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UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN ONTARIO TO HOST 2007 CONFERENCE

The Association is very pleased to announce that the fifth APT Conference will be held at the University of Western Ontario, in London, Ontario, Thursday through Sunday, 11-14 October 2007. Our host will be Harvey Brown of the Political Science Department.

The Association would like to thank a number of colleagues who investigated the possibility of hosting the 2007 conference at their institution, including Steven Kelts of George Washington University, Donald Moon of Wesleyan University, Dan Sabia of the University of South Carolina, and Sigal Ben-Porath of the University of Pennsylvania. Our host this year, Jeff Isaac, also generously offered to host the Association at Indiana University again next year, if necessary.

MEET US NEXT FALL IN LONDON, ONTARIO!

The Governance Committee happily chose to accept Harvey Brown's generous offer to host the Association at the University of Western Ontario for several reasons. One of the most attractive aspects of the venture is the opportunity to

meet in Ontario and, one hopes, build stronger bridges between colleagues in the United States and Canada.

The facilities we will be using also are excellent. We will meet at the Spencer Leadership Centre, a conference and retreat center owned by Western Ontario's Richard Ivey School of Business and operated by Dolce International, a Franco-American chain of luxury hotels and conference centers. The Spencer Centre consists of "a historically significant Georgian manor located on 30 beautifully landscaped acres of parkland, [with] 13,000 square feet of meeting space [and] 24 different meeting rooms including three amphitheatres" (from their website). The Centre has 108 guest rooms available to APT conferees for \$125 per night, including breakfasts. Ten overflow rooms will be available a short shuttle ride away at the Windermere Manor, a smaller Tudor-style hotel on a three acre estate. Rooms at the Windermere Manor will be available to conferees for \$106 per night, not including breakfast. Another 30 overflow rooms will be reserved for conferees at the StationPark Inn, an all-suite hotel in downtown London, a short cab ride away, for \$125 per night. All prices are in Canadian dollars.

Western Ontario, working with the Association, also will offer conferees most of the amenities our previous hosts have offered, including meeting rooms for panels and plenary sessions; receptions Thursday, Friday, and Saturday night; lunch on Friday and Saturday; a dinner banquet on Friday night, and a room for the Sunday morning Business Meeting. We expect the conference fee to be similar to that of previous conferences, thanks to the generous support offered by the University. Note, however, that receptions are likely to feature cash bars, due to the relatively high expense (though with high quality) of the business-oriented facilities we will be using.

The University of Western Ontario is "one of Canada's oldest and best universities. The first students graduated in arts and medicine in 1883. Today, The University of Western Ontario is a vibrant centre of learning with 1,164 faculty members and almost 29,000 undergraduate and graduate students" located in city of about 350,000 people (from their website).

To reach London directly from the U.S., one currently needs to fly via Northwest through Detroit, which has several flights daily, or via Air Canada through Toronto, Ottawa, or Winnipeg. In addition, there are also flights on WestJet Airlines via Winnipeg and Calgary. One could also fly to Detroit (90 minutes to the West) or Toronto (1 hour to the East) and then drive or take a shuttle.

Note that all U.S. citizens will need to have valid passports to enter to Canada and return to the United States. ***Be sure, non-Canadians, to renew your passport well in advance of the conference, if necessary!***

For information on our hosts and the conference facilities, visit:

The University of Western Ontario:

<http://www.uwo.ca/>

The Spencer Leadership Centre:

http://spencerconferencecentre.dolce.com/property/prop_overview.php

The Windermere Manor:

<http://www.windermere Manor.com/home.html>

StationPark All Suites Hotel:

<http://www.stationparkinn.ca/>

NEW PROGRAM COMMITTEE APPOINTED

With the successful conclusion of November's conference at Indiana University, the Program Committee's co-chairs, Rob Martin and Liz Markovits, stepped down. However, both volunteered to serve on this year's committee, assisting the new Program Committee chair, Lisa Ellis of Texas A&M University (now on leave at the Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton). Executive Co-Directors Emily Hauptmann and Dennis McEnnerney then appointed a full committee, which includes several experienced members:

