Held at the Adam’s Mark Hotel in St. Louis, the PROMISE workshop and ICSE conference highlights current research and practices in the area of Software Engineering.

Overall, about 800 people attended ICSE and/or one of the associated workshops. The attendees was a who’s who list of Software Engineering. It was a pleasure to chat with these people over lunch, in the lobby, during the breaks and at the reception.
One of the sites to visit in St. Louis is the Botanical Gardens. The Botanical Gardens include an English (Victorian) Garden, Japanese Garden, and Chinese Garden. Below are some of the spectacular views of the Gardens.

This is one of the first views near the entrance.

A Victorian maze. If you look closely you can see the gates that may be opened/closed to alter the configuration of the maze.
English garden complete with statue.

View of the Chinese garden
Scene from Japanese Garden. Some Poi fish enjoying the sunshine.

Courthouse in St. Louis. This is literally in front of the arch and next to the Adams Mark Hotel.
About a mile from the hotel is Busch baseball stadium.

The lobby of the Adams Mark Hotel.
Tim Menzies discussing cost models at the PROMISE workshop.

Martin Shepperd from Bournemouth University in the UK
Bart Massey from Portland State University discussing Open Source Repositories

Gregorio Robles from Spain explores Open Source Repositories
Break during PROMISE Workshop, Scott Chen, Günes Koru, Martin Shepperd, Tim Menzies, and Bart Massey.

Günes Koru examines the impact of module size on Defect Prediction.
Finding general models

Case study #1: backwards select.

Scott Chen from USC

Jane Huffman Hayes showing the road to PROMISE.
Gary D. Boetticher promoting a better methodology for mining repositories

Jelber Sayyad-Shirabad, Martin Shepperd, Scott Chen, and Gary Boetticher at the arch.
Some of the PROMISE participants at the arch
PROMISE folks going to LaClede’s Landing for dinner. Negotiating the sidewalk was a challenge.
One of the highlights of the conference was an all-day symposium entitled, "Foundations of Empirical Software Engineering Legacy of Victor R. Basili." The speakers for this symposium included Barry Boehm, Dieter Rombach, Ali Mili, Lionel Briand, Michael A. Cusumano, Jyrki Kontio, Forrest Shull, Ross Jeffery and Vic Basili. A very informative symposium!
Attendees from the Vic Basili Symposium
How many can you name?
Ross Jeffery and Barry Boehm help Vic Basili celebrate his 65th Birthday.

Philip Johnson tells a Vic Basili/Barry Boehm story at the dinner reception.
One of the ICSE lunches. Bojan Cukic, Jelber Sayyad-Shirabad, Barry Boehm, Stan Rifkin, Martin Shepperd, Scott Chen, Tim Menzies

One of the keynote ICSE presentations
Another one of the keynote ICSE presentations

ICSE presentation
One of the social highlights of the ICSE Conference was a reception held under the Arch. Part of the package included a ride to the top of the arch. The top picture shows the courthouse and hotel.