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# **The APT Newsletter**

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## **CONFERENCE 2004 FINAL PROGRAM**

The Program Committee is pleased to announce the final program for the APT Conference 2004, which meets this Friday through Sunday, 29-31 October 2004, at The Colorado College in Colorado Springs, Colorado. This year's program has 121 participants on 24 panels, including 17 graduate students; 14 lecturers, adjunct faculty or administrators; 47 assistant professors; 19 associate professors; and 24 full professors.

The program will consist of six sessions, each with four panels meeting concurrently. Topics to be discussed include: ancient, medieval, and modern political thought; identity and power; friendship and civility; democratic thought and action; ambition and humility; the Enlightenment; Judith Butler; faith and toleration; markets and ethics; global principles and global feminisms; public philosophies; law; difference in American political thought; John Rawls; pessimism; environmental political theory; justice and rationality; gender and power; and narratives and action.

A strong applicant pool allowed the Program Committee to assemble panels reflecting the diversity of political thought today. The Committee was pleased to be able to organize panels on history of Western political thought, including ancient, medieval, and early modern thought panels. In addition, a strong response from scholars working on feminist theory and gender politics allowed the Committee to put together two panels devoted to feminist theory and gender politics. The Committee was also happy to include a roundtable on environmental political philosophy, though it was disappointed to be unable to include some other strong applications received on a second environmental panel. For the second year in a row, in addition, the Committee could not field a panel on comparative political theory, though there were some good papers suggested. However, two panels on global politics and thought appear on the program.

To see the final program for the 2004 conference, visit the [APT Gateway](#) website and click on "APT Conferences," or go directly to [Conference Gateway](#) page.

## **GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE PROPOSES A CONSTITUTION**

The Governance Committee is also happy to announce that it has completed work on a draft constitution for APT. The constitution calls for the creation of three directly elected offices: two Executive Co-Directors and a Secretary-Treasurer. Four additional members will join these officers on a new Governance Committee. Three of these four additional members are to be directly elected from among the membership of the Association at large, and the fourth is to be elected by the members of the previous year's Program Committee. The Governance Committee, in turn, will elect a chair from among its three at-large members.

A copy of the draft constitution is now available on the Association's website. Members who are not attending the 2004 conference may wish to review the draft and send the Governance Committee

comments at [apt@coloradocollege.edu](mailto:apt@coloradocollege.edu). In addition, printed copies of the draft will be distributed to all participants at the Colorado College conference.

Discussion of the draft constitution will be the first item of business to be attended to at the Association's business meeting, to be held at 8:30 a.m. this Sunday, 31 October 2004, at the Le Baron Hotel in Colorado Springs. If the discussion goes well, the Committee expects to move for a vote on adopting the draft.

Visit the Association's website to review a copy of the [draft constitution](#).

## FUTURE CONFERENCES

Members not able to attend the Colorado Springs business meeting may also wish to offer their comments concerning items number 2 and 3 on the business meeting agenda: future conference sites, and nominations for the next conference's Program Committee.

The Program and Governance Committees are assuming, based upon the amount of interest in this year's conference, that there will be a sentiment in favor of a conference next fall - and perhaps in favor of an annual conference from now on. If that assumption is correct, then the Association will be looking for good hosts and good locations to follow up on the great precedents set by Simona Goi at Calvin College and - as it now appears - by Tim Fuller at Colorado College. If you think your institution would be interested in hosting a future APT Conference, let the Program and Governance Committees know by writing to [apt@coloradocollege.edu](mailto:apt@coloradocollege.edu).

In addition, if you are interested in serving on the Program Committee for next year's conference, please feel free to nominate yourself by writing to [apt@coloradocollege.edu](mailto:apt@coloradocollege.edu). The next Program Committee will be chosen by a consensus formed among the Co-Founders and the members of the current Program and Governance Committees.

## CONFERENCE PAPER ARCHIVE NOW AVAILABLE

As an experiment for this year's conference, the Program Committee decided to pre-circulate papers through an on-line paper archive. The idea of the archive was three-fold: first, for conferees, it was hoped that the pre-circulation requirement would provide a strong incentive to complete their work in a timely and serious fashion, since all of our colleagues, not just a couple of chairs or discussants, would see whether their writing was done well and on time; second, pre-circulating the papers would also, the Program Committee thought, allow participants a chance to read papers of interest before the sessions met, thereby allowing for more in-depth discussion of the papers' arguments at the sessions; and third, both for conference attendees and for Association members unable to attend the conference, the paper archive would allow all a chance to read papers that they could not hear at the conference.

Members are reminded that the papers in the archive are the intellectual property of the respective authors and that any use of those papers, beyond fair use for one's intellectual purposes, requires contacting those authors for permission. Members are also encouraged to contact authors in order to engage them in discussion about their ideas. The Program Committee has encouraged authors to list contact information on their title pages. If contact information for an author is not included on the title page of his or her essay, it may appear in the Membership Directory.

Both the paper archive and the Membership Directory appear on the protected portion of the [Association's website](#). Click on gMember Resourcesh to log in.

Please let the Association - and the authors - know whether you find the paper archive useful. Item 4 at the business meeting will include discussion of the experimental paper archive. If you think the archive ought or ought not be continued, speak up!

## MEMBERSHIP CONTINUES TO GROW

APT continues to grow significantly. The Association now has 354 confirmed members, as well as four undergraduate associates. Several other applications are pending. At this point, the membership is made up of mixture of faculty, independent scholars, and graduate students:

Professors	13%
Associate Professors	11%
Assistant Professors	25%
Administrators/Deans	3%
Lecturers/Adjunct Faculty	11%
Independent Scholars	3%
Fellows/Other	3%
Graduate Students	31%

.More than 50% of the membership is at or near the beginning of their careers, which bodes well for the future of the Association.

**-Dennis McEnerney & Emily Hauptmann, Co-Founders**

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