

## GORDON RESEARCH CONFERENCES

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Art Olson, Shaaron Ainsworth (Chairs) and Ghislain Deslongchamps, Liz Dorland (Vice chairs) are pleased to welcome you to the 2009 GRC on Visualization in Science and Education.

In addition to the site information you should have already received, we hope you will find this program information useful.

<b>Session Structures</b>	<p>As many of you are aware, Gordon Research Conferences encourage interactive debate and discussion. This is reflected in the format of the sessions where for each speaker is allotted 40 minutes for a talk and 15 minutes for debate and discussion. Given the overwhelmingly favorable (though not unanimous) response to the small group discussion followed by large group questions format that ran in 2007, we intend to implement this again for 2009. Please note, a slightly more compressed format will run in the panel sessions.</p>
<b>Workshops</b>	<p>The two pre-conference workshops are now full. Unfortunately due to space constraints it is impossible to expand their numbers. For those attending workshops, please do not be alarmed by their absence for official GRC announcements as these are not formally part of the conference. A reminder to those who have not done so, please book your room at Magdalen if you intend to stay here during the workshop.</p>
<b>Visionary Grants</b>	<p>We are privileged to have received funding from the NSF for 5 \$6000 grants and so will be offering the opportunity to submit visionary grants again this year. Full details will be provided at the conference. Briefly however, these grants support collaborative initiatives to conduct research that will hopefully form the basis of successful future grants applications. Given the funding source, the PI must reside at an American institution and be able to ensure that no overhead will be claimed from that institution from this grant.</p>
<b>Posters</b>	<p>Poster sessions will be held between 4 and 6 PM on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Presenters will be assigned to one of those days. We will inform you in advance whether you have been scheduled for a paper or computer poster. However, the poster schedule may not be available prior to the conference.</p> <p>The main poster area is under a covered walkway. The poster boards are 1 meter wide and 2 meters tall (as indicated in the Magdalen section on the GRC website). However, there will be adequate space for placing posters across two boards if you prefer a horizontal format. We should be able to provide power and wifi to those who have responded to the Doodle survey and want to use a laptop for display. But this is not guaranteed, so please be preloaded as much of your demo as possible and bring backup batteries if possible. The computer area is in two small rooms a short walk from the main poster venue. There are no poster boards in these rooms. Refreshments will be set up near the main poster area.</p> <p>If you have further questions, email Liz Dorland at <a href="mailto:dorland@wustl.edu">dorland@wustl.edu</a>.</p>
<b>Business Meeting</b>	<p>The GRC take attendance at the business meeting very seriously and we do encourage all attendees to come to this session and get involved in the future of the conference. If you are interested in taking a more active role in future conferences, please come and talk to any of the Chairs during the conference.</p>
<b>Expenses</b>	<p>If you are receiving travel funding from the Chairs Fund, please remember to bring your travel receipts with you.</p>