hotel is located within walking distance of transportation. Rooms can accommodate 1 to 4 people. The hotel offers free wi-fi, an indoor pool, fitness center, and free parking. Use code ISfTE when reserving rooms for special seminar rate by March 29, 2024. [Direct Booking Link](#)



2024 Seminar Program

Delegates will enjoy time with colleagues from around the world reading papers, having enlightening conversations, and hearing from keynote speakers. As in past seminars, we have planned excursions to learn more about our city, state, and country. This year’s excursions include visits to three different types of public schools, two universities, three museums, and local tours and performances.

Mon 29 April	Tues 30 April	Wed 1 May	Thurs 2 May	Fri 3 May	Sat 4 May
Arrival Hotel via Train	Hotel Breakfast Traditional School Visit	Hotel Breakfast Paper Groups	Hotel Breakfast Travel to SLC History Museum	Hotel Breakfast Paper Groups Lunch	Hotel Breakfast Airport via Train
Initial Paper Groups Welcome	Lunch Innovative School Visit	Lunch Paper Groups Digital Visit	Lunch by UofU Religious Museums	Presentations General Assembly	Safe travels home
Dinner School Program	Dinner Shopping	Dinner Historic Walk	Dinner Choir Program	Dinner Cultural Program	

In addition to the Seminar Program, delegates have the option to extend their trip at an additional cost. Mountain Based, an award winning adventure travel company, has a tour leaving Salt Lake City on Monday, May 6th to Southern Utah National Parks (i.e. Zion) and has plenty of room



for ISfTE delegates. You can register directly on the website, [Utah Mighty Five](#). Lodging, meals (except for 3 dinners), transportation, a tour guide, and national park fees, are all included in the price. A full description of the activities and pricing is on the website. [Magical Vacation Planner](#) (MVP) offers immersive itineraries of the history and landscapes of North America from the busy streets of the Big Apple to the night lights of Las Vegas. They can help plan magical adventures to Disney World in Florida or the original Disneyland in California. From sea to shining sea MVP can help you explore it all! Contact Natalie directly on the website to develop your personalized itinerary.



Disclaimer

ISfTE Seminar Organizing Committee reserves the right to make changes to the 2024 Seminar Program as necessary. Information is accurate at the time of printing. Up to date information can be found on the Seminar website. Please see <https://weber.edu/isfte> for updates.

How the Seminar Works

You will be assigned to a reading group. You will upload your non-published paper to your assigned reading group in the seminar Google Drive. You will be able to read before the seminar and during the seminar to



thoughtfully read each paper in your group. You can bring paper copies but not required. Reading groups meet together to offer constructive feedback to improve the paper for publications with an international view. After the seminar, all participants will have the opportunity to publish their papers in ISfTE's peer reviewed journal, the Journal of the International Society for Teacher Education (JISTE). JISTE publishes two issues a year, of which one issue is dedicated to the current ISfTE Seminar.

Accompanying Persons

Attendees are welcome to bring an accompanying person. The convening country provides a special program of tours and food for accompanying persons while the seminar participants are meeting. Planned excursions for accompanying persons include visiting the Great Salt Lake, Olympic Sports Venues, and Golden Spike Historical Site.



Privacy

Relevant attendees will be incorporated into a delegate list (name, email, organization, and may be available to parties directly related to the seminar (venue, meals, accommodations)).



Cancellation Policy

All cancellations must be made in writing to the 2024 Organizing Committee. Registration cancellations before 1 March 2024 will forfeit \$150 USD to cover administration costs. No refunds will be made after 1 March 2024, but substitute delegates are permitted with proper VISA or passport documentation.

Currency

The national currency is the US Dollar and other currencies are not accepted. Many places accept only credit or money cards. You can convert foreign currency at authorized banks and exchanges centers. ATMS are abundantly available to use your credit card to withdraw USD cash.

VISA application

Applications to travel to the USA are delayed and backlogged. Begin the process to apply for a USA Travel VISA immediately. You can learn more about applying for a USA travel VISA at

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas/tourism-visit/visitor.html>

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