Craig Borowiak, Haverford College
 Craig Hanks, Texas State University—San Marcos
 Clarissa Rile Hayward, Ohio State University
 Alexandra Hoerl, Rutgers University
 Dustin Howes, St. Mary's College of Maryland
 Mika Lavaque-Manty, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
 Randy LeBlanc, University of Texas at Tyler
 Howard Lubert, James Madison University
 Elizabeth Markovits, St. Louis University
 Robert Martin, Hamilton College
 Maurice Meilleur, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
 Martín Plot, California Institute of the Arts
 Alisa Rosenthal, Gustavus Adolphus College
 William Simmons, Arizona State University

CALL FOR PAPERS – APT CONFERENCE 2007

One of the first acts of the new Program Committee was to approve and begin advertising a new call for papers for the 2007 conference. A copy of the call for papers is now available on the APT Gateway website. Copies have been e-mailed to all members and will be posted on a variety of scholarly websites.

http://organizations.oneonta.edu/apt/APT_CONFERENCE/2007-London/APT2007CallforPapers.htm

CHAIRS AND DISCUSSANTS COMMITTEE A SUCCESS

One of the big successes of the 2006 conference was the Chairs and Discussants Committee, formed and led by Emily Hauptmann. In past years, the Program Committee chairs were responsible for filling in all the various chair and discussant slots left open when the first draft of the program was completed. The work involved was in many respects onerous, given all the other time that had to be allotted to shaping and reshaping panels. This year the responsibility for recruiting chairs and discussants was shifted to a small committee of largely senior members whose sole focus was recruiting chairs and discussants. Thanks to their great work, the program was rapidly completed. Dan Sabia, Cary Nederman, Patchen Markell, and Gordon Schochet are to be thanked for working so well with Emily.

INDIANA UNIVERSITY CONFERENCE BIGGEST YET

Indiana Bloomington was the site for the biggest and best APT Conference yet! Our host, Jeff Isaac, put on a quite show for the conferees – literally on Saturday night when his Postmodern Jazz Quartet performed for many attendees at a local bar and bistro. The 150 registered conferees attended the conference's 25 panels, three plenary sessions, two lunches, three receptions, many coffee breaks, Friday dinner banquet, and Sunday business meeting. The conference started on Thursday night for the first time, with a relatively well-attended plenary session on writing book reviews, featuring several of Jeff's graduate student assistants at *Perspectives on Politics*, followed by an opening reception.

Friday morning began with a stimulating and well-attended breakfast discussion of the pedagogy of political theory, led by Judy Failer, Liz Markovits, Alisa Rosenthal, and Julie White. Many conferees appreciated how scheduling the pedagogy plenary at 8 a.m. allowed regular sessions to get going at 10 a.m., which meant that most conferees were able to arrive at the Indiana Memorial Union (or wake up!) in time for the first full session. Friday's reception and banquet was a big success. On Saturday, the Program Committee was once more able to schedule the start of the conference at a reasonable hour, 9:30, while still being able to hold three two-hour sessions and a luncheon banquet. Sessions closed with a fascinating, though in some respects depressing, series of reports from prominent book and journal editors on the state of publishing in political theory, followed by a closing reception. Many members also reported being impressed by excellent performance of Jeff's band later that evening.

Members who were unable to attend the publishing plenary session might want to download and read Sanford Thatcher's "Future of Scholarly Book Publishing in Political Theory," or watch for its publication in January 2007 issue of *PS: Political Science and Politics*.

WALHOF AND STREICH ELECTED TO THE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

The first task for the Business Meeting was the election of a Governance Committee member to a full three-year term. Darren Walhof, the incumbent just finishing an abbreviated one-year term (created last year at our first election so that change on the committee would be staggered in the future), went into the election without opposition. At the meeting, two colleagues, Greg Streich and Renee Herberle, gamely offered themselves as opponents so that our constitutionally-mandated requirement for contested elections could be met, though in the end Darren was re-elected.

Thanks to Darren, Greg, and Renee -- none of whom reported hard feelings associated with their struggle! Things turned out well for Greg, in any case, because he was subsequently elected to a one-year term on the Governance Committee as the representative from the previous year's Program Committee.

At the close of the election, Dennis McEnnerney also noted that the membership should begin thinking ahead to future elections. Next year, Emily Hauptmann's term as Executive Co-Director of the Association runs out, and she has indicated her intention to step down. Ed Wingenbach's abbreviated two-year term on the Governance Committee will also expire, though he will be eligible to run for re-election. Dennis also mentioned that in two years he expects to step down as Executive Co-Director in order to allow for new blood in the Association's leadership.

