

## TYCA-SW Conference Website Information



### Conference Schedule:

Thursday, October 24 <sup>th</sup>	6:00pm-9:00pm	Happy Hour and Welcome Event at Local Pour
Friday, October 25 <sup>th</sup>	8:00am-12:00pm	Registration
	9:00am-9:50am	Breakout Session I
	10:00am-10:50am	Breakout Session II
	11:00am-11:50am	Breakout Session III
	12:00-1:45pm	Luncheon & Keynote Address <b>Dr. Christina Cedillo</b>
	2:00pm-2:50pm	Breakout Session IV
	3:00pm-3:50pm	Breakout Session V
	4:00pm-4:50pm	Breakout Session VI
	6:30pm – 9:00pm	Friday Evening Social
Saturday, October 26 <sup>th</sup>	8:00am-10:00am	Registration
	9:00am-10:20am	Breakout Session VII
	10:30am-11:50am	Breakout Session VIII
	12:00pm-1:45pm	Luncheon & Keynote Address <b>Sarah Bird</b>
		2:00pm-4:00pm

## Keynote Speakers

### Dr. Christina Cedillo, Keynote Speaker

Assistant Professor of Writing,  
College of Human Sciences and Humanities  
University of Houston-Clear Lake



Christina Cedillo, Ph.D. is an Assistant Professor of Writing and Rhetoric. She graduated from Texas A&M University in 2011 with her doctorate in English, specializing in rhetoric and composition. Her research focuses on the role of embodiment in communication, particularly in relation to race, gender, and disability. She also examines how mainstream teaching practices affect students from minoritized populations to consider how we can make education more inclusive of people from all cultures.

Dr. Cedillo has a forthcoming essay about police violence against Latinxs, is working on projects about Chicana labor activist Emma Tenayuca and music as preservation of our Mexican Indigenous heritage.

Source: <https://www.uhcl.edu/human-sciences-humanities/faculty/cedillo-christina> For further information about Dr. Christina Cedillo: <http://www.christinavcedillo.com/cv.html>

## Sarah Bird, Keynote Speaker

Acclaimed, Award-winning Texas Author



Sarah is the author of ten novels. Her latest, *Daughter of a Daughter of a Queen*, is a tribute to Cathy/Cathay Williams, the only woman to serve with the fabled Buffalo Soldiers. It will be released as a lead title on Sept. 4, 2018 by St. Martin's.

Her previous novel, *Above the East China Sea*, was long-listed for the Dublin International Literary Award; was an ALEX Award nominee; winner of the Texas Philosophical Society Literary Award; a *Chicago Tribune* Editor's Choice; a *Seattle Times* Best Book of the Year; a Tucson Book Festival Great Books for Book Club selection; and a *Marie Claire* Best Summer Reads.

Sarah was a B&N's Discover Great Writers selection; a New York Public Libraries Books to Remember; a Dobie-Paisano Fellowship honoree; a two-time winner of the TIL's Best Fiction award; and an Austin Libraries Illumine Award for Excellence in Fiction winner. She was voted into the Texas Literary Hall of Fame has been awarded the Texas Writer of the Year by the Texas Book Festival. In 2017, she won *The Austin Chronicle's* Best Fiction Writer award for the sixth time and received the Texas Institute of Letters Lifetime Achievement Award.

Sarah has also been an **NPR *Moth Radio Hour*** storyteller; a writer for ***Oprah's Magazine, NY Times Sunday Magazine*** and ***Op Ed*** columns, ***Chicago Tribune, Real Simple, Mademoiselle, Glamour, Salon, Daily Beast, Ladies Home Journal, Good Housekeeping, MS, Texas Observer***; and a columnist for ***Texas Monthly***.

