## FPSAC'23 A-Z

Arboretum: In your free time you may want to explore the nature on campus by walking or biking through the beautiful arboretum (https://arboretum.ucdavis.edu/visit).

Biking: Bikes are the perfect form of transportation in Davis. If you want to rent a bike, there are a few available at the ASUCD Bike Barn (open 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., M-F) for $\$ 20$ per day or $\$ 60$ per week. Davis is also home of the U.S. Bicycling Hall of Fame (located by the Davis Farmers Market), and the city logo is a big wheel bike. Davis has been continually ranked in the top five most bike friendly cities in the U.S..

Conference Photo: The official conference photo will be taken on Tuesday after the morning session. Please also post your own photos in the corresponding channel on the Discord server. We will publish some of the photos on the website after the conference is over.

Discord server: We've set up a Discord server for the conference in order to foster connectivity, collaboration, and community during your time in Davis. There are channels to self-organize ride-shares, ask questions of the organizers or locals, post photos, comment on particular presentations, and so more. You can join using this link https://discord.gg/UHCSR3fhWj or scan the QR codes in the lecture hall.

Emergency numbers: Call 911 to report an emergency, or for the Campus police call 530-752-1230. More information can be found at https://www.ucdavis.edu/campus-life/wellness-safety/emergency

For "Free" Fantastic Food, anyone staying in the dorms can get three meals a day at Tercero Dining Commons. For everyone else, you can pay at the door. Breakfast is from 7:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m., lunch is from 11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., and dinner is from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Also, check out downtown Davis for a variety of food options and bars.

Gunrock the mustang was the undisputed mascot of UC Davis until 2022 when students voted to replace him with a cow.

Help, I need somebody!
See also $\mathbf{E}$ for emergency numbers. If you need help orienting yourself on campus, getting recommendations where to eat, or any other Davis questions, feel free to ask a local organizer in person or over the Discord.

Ice cream! This year, we are resuming a tradition that began at FPSAC 2018 by ending the conference with an ice cream social! Ice cream will be served on Friday after the closing remarks outside Sciences Lecture Hall.

Jelly fish on campus? That's right, there is a small display in the Sciences Lab Building (close to the lecture hall). On top of the very same building is a teaching greenhouse (open 9:00am - 4:00pm) with carnivorous plants. Also, check out the Botanical Conservatory further north (https://greenhouse.ucdavis.edu/conservatory/index.html).

Kiss the egghead: According to a tradition, kissing the Bookhead Egghead in front of Peter J. Shields Library will increase your chances of acing your finals. It can probably also help with proving all your favorite conjectures and/or boosting your immune system.

Lecture Hall: All talks will be held in the Science Lecture Hall. The poster sessions will be held in the Multipurpose Room on the second floor of the Student Community Center.

Meeting with collaborators: We suggest meeting at Giedt Hall, where we reserved rooms 1003, 1006, 1007 that are full of chalkboards! Additionally, there are picnic tables in the shade outside of the Mathematics building. Feel free to explore!

Napa valley is one of the world's great wine regions! It's visited by millions of tourists each year, and it's located only an hour from Davis. It's also the destination of excursions 1a and 1b on Wednesday!

Old Sacramento: Sacramento is the capital of California. Old Sacramento is the historic district, with Gold Rush-era buildings, and cobblestone streets. It is also the destination of excursion 2 on Wednesday!

Picnic in the Park: On Wednesday from 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., you can stop by Central park for live music, beer, and a farmer's market! The Davis Farmers market is also open Saturday 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. with even more vendors! It has been ranked in the top 10 farmers markets in the U.S. by USA Today.

Quad: A large green space in the center of campus near the oldest part of campus (c. 1914) lined with cork oak trees (quercus suber). These are large live oak trees with thick, spongy bark and shiny evergreen leaves. The cork is harvested for the first time after 25 years of growth and then again every 9-12 years thereafter. On the east and west side of the quad there are often hammocks under the shade of cork trees to catch a quick nap, read a book, or simply look at the leaves.

Robert Arneson was a professor at UC Davis who constructed The Egghead Series you will see around campus. The five eggheads began appearing in 1991. They include: "See no evil/hear no evil," "Eye on Mrak," "Bookhead," "Yin \& Yang," and "Stargazer." Despite their slightly humorous appearance, they are meant to stand as warnings to academics. (https://www.ucdavis.edu/campus-life/arts-culture/eggheads) Can you find them all?

SFCA (Séries Formelles et Combinatoire Algébrique) is the official french name of FPSAC. The conference proceedings are published in the SLC (Séminaire Lotharingien de Combinatoire).

Tom, or more precisely Downtown Tom, was a turkey that lived in Davis. He was known for his aggressive behavior and also is the main character of a children's book by Davis resident Jay Schwerin (available in the Avid Reader Bookstore on 2nd street).

Ultimate (Frisbee) is the unofficial sport that is played in the free time of almost each FPSAC. Keep an eye on the Discord server for information about any official unofficial ultimate games and feel free to organize your own (but don't overheat and bring plenty of water). All are welcome, even if you have never played before.

Veterinary medicine and Viticulture \& Enology are two of the programs that UC Davis is most well known for.

## Water and Weather: Stay hydrated - carry water. There are drinking fountains and refill water stations all over Davis campus. Tap water in Davis is safe to drink.

$\mathbf{x i}(\zeta)$ is the 14th letter of the greek alphabet. It was used 31 times in a total of four extended abstracts that were accepted for FPSAC'23. If you divide a capital Xi (三) by its complex conjugate, you are guaranteed to confuse everybody in the audience.

You Only Live Once, so use your chance to explore the nicest city in Yolo County! The 42A and 42B Yolo buses are the most affordable means of transportation to get to and from Sacramento (and the Sacramento airport). See https://yolobus.com/.

Zoo in Davis? Unfortunately, there is no zoo in Davis, but there are many animals to visit on the campus. Have you seen the cows, the horses, the sheep, the squirrels or the turkeys?
Other exciting animals (dead and alive) can be visited at the Bohart Museum of Entomology which is also on campus (open Tuesday from 2:00-5:00 p.m., https://bohart.ucdavis.edu/). See also J.




