

**John Updike Society 2<sup>nd</sup> Biennial Conference**  
**Suffolk University, Boston, June 12-16**

## **Directions**

**NOTE:** Like most urban campuses, Suffolk has security guards at the entrance to many of our buildings: **You will be required to produce a photo i.d. throughout the conference; you should make sure you have one with you at all times.**

Most of the conference takes place at **73 Tremont Street**. Guests in the dorms can ask for directions at the front desk. Guests in the Holiday Inn should walk up the hill on Cambridge Street which curves to the right and becomes Tremont Street. The building is on the corner of Beacon and Tremont. **Registration on June 12 will take place in the Law School, 120 Tremont. Registration on other days will take place in the lobby of 73 Tremont.**

From the airport: We have purchased a one-week T-pass for all conference registrants and will distribute them at the registration table. Since we will not be able to distribute these tickets prior to your arrival, you will have to purchase a single ticket for the subway to get from the airport into Boston. (You may take a cab, but it is ridiculously expensive to do so). A subway fare costs \$2. A cab fare would run close to \$30 with tip.

Shuttles run frequently from each airport terminal to the Blue Line T stop. (The “T” is the term most people use to refer to our subway system, short for MBTA). Once you arrive at the Blue Line airport stop, purchase a ticket (called a “Charlie Ticket” for reasons I won’t get into) from a machine there or from a booth attendant. Take the Blue Line *inbound*; it is four stops from the airport to Government Center.

If you are staying in **Suffolk’s dorms**, Government Center is the closest stop on the Blue Line. If you are staying in the building at **10 Somerset Street** (Miller Hall), it is a short walk from the T stop. Cross the street toward the long, curved building (Center Plaza) and take any one of the escalators or stairways that lead through the building. Keep walking straight and you’ll soon reach Somerset Street. Turn left to get to Miller Hall.

If you are staying in the building at **150 Tremont Street**, you can either get out at Government Center and walk straight up Tremont Street or you can switch to the Green Line at Government Center and take it *one stop inbound* to Park Street. Taking the Green Line would cut your walk in half, but the dorm isn’t far from Government Center. 150 Tremont is located right on the Boston Common, about 100 yards from the intersection of Park and Tremont. I’d say it’s a six-minute walk from Government Center or a three-minute walk from Park Street.

If you are staying at **The Holiday Inn**, you can either get out at Government Center or continue on one more stop to Bowdoin (pronounced BO’-din). (Blue Line trains

sometimes are taken out of service at Government Center, and Bowdoin isn't much further along. If the train continues on to Bowdoin, stay on, but I wouldn't bother waiting for a Bowdoin train if the train is taken out of service at Government Center). Whether you disembark at Government Center or Bowdoin, the directions are the same: walk down Cambridge Street toward Mass General Hospital until you reach the Holiday Inn (on your right: corner of Cambridge and Blossom). It's a downhill walk, five minutes from Bowdoin or seven from Government Center.

Opening Night Reception – The reception on June 12 will take place in the first floor of the law school at 120 Tremont Street. **Joyce Carol Oates's** talk is at the Modern Theatre at 525 Washington Street. It is a 4-5 minute walk from the law school.

Fenway Park excursion (Wednesday, June 13, 3:30). From Park Street station (on the corner of Tremont and Park), take any B, C, or D Green Line train to Kenmore. (The "E" line doesn't go to Kenmore). Walk up Brookline Ave. to Fenway Park. We're meeting at the Souvenir Shop, **19 Yawkey Way** (turn left off Brookline). The Green Line is more of a trolley than a true subway, and it can become pretty crowded. College students like to crowd into Green Line cars like clowns in a phone booth. If a train looks crowded at Park, you're better off waiting for an uncrowded one as they run frequently. The ride should take 10 minutes or less from Park St.; add another 10 for the walk to Fenway from Kenmore. The tour leaves at 3:30; we're meeting at 3:15. Leave Park St. at 2:30 to be safe.

Harvard excursion (Thursday, June 14, 2:30-7). From Park Street station, take the Red Line outbound toward Alewife. The Harvard stop is four stops from Park. Guests at the Holiday Inn should take the red line from Charles Street station, just steps from the hotel. The Red Line is a true subway and doesn't get crowded the way the green line does. (Recall the passage from Updike's *Roger's Version* as the Red Line crosses the Charles River.)

You are on your own for lunch in Harvard Square that day: too many possibilities to mention, though Bartley's Burgers is an institution. **We will meet on the steps of the Widener Library at 2:30.** Enter Harvard Yard and look for the big building with the most steps. Our itinerary is as follows in case you are running late:

#### **ITINERARY FOR JOHN UPDIKE SOCIETY TOUR OF HARVARD**

- Meet on the steps of Widener Library at 2:30
- Walk to Lampoon Castle (44 Bow St.)
- Address outside building by Lampoon president 2:40-3:00
- Walk to Lowell where we'll be taken inside for a tour 3:10-3:40
- Walk to Hollis where again we'll receive an inside tour 3:50-4:20
- Walk to the Barker Center (formerly the Union) for pictures of outside
- Arrive at the Houghton at 4:30, where a three-case exhibit awaits, followed by a 5pm-7pm reception