

The Roger Sherman Debate Society of Western Connecticut State University is pleased to invite you yet again to:

The Hat City Debates:

Worlds Regional Championship - NEUDC

The Northeastern CEDA Regionals / NDT D8 Qualifier

February 20 – 22, 2015

Our tournament will be held in the once and future hat-making capital of the world, Danbury, Connecticut.

The tournament will feature six rounds of cross-examination policy debate in novice and junior varsity, using the 2014-2015 CEDA/NDT topic:

Resolved: The United States should legalize all or nearly all of one or more of the following in the United States: marijuana, prostitution, online gambling, the sale of human organs, physician assisted suicide.

The tournament will follow traditional CEDA/NDT rules regarding speech and prep time, including 9-3-6 speech time and 10 minutes of prep time. The tournament will also follow CEDA/NDT rules regarding elimination rounds to allow for maximize amount of eligible teams to participate in elimination debates. Judges are expected to decide their debates and deliver a decision within 2.5 hours of start time. Lastly, the District 8 qualifier for the NDT will follow all NDT and District 8 rules regarding eligibility and qualification.

The Hat City Debates will be hosting the NEUDC in the **world's division**. All WUDC rules are available at <http://debate.uvm.edu/dcpdf/sambaworldsguidelines.pdf>. During preparation teams may only discuss the motion with their partner or with one of the chief adjudicators. Judges should be provided at the N-1 rule with a fee of \$120 per uncovered judge. Undergraduates familiar with the event may be used as judges. Undergraduate and graduate students enrolled at an institution may compete or judge. **Please register by email at debate@connect.wcsu.edu.**

Fees: \$50 per person in attendance. All checks should be made payable to the *WCSU - Roger Sherman Debate Society*. For policy division there is also a fee of \$180 for each full commitment (6 rounds) uncovered judge or \$30 per uncovered round. For the world's division there is a fee of \$120 per uncovered judge on the N-1 requirement. We will seek to accommodate schools with financial difficulty. Please let us know about the number of vegetarians and vegans in your group so we can accommodate their dietary needs.

We will be providing breakfast, lunch and dinner on Saturday and breakfast and lunch on Sunday with vegan meal choices.

If you have any questions feel free to contact Renan Max Hamoy by phone at 203-456-0818 or by email at hamoym@wcsu.edu

Hotels:

Best Western Plus Danbury/Bethel @ 69.99 including full American breakfast
11 Stony Hill Road, Bethel, Connecticut, 06801
203-744-3200
"Hat City Debate Tournament" for the group rate.

Microtel Bethel, CT @ 69.99 including full American breakfast
80 Benedict Rd. Bethel, CT 06801
203-748-8318
"Hat City Debate Tournament" for the group rate.

La Quinta Inn & Suites, @ 80.00 including continental breakfast
116 Newtown Road, Danbury, CT 06810
(203) 798-1200
"Hat City Debate Tournament" for the group rate.

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20

6:30 PM: Registration at the Best Western's conference room until 8:30 PM

SCHEDULE – Worlds

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21

07:00 AM: Registration at Warner Hall, first floor

07:30 AM: Breakfast at Warner Hall, first floor (bagels and beverages)

General Assembly is at [Science Building 125](#)

08:20 AM: Round 1 – Motion Announced

10:50 AM: Round 2 – Motion Announced

12:30 PM: **Lunch** at Student Center Cafeteria, New location this year for Worlds
(Chicken Marsala or Vegan Option)

01:50 PM: Round 3 – Motion Announced

04:20 PM: Round 4 – Motion Announced

Dinner provided by the tournament at the Science Building Lobby (World's Division)

06:50 PM: Round 5 – Motion Announced

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22

07:30 AM: Breakfast at Warner Hall, first floor
08:20 AM: Round 6 – Motion Announced
11:20 AM: World's Elimination Rounds
01:30 PM: Lunch and Award Ceremony
02:50 PM: Elimination Rounds
04:50 PM: Elimination Rounds (as necessary)
07:20 PM: Elimination Rounds (as necessary)

SCHEDULE – **Policy** SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21

07:00 AM: Registration at Warner Hall, first floor
07:30 AM: Breakfast at Warner Hall, first floor (bagels and beverages)
08:00 AM: Round 1
10:30 AM: Round 2
12:30 PM: **Lunch** at Warner Hall (Chicken Marsala or Vegan Option)
01:30 PM: Round 3
04:00 PM: Round 4 (Last NDT round for the day)
Dinner provided by the tournament at Warner Hall (Policy Division)
07:00 PM: Round 5

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22

07:30 AM: Breakfast at Warner Hall, first floor
08:00 AM: Round 5 (NDT only) Round 6 (CEDA only)
11:00 AM: Elimination Rounds
1:30 PM: Lunch and Award Ceremony will be held at Warner Hall, first floor
02:30 PM: Elimination Rounds
04:30 PM: Elimination Rounds (as necessary)
07:00 PM: Elimination Rounds (as necessary)
The NDT and CEDA meetings will be announced during the course of the tournament.

PARKING

Parking will be provided in the faculty lot off White Street between White Hall and Fairfield Hall, and in the Commuter Parking Garage off Fifth Avenue.

Coaches wishing to drop off teams should enter the parking area off Fifth Avenue and pull up behind Warner Hall, which is the center building in a row of three.

DIRECTIONS TO CAMPUS

From the East: Take Exit 5 off I-84 to first traffic light (Clapboard Ridge Road); turn right and continue on Main Street to White Street (fifth traffic light); turn left on White Street and continue one half mile to campus on left.

From the West: Take Exit 5 off I-84 to first traffic light (Main Street); turn right and continue on Main Street to White Street (fourth traffic light); turn left on White Street and continue one half mile to campus on left.