

WESTERN FOREST ECONOMISTS

2025 Annual Meeting

May 15-16 in Seattle, WA

Venue: Maple Hall Great Room
UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

This year's theme for special panels:

Long Rotations and Set-aside Forests: Economic and Environmental Implications

For the concurrent sessions, presentations center around the following themes¹:

- Bioenergy and bioproducts
- Public lands issues
- Economics of wildland fire
- Innovations in the forest sector
- Forestry-centered natural climate solutions
- Markets and trade
- Non-market values and valuation

Day 1: THURSDAY, MAY 15		
11:30 pm – 12:30 pm	Registration and Networking (lunch provided)	
12:30 pm – 12:45 pm	Welcome and Western Forest Economist Group Updates	
12:45 pm – 2:30 pm	<p>Plenary Session 1: Forest land managers' perspective on "Long Rotations and Set-aside Forests: Economics and Environmental Implications"</p> <p>Moderator: <i>Indroneil Ganguly, WFE Chair and Associate Professor, University of Washington</i></p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Gareth Waugh, Vice President, Port Blakely</i>• <i>Jason Spadaro, Executive Director, WFFA</i>• <i>Elaine Oneil, Executive Director, WFFA</i>• <i>Duane Emmons, Asst. Deputy Supervisor for State Uplands, WADNR</i>• <i>Matt Comisky, Washington Manager, AFRC</i>	
2:30 pm – 2:45 pm	Break	
2:45 pm – 4:45 pm	Concurrent Session 1	Concurrent Session 2
	Presentation 1.1	Presentation 2.1
	Presentation 1.2	Presentation 2.2
	Presentation 1.3	Presentation 2.3
	Presentation 1.4	Presentation 2.4
	Presentation 1.5	Presentation 2.5
4:45 pm – 5:00 pm	Break	
5:00 pm – 5:30 pm	<p>Special Session: Collaborative Efforts in Resolving Forestry Issues</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Tim Hawkins, Research Director and Facilitator, WestCoast Aquatic Society</i>• <i>Rajat Panwar, Professor, Oregon State University</i>	
6:00 pm – 8:30 pm	Group Dinner and Social	

¹ The actual themes may vary depending on the abstract submissions

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Day 2: FRIDAY, MAY 16		
7:30 am – 8:15 am	Coffee and Networking	
8:15 am – 8:30 am	Welcome and Day 2 Overview	
8:30 am – 10:00 am	<p>Plenary Session 2: Researchers’ and NGO’s perspective on “Long Rotations and Set-aside Forests: Economics and Environmental Implications”</p> <p>Moderator: <i>Harry Nelson, Associate Professor, Univ. of British Columbia</i></p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Andres Susaeta, Assistant Professor, OR State University</i> • <i>Indroneil Ganguly, Associate Professor, University of Washington</i> • <i>Dr. Hugh Scolah, British Columbia</i> • <i>Raju Pokharel, Assistant Professor, MSU</i> • <i>Seth Zukerman, Executive Director, Northwest Natural Resource Group</i> 	
10:00 – 10:15 am	Break	
10:15 am – 12:20 pm	Concurrent Session 3	Concurrent Session 4
	Presentation 3.1	Presentation 4.1
	Presentation 3.2	Presentation 4.2
	Presentation 3.3	Presentation 4.3
	Presentation 3.4	Presentation 4.4
	Presentation 3.5	Presentation 4.5
12:30 pm – 1:45 pm	Luncheon Session	
	<p>Discussion: Challenges faced in the discussions around the economic and environmental role of working forests: experience from <u>WA Forest Products Roundtable</u></p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Chris Page, Senior Facilitator for Projects & Strategic Initiatives, William D. Ruckelshaus Center / Associate Professor, WA State University Extension C.E.D.</i> • <i>Julie Anderson, Forestry Sector Lead, Agricultural Innovation, WA State Dept. of Commerce</i> 	
1:45 pm – 2:00 pm	Wrap-up	
2:15 pm – 3:00 pm	WFE Board Meeting (open to all)	
3:00 pm	2025 Meeting Adjourns	



Thank you for attending the 2025 Annual Meeting of the Western Forest Economists!

We welcome ALL feedback to ensure we provide you with relevant and engaging information. Please fill out the post-event survey to let us know what you thought of this year’s program and/or contact Nicole@westernforestry.org with questions, concerns, or suggestions for additional events and training.