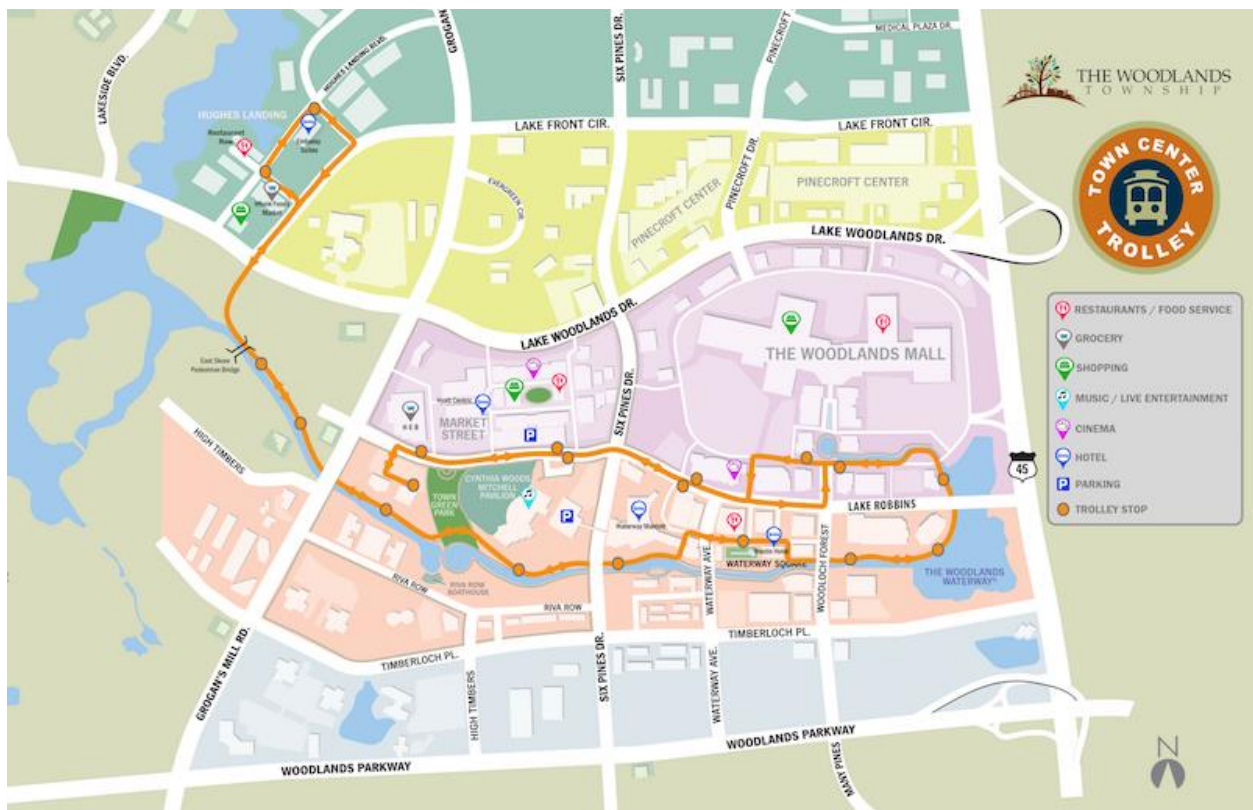
During her ten-year screenwriting career, Sarah worked for **Paramount, CBS, Warner Bros, National Geographic, ABC, TNT**, as well as several independent producers. In 2015 she was selected for the Meryl Streep/Oprah Winfrey Screenwriters' Lab.

Source: <http://sarahbirdbooks.com/bio/>

## Hotel and Travel

Lone Star College is the largest higher education institution in the Houston area and is one of the fastest-growing community colleges in the nation; its Montgomery campus provides a scenic location in Conroe, Texas, right next to exciting attractions in The Woodlands. The Woodlands area is located 28 miles north of Houston, Texas and is home to a vibrant community. Free trolley service allows you to visit popular locations (please note that car transportation will be needed to travel to the college campus). The area hosts a variety of festivals year-round and offers shopping opportunities, outdoor activities, and exceptional dining, surrounded by beautiful parks and ponds. Please visit this visitor page for a travel guide to the area: <https://visitthewoodlands.com/>

Map of The Woodlands area trolley routes:

