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APT CONFERENCE 2005 PROGRAM NEARING COMPLETION

The APT Program Committee has nearly completed work on the program for the 2005 conference at Washington University in St. Louis, 21-23 October 2005. Ed Wingenbach, chair of the Program Committee, working closely with six committee colleagues, has assembled another strong lineup of panels. Six regular sessions, with four panels each, have been planned, along with a special plenary session featuring two panels. The continuing strong interest in our meetings has led the Committee to extend the length of the conference to a full two days of sessions, starting on Friday morning and ending on Saturday evening, with the business meeting taking place on Sunday morning.

The regular panels, once again, reflect the breadth and depth of political thought today. Among the topics to be addressed are religion and pluralism, natural law, feminist ethics, responding to violence, deliberative democracy, race and reparations, American conservatism, identities and borders, and classical critiques of democracy. The plenary sessions will focus on the work of two special guests, Elizabeth Beaumont of the Carnegie Foundation and the University of Minnesota, who will address the topic of political theory and civic engagement; and Amitai Etzioni, Director of the Institute for Communitarian Policy Studies at George Washington University and past president of the American Sociological Association, who will engage with critics of his new book, *From Empire to Community: A New Approach to International Relations*. Both plenary panels promise to push political theory and political theorists in new directions. For a complete listing of panels, see the [detailed program](#) on the Association's website. Reflecting the Association's commitment to enhancing intellectual sociability, the Program Committee has again sought to build in time throughout the conference for informal discussion and mixing. Each session will last a full two hours, leaving plenty of time for audience participation. Breaks between sessions will again be a full 30 minutes, with coffee and drink service available at no additional charge. Included in the conference fee, in addition, will be lunch on Friday and Saturday, as well as dinner on Friday and receptions at the end of both days. Participants at our previous conferences have uniformly praised the Association's efforts at creating opportunities for intellectual conviviality. The Committee hopes that conferees will take advantage of these opportunities not only to visit with old friends and associates but also to engage in conversation with a new generation of graduate students and with scholars whose interests and approaches may differ from their own. For the conference's hourly schedule, visit the [conference schedule page](#) on the APT website.

The Committee would also like to note that, thanks to careful planning at past conferences and the generous support of Washington University and our host, Andrew Rehfeld, the fee for this third conference has been lowered to \$70 for faculty and fully-employed individuals and \$35 for graduate students and individuals not fully employed.

JOIN US AT WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY IN ST. LOUIS -

VOLUNTEER TO CHAIR A PANEL

The Program Committee is happy to announce that Scholar's Choice will return to the conference again this year. Scholar's Choice is an academic book exhibit company that mounts displays at academic conferences, giving scholarly publishers an opportunity to introduce professors, graduate students, and independent scholars to recently published titles. At the APT Conference, Scholar's Choice will provide a selection of titles particularly of interest to political philosophers and historians of political thought.

If you have a book or article that you would like to have included in their display, contact your publisher or distributor immediately. Your press will then have to make arrangements for the display -- though, at this point, they will have to rush to make arrangements. For more information, visit the Scholar's Choice [information for authors](#) website.

RESERVE YOUR CONFERENCE HOTEL ROOM NOW

Conferees are encouraged to reserve rooms now at the official conference hotel, the Sheraton Clayton Plaza Hotel, 7730 Bonhomme Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63105. The Sheraton Clayton Plaza is a large, centrally located hotel with 257 rooms, and the services typical of such large hotels, including a free airport shuttle, a business center, a fitness center and heated pool, and high-speed Internet access in each room (for a charge). In addition to a bar and lounge, conferees will find a seafood restaurant, a salon, an ATM, and an Enterprise car rental office at the hotel.

The Sheraton Clayton Plaza Hotel will book rooms for APT conferees at the special conference of \$119 per night double occupancy. The conference rate will be available only until 6 October 2005. This rate will include continental breakfasts. Free shuttles will run between the hotel and the campus meeting facilities, though some more energetic conferees may choose to walk the less than two-mile distance. Members may book rooms either on a special website set up for the conference, or by calling the hotel directly at (314) 863-0400. If you call, be sure to ask for the Association for Political Theory conference rate.

To book on line, go directly the hotel's custom conference page. Members can also find this link and more conference and lodging information by visiting the [APT Gateway](#) website and opening the Conference Gateway page (click on "APT Conferences" from the main home page).

ST. LOUIS CONFERENCE PAPER ARCHIVE NOW OPEN - PAPERS DUE BY 7 OCTOBER

Based on last year's successful experiment, the Program Committee has again decided to require that all conferees delivering papers pre-circulate those papers electronically through the APT conference paper archive. If you are delivering a paper, it must be submitted to the electronic archive no later than Friday, 7 October. Papers will be accepted in most major formats (Word, WordPerfect, and pdf formats). All papers received will be converted to the pdf format, so conferees are encouraged to submit in that format if possible. To submit a paper, complete the APT Conference 2005 Paper Submission Form and attach your paper.

A substantial number of papers should be available to members soon. The paper archive is housed in the password-protected portion of the website. In order to gain access to the archive, you must be

a member of the Association and log onto the protected portion of the website, using your Member ID and password (that is, click on "Member Resources" from the main home page and log on).

