The Roger Sherman Debate Society of Western Connecticut State University is pleased to invite you yet again to:

**The Hat City Debates:**

**The Northeastern CEDA/Worlds Regional Championship/NDT D8 Qualifier**

**February 21 – 23, 2014**

Our tournament will be held in the once and future hat-making capital of the world, Danbury, Connecticut.

The tournament will feature six rounds of cross-examination policy debate in novice and junior varsity, using the 2013-2014 CEDA/NDT topic:

Resolved: The United States Federal Government should substantially increase statutory and/or judicial restrictions on the war powers authority of the President of the United States in one or more of the following areas: targeted killing; indefinite detention; offensive cyber operations; or introducing United States Armed Forces into hostilities.

The tournament will follow traditional CEDA/NDT rules regarding speech and prep time, including 9-3-6 speech time and 10 minutes of prep time.  The tournament will also follow CEDA/NDT rules regarding elimination rounds to allow for maximize amount of eligible teams to participate in elimination debates.  Judges are expected to decide their debates and deliver a decision within 2.5 hours of start time.

The Hat City Debates will also feature a **world’s division**, will follow all WUDC rules, available at http://debate.uvm.edu/dcpdf/sambaworldsguidelines.pdf. During preparation teams may only discuss the motion with their partner or with one of the chief adjudicators.  Judges should be provided at the N-1 rule.  Undergraduates familiar with the event may be used as judges.  Undergraduate and graduate students enrolled at an institution may compete or judge.  Paul Gross from Cornell will be the Chief Adjudicator. Please register through tabroom.com. Questions or concerns email debate@wcsu.edu. Lastly, the District 8 qualifier for the NDT will follow all NDT and District 8 rules regarding eligibility and qualification.

Registration/Entry Fees:  $45 per person in attendance.  Checks should be made payable to the *WCSU - Roger Sherman Debate Society*.  There is also a fee of $30 for each uncovered round of judging (3 rounds per team).

We will be providing breakfast and lunch on both Saturday and Sunday with vegan meal choices.

*Hotels Info:*

Best Western Plus Danbury/Bethel @ 69.99
11 Stony Hill Road, Bethel, Connecticut, 06801

203-744-3200
“Hat City Debate Tournament” for the group rate.

Microtel Bethel, CT @ 69.99

80 Benedict Rd. Bethel, CT 06801

203-748-8318

“Hat City Debate Tournament” for the group rate.

The Newbury Inn Brookfield, CT @ 69.99

1030 Federal Rd. Brookfield, CT 06804

203-775-0220

“Hat City Debate Tournament” for the group rate.

Courtyard Danbury, CT @ 109.00

3 Eagle Rd Danbury, CT 06810

(203) 730-2228

“WCDP” for the group rate.

Hampton Inn Danbury, Ct @ 84.00

81 Newtown Rd Danbury, CT 06810

(203) 748-6677

“WCD” for the group rate.

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21

6:30 PM: Registration at the Best Western's conference room until 9:30 PM,
or call Taylor Pasquence at (203) 313-6482 with your information.

SCHEDULE – **Policy**

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22

07:00 AM: Registration at Warner Hall, first floor

07:30 AM: Breakfast at Warner Hall, first floor (bagels and beverages)

08:00 AM: Round 1

10:30 AM: Round 2

12:30 PM: Lunch at Warner Hall, first floor

01:30 PM: Round 3

04:00 PM: Round 4 (Last NDT round for the day)

06:30 PM: Round 5

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

07:30 AM: Breakfast at Warner Hall, first floor

08:00 AM: Round 5 (NDT only) Round 6 (CEDA only)

11:00 AM: Elimination Rounds

1:30 PM: Lunch and Award Ceremony will be held at Warner Hall, first floor

02:30 PM: Elimination Rounds

04:30 PM: Elimination Rounds (as necessary)

07:00 PM: Elimination Rounds (as necessary)

The NDT and CEDA meetings will be announced during the course of the tournament.

SCHEDULE – **Worlds**

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22

07:00 AM: Registration at Warner Hall, first floor

07:30 AM: Breakfast at Warner Hall, first floor (bagels and beverages)

**General Assembly** is at [Science Building 125](http://www.wcsu.edu/technology/techrooms/sb125.asp) (New place this year and forward)

08:20 AM: Round 1 – Motion Announced

10:50 AM: Round 2 – Motion Announced

12:30 PM: Lunch at Warner Hall, first floor

01:50 PM: Round 3 – Motion Announced

04:20 PM: Round 4 – Motion Announced

06:50 PM: Round 5 – Motion Announced

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

07:30 AM: Breakfast at Warner Hall, first floor

08:20 AM: Round 6 – Motion Announced

11:20 AM: World’s Elimination Rounds

01:30 PM: Lunch and Award Ceremony will be held at Warner Hall, first floor

02:50 PM: Elimination Rounds

04:50 PM: Elimination Rounds (as necessary)

07:20 PM: Elimination Rounds (as necessary)

**PARKING**

Parking will be provided in the faculty lot off White Street between White Hall and Fairfield Hall, and in the Commuter Parking Garage off Fifth Avenue.

Coaches wishing to drop off teams should enter the parking area off Fifth Avenue and pull up behind Warner Hall, which is the center building in a row of three.

**DIRECTIONS TO CAMPUS**

From the East: Take Exit 5 off I-84 to first traffic light (Clapboard Ridge Road); turn right and continue on Main Street to White Street (fifth traffic light); turn left on White Street and continue one half mile to campus on left.

From the West: Take Exit 5 off I-84 to first traffic light (Main Street); turn right and continue on Main Street to White Street (fourth traffic light); turn left on White Street and continue one half mile to campus on left.