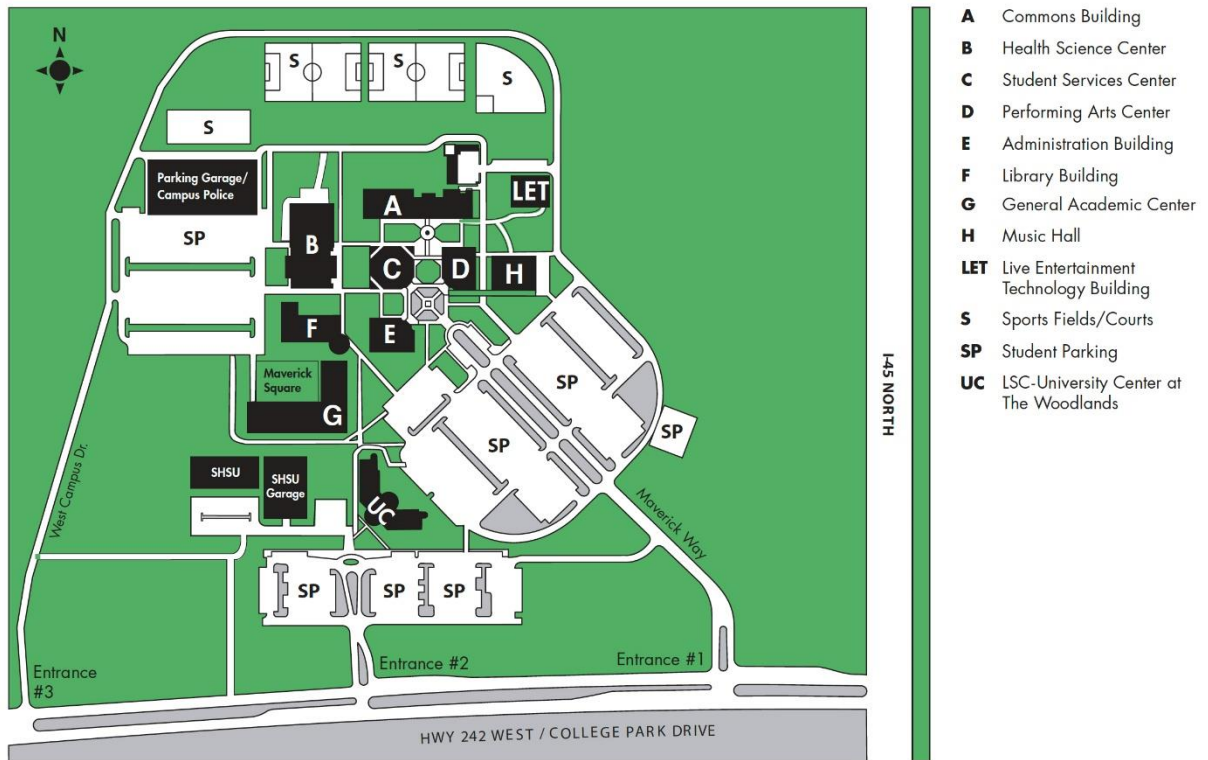


This year's conference will open with a welcome event and happy hour at Local Pour, a restaurant in the Hughes Landing area of The Woodlands, on Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup> from 6:00pm-9:00pm: <http://localpour.com/>

Conference breakout sessions and luncheons will take place on the Lone Star College Montgomery campus.

## Lone Star College Montgomery Campus Map

### Lone Star College-Montgomery Campus



Interactive Lone Star College Montgomery Campus Map: <https://map.concept3d.com>

### Hotels

Below are recommendations for a few of the many hotel options in the area:

#### Luxury Hotels:

The Woodlands Waterway Marriott, Westin at the Woodlands, and Hyatt Centric at the Woodlands are all located in the Woodlands Shopping District. All three offer easy access to the area's attractions.

#### Convenience:

These hotels are located close to campus and offer easy access to I45; these hotels will be the most convenient. Nearby shopping centers include a wide selection of fast food and formal restaurants. When schools zones are in effect, SH 242/College Park is heavily congested.

#### Spring Suites Hotel

16520 Interstate 45 S, The Woodlands, TX 77384  
(936) 271-0051

Fairfield Inn and Suites  
16850 I-45, The Woodlands, TX 77384  
(936) 271-0110

Candlewood Suites: *This is our sponsored hotel with a number of conference rate rooms available until booked.*

17525 St Luke's Way, The Woodlands, TX 77384  
(936) 271-2100

Shopping:

Located 10-15 minutes south of campus, these hotels are all near The Woodlands shopping district. Pathways lead to Market Square, the Woodlands Mall, the Woodlands Waterway, and Restaurant Row. The area offers a wide range of restaurants and retail shops, as well as cinema, parks, kayaking and paddleboats. A free trolley can be used to move along the waterway, between the mall, square, and Hughes Landing.

Hilton Garden Inn The Woodlands  
9301 Six Pines Dr, The Woodlands, TX 77380  
(281) 364-9300

Residence Inn by Marriott Market Street  
9333 Six Pines Dr, The Woodlands, TX 77380  
(281) 419-1542