



**2017 Annual Winter Chaos/Snowflake Conference**  
Mercy College School of Education  
Mercy College, Dobbs Ferry, NY, March 17-19, 2017

Image: Moreno Sociogram; from Gephi website

**Purpose:** This conference will continue a long tradition of informal exchange of ideas and provocative insights into the dynamics of nonlinear systems across disciplines of knowledge seeking to further advance the agenda of productive research into complex processes and their impact on policy and practice. The conference provides an opportunity to (re)connect with friends and colleagues and do further networking, stay up to date about what goes on in the field and explore new possibilities for applying the ideas of complexity and nonlinear dynamics in research and policy making.

**Location:** Mercy College was originally founded by the Sisters of Mercy in 1950 and it became a (non-religious) four-year college in 1961. It is located in the lovely Hudson Valley about twenty miles north of New York City close to the Tappan Zee Bridge. The college offers academic excellence as well as river views and is thus a very suitable site for this conference. Our meeting space will be Room 32 in Mercy Hall. A map of the campus is at end of this page, and at the this link:

[https://www.mercy.edu/sites/default/files/MercyCollegeMap2016\\_083116\\_1006AM.pdf](https://www.mercy.edu/sites/default/files/MercyCollegeMap2016_083116_1006AM.pdf)

The college is within easy driving distance from I-87 (Exit 9 coming from the North and Exit 7 from the South). Several suitable hotels (see below) are nearby.

**The Plan:** Presentations on Saturday, with Sunday morning as a spill-over date. There will be wi-fi, projection equipment as well as a working computer in the room. Dinner on the eve prior (Friday 17) in one of the local riverside restaurants to kick things off. Once I know how many folks are interested in this, I will make a reservation.

**Instructions to Participants/Presenters:** Please provide me with a title and an abstract at your earliest convenience so that we can assemble a tentative program, with the order of the presentations to be self-organized at the conference. Please send the information to me at [mkoopmans@mercy.edu](mailto:mkoopmans@mercy.edu).

**Accommodations:** Several suitable hotels are nearby:

The Doubletree Hotel; 455 S. Broadway, Tarrytown, NY 10591. 914-631-5700

Rates for those dates: \$154 + Tax (Mercy College rate)

Days Inn Elmsford; 25 Valley Avenue, Elmsford, NY 10523. 855-238-1590

Rates for those dates: \$89 (two beds); \$81 (one queen). Rate is not guaranteed.

La Quinta Inn & Suites; 540 Saw Mill River Rd, Elmsford, NY, 10523. 855-238-1593

Rates for those dates \$109 + Tax (Rate is not guaranteed)

We do not anticipate having enough bodies to make a block reservation (8 room min. at Days Inn). You might google better rates at these or other hotels in the vicinity, but if you venture further out, do make sure to stay east of Hudson River. Will keep you updated on options if I get new info.

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# MERCY COLLEGE

## DOBBS FERRY CAMPUS



| BUILDINGS                          | ATHLETICS/RECREATION   | FOOD/RETAIL                        | GENERAL                         | ACADEMICS   |
|------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|
| Founders Hall – Residence (FH) (9) | Turf Field (14)        | Campus Bookstore (34)              | Admissions - Main Hall (MH) (2) | School of Business (VIC) (31)                       |
| Gratia Maher Hall (GMH) (12)       | Athletic Offices (6)   | Victory Café (21)                  | Enrollment Services (8)         | School of Education (MEH) (33)                      |
| Hudson Hall – Residence (HH) (10)  | Basketball Courts (15) | Library Café (36)                  | Music Studios (26)              | School of Health and Natural Sciences (MH) (29)     |
| Mahoney Hall (MAH) (13)            | Fitness Center (22)    | Hudson View Café (4)               | Speech and Hearing Clinic (28)  | School of Liberal Arts (30)                         |
| Main Hall (MH) (24)                | Multiuse Court (39)    | Merchandise Store (5)              | Lecture Hall (3)                | School of Social and Behavioral Sciences (MAH) (32) |
| Mercy Hall (MEH) (35)              | Pool (16)              | Starbucks / Convenience Store (23) | Main Entrance (1)               | Library/Learning Commons (MH) (7)                   |
| Verrazzano Hall (VH) (11)          | Softball Field (18)    |                                    | Path to Metro North (19)        |   |
| Victory Hall (VIC) (20)            | Tennis Courts (17)     |                                    | Rotunda (38)                    |   |
|                                    | Victory Gym (37)       |                                    | Tarrytown Offices 828 Broadway  |   |

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