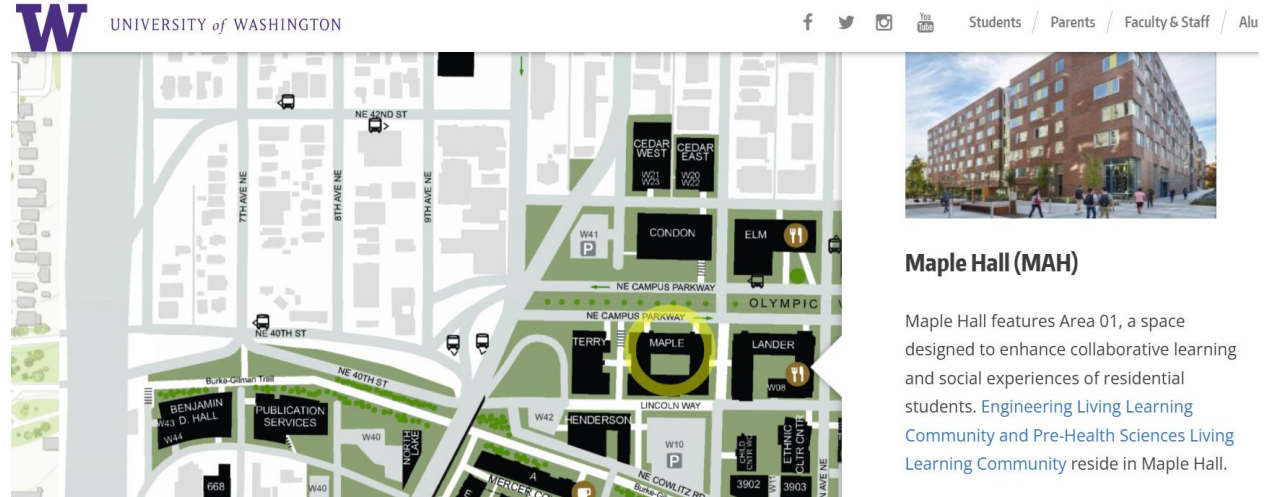
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Venue Information from the University of Washington

Maple Hall is a residence hall located on NE Campus Parkway and the pedestrian-only 12th Ave NE

UW Campus map link <https://www.washington.edu/maps/#!/mah>

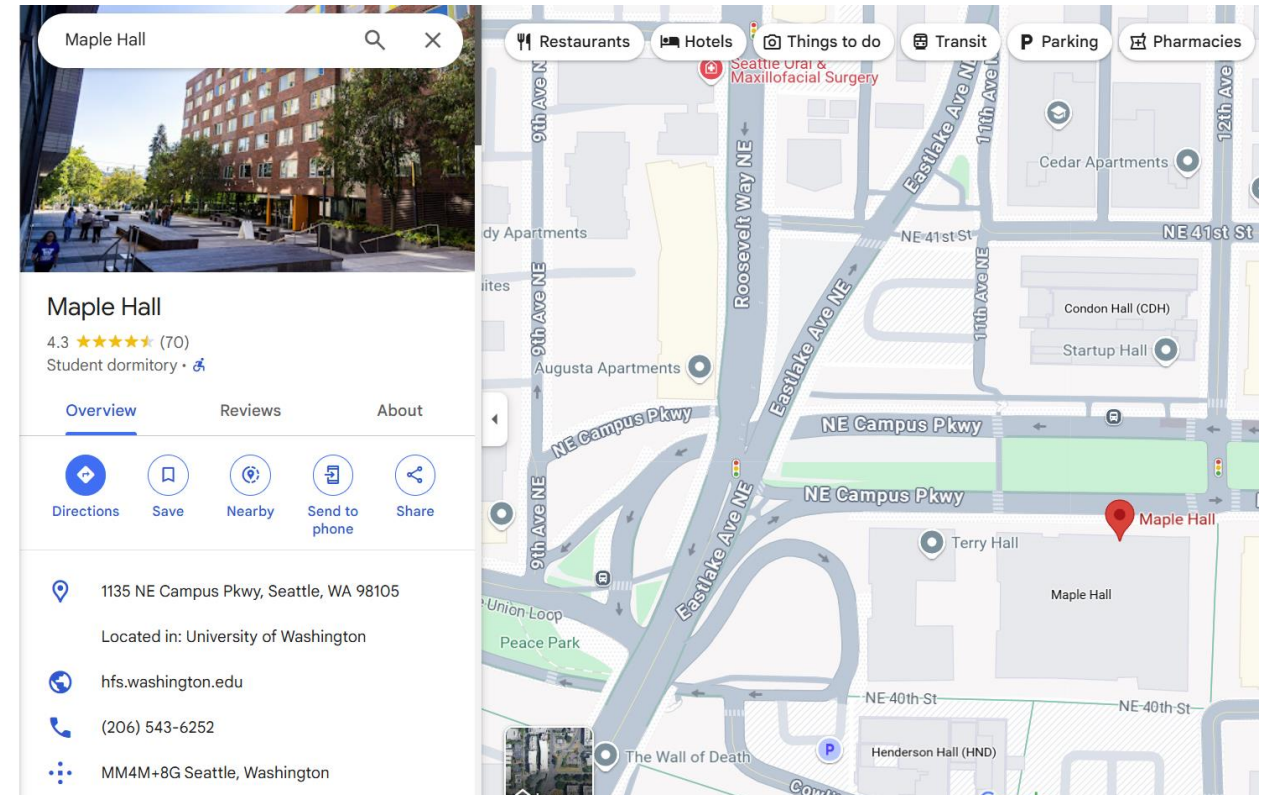
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Venue Location Info from Google

