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PROGRAM FOR THE INDIANA UNIVERSITY CONFERENCE POSTED

The Program Committee for the APT Conference 2006 at Indiana University Bloomington completed work on the preliminary program in April. The Program Committee co-chairs, Rob Martin and Liz Markovits, report that the Committee has assembled 25 panels meeting in six sessions. In addition, the Committee has planned three plenary sessions:

- An informal roundtable discussion, “Writing and Publishing Book Reviews: How Journal Editors See the Process,” led by our conference host and book review editor for *Perspectives on Politics*, Jeffrey C. Issac, with contributions from his four editorial assistants;
- An informal breakfast roundtable discussion on the “Pedagogy of Political Theory” with four teacher-scholars of political theory; and

- A plenary session on “The Past and Future of Book Publishing in Political Theory,” featuring Sanford Thatcher of Penn State University Press; Michael Aronson of Harvard University Press; Nancy Tuana of the Rock Ethics Institute and Penn State University; and an editor from another university press.

The conference will open with the first plenary session, the informal roundtable on publishing book reviews, currently scheduled for Thursday night, 2 November, from 7:30 – 8:30 p.m. The Committee chose to schedule the book reviewing session for Thursday night in order to encourage conferees to arrive early and to help them to justify funding for a Thursday night stay. After the session, the Association plans to sponsor a reception for all early arrivers, from 8:30 – 10 p.m.

Friday’s sessions will begin at 8 a.m. with an informal plenary breakfast roundtable devoted to pedagogical issues, to be held a restaurant near the conference hotel and meeting rooms. The idea of this session is two-fold: first, to address the challenges and joys of teaching political philosophy today; and second, to encourage conferees to get up and get going on Friday morning so that the first regular sessions are better attended! The first regular sessions begin at 10:30 a.m.

The plenary session on book publishing will take place on Saturday evening. We pleased to have at least three distinguished editors join us to discuss the future of publishing in political theory. Sanford Thatcher is the Director of Penn State University Press. Michael Aronson is Senior Editor for the Social Sciences at Harvard University Press, and Nancy Tuana is Professor of Philosophy at Penn State University, as well founding editor of the *APA Newsletter on Feminism and Philosophy* and a past editor of the feminist journal *Hypatia*. A fourth university press editor will likely join in the discussions also. The session, which will meet on Saturday just before lunch, promises to be very informative.

To see an overview of the conference program, [click here](#). For a detailed listing of the panels, [click here](#).

OTHER 2006 CONFERENCE PLANS

The Program Committee has assembled a schedule that continues the tradition established at the Calvin College inaugural conference of giving conferees lots of time to socialize informally between sessions, at receptions, and over meals. The schedule sets aside 30 minutes between each session, during which the Association expects to offer small snacks, coffee, tea, and other drinks. On both Friday and Saturday, conferees will receive lunch, and on Friday night, all will be invited to a common dinner banquet. Receptions will also be held each night, though it possible that the Thursday reception will have a cash bar. The Friday

morning plenary roundtable breakfast, as mentioned above, will be held at a local restaurant. (Attendees will have to pay for their own breakfasts.) As in past years, conferees will make their own dinner arrangements on Saturday night, aided by our host's suggestions of bars and restaurants in the Bloomington area.

The Association's annual business meeting will be held Sunday morning from 8 – 10 a.m. All members are welcome to attend and take part both in general discussion about the Association and in the election of one Governance Committee member. See below for a call for nominations from the Governance Committee's chair, Simona Goi.

CHAIRS AND DISCUSSANTS STILL SOUGHT

The APT Conference seeks to involve as many scholars as possible. To that end, the Association has attempted, whenever possible, to recruit chairs and discussants who are not giving papers or leading roundtable discussions. Some conferences routinely fill chair and discussant slots with people who are giving papers – often on the same panel. APT, in contrast, attempts to have significant number of chairs and discussants who are *just* chairs and discussants, in the belief that this specialization makes for better panels, while increasing potential audiences for panels. Many who are giving papers or taking part in roundtable discussions would, of course, make excellent chairs or discussants. However, the Association attempts first to recruit individuals who would ably serve as chairs or discussants *only*.

