THE APT CONFERENCE 2008

Wesleyan University, Middletown, Connecticut, October 9-12, 2008

CALL FOR PAPERS

The Association for Political Theory (APT) invites proposals for its sixth annual conference to be held October 9-12, 2008 at Wesleyan University in Middletown, Connecticut. The APT is an interdisciplinary organization devoted to supporting political theory and political philosophy. The APT Conference provides a collegial setting for scholars of various professional ranks, institutional affiliations and theoretical approaches to engage one another in fruitful discussions of their work. To learn more about the Association and its annual conference, please visit the APT Gateway website at its new home: http://apt.coloradocollege.edu.

The Association welcomes paper submissions from all approaches and on all topics in political theory, political philosophy, and the history of political thought. Paper proposals from academic faculty, advanced PhD candidates, and independent scholars are welcome. Faculty members are also encouraged to apply to serve as chairs or discussants.

Because of the relatively small size of the conference and our goal of encouraging significant interaction among participants from different types of institutions and different ranks, the Association accepts few standard whole panel proposals and reserves the right to alter or recombine any proposed panels. See the Program Committee's Proposal Guidelines for more information on the Association's approach to panels and proposals.

Space limitations may restrict the number of proposals accepted. For the 2007 conference, 220 proposals were submitted, with about 100 (45 percent) accepted.

APPLYING TO PARTICIPATE

To submit a paper proposal, suggest an innovative panel or roundtable, or volunteer to serve as a chair or discussant, please visit the APT Gateway website at http://apt.coloradocollege.edu and use the on-line conference proposal form. Click on the "APT Conferences" link for that form, as well as for general information about the 2008 conference. ***Note: The on-line proposal submission forms will not be operational until sometime after the New Year.***

Applicants should submit abstracts of 300-400 words, using the on-line form, no later than February 15, 2008. Applicants may indicate their preferred panel type (traditional, roundtable, or other). Faculty members are also encouraged to use the form to volunteer to serve as chairs or discussants. All prospective participants must submit copies of their CVs, which can be attached to the submission form. Graduate students should indicate their status (ABD / not ABD) and anticipated time to degree. Applicants who have presented papers at previous APT conferences should only submit proposals significantly different from their past contributions.

A preliminary conference program will be completed and notification of acceptance will be given in April 2008. Registration fees are due three weeks prior to the conference.

PARTICIPATING IN THE CONFERENCE—PRE-CIRCULATION REQUIREMENT

All accepted participants must submit completed papers no later than September 22, 2008 to a password-protected archive on the APT website. Papers will be available to APT members only. Registered conference participants will need to join APT in order to receive a password enabling them to access the archive. Failure to submit a complete paper by September 22 may lead to removal from the program.

Interested faculty members, graduate students, and independent scholars can apply for APT membership by completing the on-line membership form at the Association's website. Membership is free.

SUMMARY OF DATES

February 15, 2008	Proposals due
April 30, 2008	Notification of acceptance/preliminary program completed
September 22, 2008	Deadline to submit papers to the APT website for pre-circulation
October 9-12, 2008	The APT Conference 2008 at Wesleyan University in Middletown, Connecticut

For more information about the 2008 conference, please contact Program Committee Co-Chairs, Clarissa Hayward (chayward@wustl.edu) and Mark Rigstad (rigstad@oakland.edu). If you have trouble submitting your proposal via the website, please contact Executive Co-Director and webmaster, Dennis McEnnerney (apt@coloradocollege.edu).