Members are reminded of the Association's policy regarding the access to and use of papers in our archive, as posted on the archive gateway page:

Papers here have been posted by APT conferees in order to stimulate discussion with other conferees and, by extension, with APT members unable to attend the conference. These papers represent original work by conferees. Any use of their work - whether the specific wording or the general ideas - must be acknowledged in accordance with the norms of the academic profession. Using the work of an author without acknowledgement is not only a violation of academic norms but also of federal law, especially in the case of work under copyright.

While warning members to recall their obligations to acknowledge the works of authors that they may use, the Association nevertheless does encourage conferees and members to make fair use of our colleagues' works, particularly in the form of engaging colleagues who have posted their work here in dialogues about their ideas. In many cases, members will be able to find contact information for these authors in our on-line membership directory. The best support we can give each other is critical feedback and open dialogue, whether directly or in print.

THE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES THE FIRST APT ELECTION

The Constitution adopted at the 2004 conference at Colorado College calls on the Association to elect officers to the positions of Executive Co-Director (2), Secretary-Treasurer, and Governance Committee Member (3). Andrew Murphy, chair of the Interim Governance Committee, guided the first stage of the election process, which involved putting together a competitive slate of candidates. The following is the official announcement of the election and those nominations made so far:

APT WILL HOLD FIRST ELECTIONS AT OCTOBER MEETING IN ST. LOUIS

The interim Governance Committee of the Association for Political Theory (APT) is pleased to announce that APT will hold its first officer elections at its upcoming conference in St. Louis. The election will take place at the Business Meeting on Sunday, 23 October 2005, at the Sheraton Clayton Plaza Hotel.

Members will recall that the APT Constitution adopted at last year's Business Meeting in Colorado Springs laid out a series of procedures and protocols for the election process. (See the Constitution on the APT website for details.) In this initial round of elections, members will be choosing 2 Executive Co-Directors, a Secretary-Treasurer, and 3 at-large members of the APT Governance Committee. Each election will be contested, and nominations will be taken from the floor. (An additional member of the Governance Committee will be selected from this year's APT Program Committee, to serve a one-year term.)

Because this initial election will be somewhat unusual - terms for the Executive Co-Directors and the at-large Governance Committee members will be varied, to allow for staggered terms in the future - the procedures for the balloting are somewhat complex. Details will be

distributed to members attending the APT Conference in October.

NOMINATIONS

The Governance Committee is pleased to nominate the following slate of candidates (listed alphabetically by last name). The Committee agrees that all candidates are strong, and recommends all candidates to the membership.

Executive Co-Directors: one 3-year term opening, and one 2-year term opening:

*Emily Hauptman, Political Science, Western Michigan University
Robert Martin, Government, Hamilton College
Dennis McEnnerney, Philosophy, The Colorado College*

Secretary-Treasurer: one 3-year term opening:

*Johnny Goldfinger, Political Science, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis
Elizabeth Markovits, Political Science, Saint Louis University*

Governance Committee: one 3-year term, one 2-year term opening, and one 1-year term opening:

*Patrick Deneen, Political Science, Georgetown University
Simona Goi, Political Science, Calvin College
Kevin Gray, Philosophy, Université Laval
Cary Nederman, Political Science, Texas A & M University
William Riggs, Social Sciences, Texas A & M International University
Dan Sabia, Political Science, University of South Carolina
Darren Walhof, Political Science, Grand Valley State University
Ed Wingenbach, Government, University of Redlands*

Questions or comments about the election can be addressed to Andrew Murphy, Valparaiso University, Interim Governance Committee Chair, at <mailto:andrew.murphy@valpo.edu>; or Dennis McEnnerney, APT Executive Co-Director, at <mailto:apt@coloradocollege.edu>.

-Andrew Murphy, Interim Governance Committee Chair

To view the APT Constitution, visit the [officers and constitution page](#) on the APT website.

FUTURE CONFERENCE LOCATIONS

Interim Executive Co-Directors Emily Hauptmann and Dennis McEnnerney have begun working with members interested in hosting a future APT Conference. Several parties expressed interest in hosting a conference last year, and it is hoped that one of those parties may be still interested in hosting a future conference. The Co-Directors will be working with the current Governance and Program Committees to solicit and review possible hosts, with the aim of being able to announce conference sites for 2006 and, if possible, 2007 by the time of the business meeting in St. Louis. These negotiations can be somewhat complex, however, so it may be that no firm announcement will be possible by October.

Any members who would like to consider hosting a conference are urged to contact Emily

Hauptmann or [Dennis McEnerney](#) as soon as possible. It has been the consensus of all involved that circulating the conference among the different regions of North America would be preferable. However, being able to visit different regions depends upon the availability of interest and support. So far the Association has been very lucky to have the generous sponsorship of Calvin College, Colorado College, and now Washington University in St. Louis. Why not consider joining that esteemed list?

UPDATE ON MEMBERSHIP GROWTH

Interest in the Association continues to build! The confirmed membership of the Association is now just under 450, with another 25 or so application pending. Log onto Member Resources and visit the Membership Directory to see who has joined lately.

-Dennis McEnerney & Emily Hauptmann, Co-Founders
Interim Co-Directors, 2000-2005

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