Recruiting chairs and discussants, consequently, keeps the Association busy over the summer. In past years, this burden fell to the Program Committee chairs. This year, Emily Hauptmann agreed to chair a new Chairs and Discussants Committee, which has been at work over the last two months filling openings in the program. However, several openings remain. If you are interested in serving as a chair or discussant – or if you would like to recommend someone as a chair or discussant – please write to [Emily Hauptmann](#).

To those giving papers or participating in roundtables who have already volunteered to chair or comment on panels: please be patient! Emily's Committee is keeping you in mind, and its members greatly appreciate your willingness to serve. However, before asking you to serve, they want to give others in the Association a chance to volunteer to be on the program. Later this summer and early in the fall, the Committee will begin filling out the program by asking the volunteers who are already on the program to serve as chairs or discussants. We all hope those volunteers will still be willing and able to serve if openings are still available.

THE BOOK EXHIBIT – HOW TO EXHIBIT YOUR WORK

One feature of the APT Conference that many find enjoyable, intellectually provocative and financially rewarding is the exhibit of books and journals mounted for us by The Scholar's Choice. For the last two years, Scholar's Choice has put together great exhibits, featuring many new and classic books in political theory, political philosophy, and related fields, all sold at a discounted conference rate.

Do you have a work that you would like to have exhibited? The staff at Scholar's Choice has the following advice to give to authors or editors who would like their work to be available at the conference:

Any members interested in having their book displayed at the upcoming APT meeting should contact their publisher after 15 June. Please keep in mind that the publishers pay a fee to display with The Scholar's Choice and may not have the marketing budget necessary to honor all requests, particularly for older titles. We ask that books be appropriate to the meeting and published in the last three years. It is The Scholar's Choice policy to have one copy of the book on display. We accept orders for the books, and the publisher ships the books to the customer. Reservations from the publishers will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis so reserving early is recommended. Please note that The Scholar's Choice displays on behalf of the publishers and *ALL requests must be made by the publisher, not the author*. Therefore, you are encouraged to contact your publisher as soon as possible after 15 June to check on whether or not your publisher will reserve your title. Please contact your publisher directly – *do not call The Scholar's Choice*. The person who handles publisher reservations at The Scholar's Choice is Debby Pitts. She may be reached by your publisher at djpitts@scholarschoice.com or at 585-262-2048 x108. *Please ask your publisher to contact her.*

CONFERENCE FEES TO BE ANNOUNCED SOON

Executive Co-Director Dennis McEnerney is currently working with our host at Indiana University, Jeffrey C. Isaac, to establish a budget for the conference, and with the Association's new Secretary-Treasurer, Johnny Goldfinger, to establish what the conference fees will be and how they will be collected. As has been the case in past conferences, the Association and our host are planning a conference budget that minimizes expenses while providing an enjoyable and interesting weekend. The Association continues to be grateful to our host institutions, each of which has subsidized significant portions of our conferences.

The Association plans to maintain its past practice of holding down fees as much as possible, while offering reduced fees to graduate students and conferees who are not fully employed. APT asks all conferees, in turn, to register and pay conference fees for the meeting well ahead of time. Unlike many larger professional associations, APT has pursued a policy of avoiding an annual membership fee, which means that our conferences must pay for themselves.

Through careful budgeting, all three of the past conferences have either broken even or left a small surplus. We need to continue this tradition – since we have only the very limited resources of those small surpluses, and since our hosts must undertake some risk in bringing the conference to their campuses.

Our new Secretary-Treasurer, Johnny Goldfinger, will be contacting all conferees later this summer with information on how to register and pay for the conference. The Association asks that all conferees work with Johnny to register early. The deadline for registration without a penalty will be 1 October. Registration after 1 October will incur a \$15 late penalty.

MAKE RESERVATIONS AT INDIANA UNIVERSITY NOW!

Are you on the program for the APT Conference 2006, or are you planning to attend the meetings? You can make your hotel reservations now. Our hosts have reserved a block of 100 rooms at the Biddle Hotel in the Indiana Memorial Union complex, at rates ranging from \$85 - \$145 per night, with suites available at higher prices. An additional 20 rooms have been reserved at the Grant Street Inn, a bed-and-breakfast inn located nearby in downtown Bloomington. Rates at the Grant Street Inn range from \$129 - \$179 per night. The conference will meet in the Indiana Memorial Union, where the Biddle Hotel is located.