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Hotel Location, Information, and Directions to Event Venue



Hotel website

<https://www.staypineapple.com/watertown-hotel-seattle-wa>

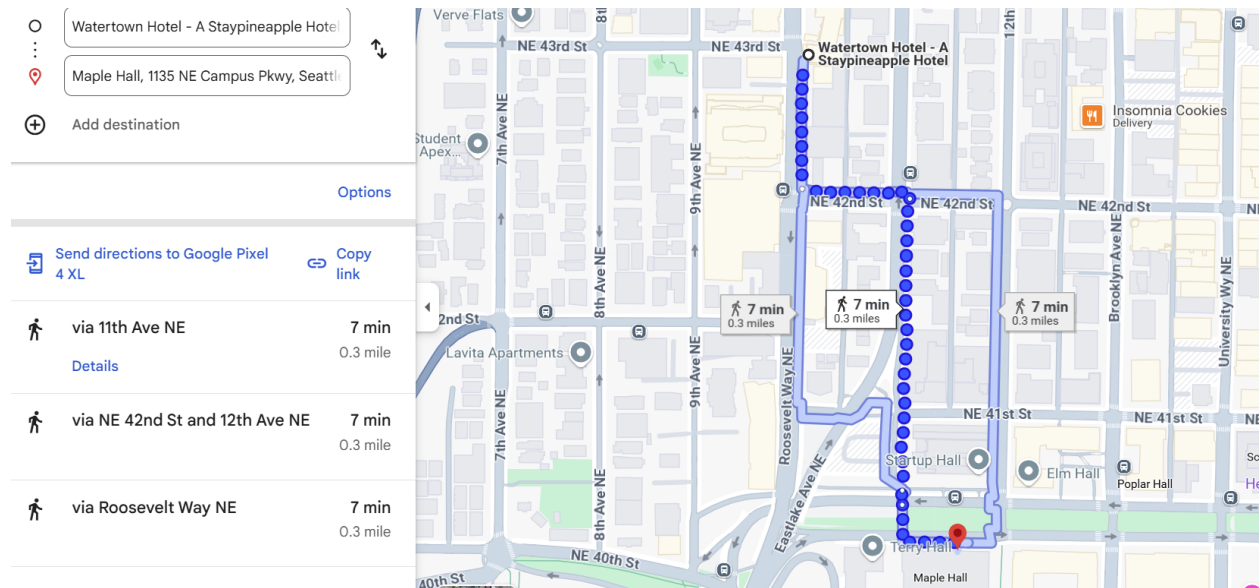
Google Maps link

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The hotel is located less than half a mile and a 10-minute walk from the event venue, Maple Hall

Google Directions link <https://maps.app.goo.gl/WtoTs8PkTRvGYULP9>

Screenshot of walking directions from hotel to meeting venue



Parking Information

- **UW lot W10 is the closest lot to Maple Hall.** Visitor Parking is allowed for \$5/hr through the PayByPhone app or at [PayByPhone.com](https://www.paybyphone.com). Campus parking questions should be directed to [UW Transportation Services](#).

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- **Street parking is sometimes available**, also through PayByPhone. More information is available through the [City of Seattle](#).
- **Parking is available at the hotel for a fee.**