To make reservations at the IMU Biddle Hotel, call 800-209-8145, or e-mail the hotel at imuhotel@indiana.edu. You can also fax the Biddle Hotel at 812-855-3426. Be sure to tell the hotel that you are attending the APT Conference at IU. Any rooms not booked by 2 October 2006 will be released to the public.

To reserve a room at the Grant Street Inn, call, fax, or e-mail them. Phone: 812-334-2353 or 800-328-4350 (toll free). Fax: 812-331-8673. E-mail: gsi@grantstinn.com. Be sure to say that you are attending the "Indiana University Association for Political Theory Conference." Rooms at the Grant Street Inn will be released to the public on 1 October 2006.

For more details on lodging, travel, ground transportation, conference facilities, and Bloomington tourism, visit the [Conference, Travel, and Lodging Information page on the APT website](#).

NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR THE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Simona Goi, chair of the Governance Committee writes that:

As the next business meeting of the Association for Political Theory (to be held during the Annual Conference on 3-5 November 2006 at Indiana University Bloomington) is now less than 5 months away, the Governance Committee, in accordance with Article III of the APT Constitution, invites members of the APT to

submit nominations for the following opening on the Governance Committee:

- one three-year term position (currently occupied by Darren Walhof)

The Committee would like to remind the membership at large that, according to our bylaws, members are allowed to self-nominate, and that officers are allowed to serve “no more than two (2) consecutive terms” as either officers or members-at-large of the Governance Committee.

If you are nominating someone other than yourself, please make sure to obtain the consent of the person whose name you intend to submit.

The deadline for submissions of nominations is Tuesday, 1 August 2006, after which date the Governance Committee will work to finalize a slate of at least two candidates for each open position. This slate will be proposed to the entire APT membership no later than 10 August 2006.

Members are reminded that: “In addition, candidates may be nominated, either by a petition signed by 25 members at least one month prior to the business meeting, or by nomination and seconding from the floor at the business meeting itself. At all stages of the nomination process, members may nominate themselves.” [Article III, 4 (c), APT Constitution]

Please send your submissions to Simona Goi, Chair of the APT Governance Committee, at sgoi@calvin.edu, with a cc copy to the Association’s address: apt@coloradocollege.edu.

A final note: if you look at the Constitution, you will see that the nominations process is behind schedule. The Constitution instructs the Governance Committee to issue a call for nominations five months before the business meeting (or, about 1 June this year) and to finalize a slate of candidates four months before the meeting (or about 1 July). *Oops!* The election this year will be the Association’s first regular election, and the officers of the Association, all of whom were first elected last fall, just forgot about the schedule that the Constitution sets down. We’ve learned our lesson, though, and have begun developing an annual calendar of reminders so that this oversight is not repeated in the future. Meanwhile, we hope that the shortened election calendar called for above does not limit any prospective candidate’s interest. Remember, even if a candidate is not proposed by the Governance Committee in August, they can add themselves to the ballot either by petition in the fall or by nomination from the floor at the business meeting.

PLANS FOR THE YEAR

The Association has several initiatives in the works for this year:

1. Moving and updating the website: Colorado College has agreed to host and support the APT website. The move to the new website should be complete by the end of the summer. Watch your in-box for more information.

2. Incorporation: APT is continuing to explore the possibility of incorporating as a not-for-profit educational foundation. The legal counsel of Colorado College has offered to help the Executive Co-Directors develop plans for incorporation, which may be completed by 2007.
3. Outreach: In the 2006-2007 academic year, APT hopes to begin a new membership drive, targeting groups that seem somewhat underrepresented, including philosophers, feminist theorists, and comparative or global theorists.

UPDATE ON MEMBERSHIP GROWTH

Over 100 new members have joined APT since our last *Newsletter*. The confirmed membership of the Association is now 551, with another 60 or so applications pending, and 3 undergraduate associate members. Log onto Member Resources and visit the Membership Directory to see who has joined recently.

THANKS TO ALL PLANNING THE CONFERENCE

The Association would like to acknowledge the great work being done by the two committees that, with our host, have planned the conference at Indiana University:

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