OTHER BUSINESS MEETING ITEMS

Detailed minutes of the Business Meeting will be available in the next issue of the *APT Newsletter*. However, a general summary of the discussion held can be reported. Seventeen members attended the meeting. Discussion opened with general comments on the Indiana conference. Most agreed that the conference went well despite a few weak papers. Some concern was also expressed about the excessive length of certain papers. It was agreed that very long papers put an unfair burden on our volunteer discussants, especially in cases of four-paper panels with one discussant. Attendees also thought that chairs and discussants generally did a good job, though some thought that chairs needed to be given more guidance. In particular, some suggested that chairs needed to be encouraged to limit the presentation time of longwinded speakers and work the room better to make sure that all audience members interested in asking questions are acknowledged.

In addition, there was a brief discussion about the locations of future conferences and whether or not to organize sessions at other conferences, such as the

Western Political Science Association conference. Also discussed were the questions of what kinds of services APT might provide members (such as syllabi, lists of experienced reviewers, and so forth) and of what the Association ought to do to promote areas of political thought unrepresented at the conference. Dennis McEnerney discussed briefly the advantages and disadvantages of incorporating as a not-for profit educational association, the plan to move the website from SUNY Oneonta to Colorado College, and the coming membership drive among philosophers. Detailed notes on these discussions will be available in the next month or so, or in articles below.

CONFEREES' ENTHUSIASTIC EVALUATIONS

Once again, the Association asked conferees to evaluate their experience at the conference and give feedback to the incoming Program Committee, so that its members could focus on addressing the conference's weaknesses while building on its strengths. Overall, conferees report that they love the conference. Many say that papers are only about the same or slightly better in quality than at other conferences, but almost all report that the discussions at the sessions are superior to any other conference, and that the coffee breaks, shared meals, receptions, and book exhibit all make the APT Conference one of the best in the field. A version of actual comments made by participants edited to remove confidential remarks and personal references will be posted on the APT website in the next month and reported on in more detail in the next *APT Newsletter*.

INDIANA UNIVERSITY PAPER ARCHIVE OPEN TO MEMBERS

Members are reminded that the papers given at the 2006 conference are now in the password-protected paper archive on the APT Gateway website. Members can gain access to the archive by clicking on "Member Resources" at the home page and logging onto the site, using the e-mail address they gave when joining the Association and their "Member ID" password. Members who have forgotten their password can retrieve it by going to the log-on page, clicking on "What Is My Member ID," and having their password sent to their e-mail address.

All are reminded that these archived papers are the work of members and conferees, whose authorship is to be respected and credited. These papers are presented to the Association for the purpose of intellectual exchange among members. They are not to be considered "published" and ought not be made available to non-members without the explicit permission of their authors. The Association does, however, encourage member-readers to contact the authors of paper they read in order to engage them in further dialogue about those works. In many cases, papers have an e-mail address on their title page. Contact information for many authors is also available in the Membership Directory, which may be found in the "Member Resources" area of the website.

FUTURE CONFERENCE PLANNING

As announced above, the 2007 conference will take place at the University of Western Ontario. The 2008 conference will likely meet at Texas A&M, though there is a slight possibility that the A&M meeting will be delayed until 2009. The Association has a tentative agreement with Notre Dame to host the 2009 conference, and Wesleyan University has expressed an interest in hosting a conference in the coming years, as have George Washington University and the University of Pennsylvania, among others. If you or your colleagues would like to host an APT conference, please be sure to contact one of the Executive Co-Directors, Dennis McEnnerney or Emily Hauptmann.

OFFICERS' CALENDAR PUBLISHED

This fall it became apparent to the officers of the Association that they could learn to manage time better. The constitution calls upon the Governance Committee to propose a slate of candidates for competitive elections to Association offices at least four months before the next Business Meeting – which means that officers need to begin thinking about drafting a call for nominations about five months before the meeting, in late May or early June. But since the officers were all newly elected in 2005 to newly-created offices, we collectively forgot about this schedule until the late summer! The result, as many members may recall, was a somewhat sheepish and apologetic letter to the membership from Simona Goi, representing the Association in her role as chair of the Governance Committee, admitting our collective error and then muddling through the situation.

In order to avoid such problems in the future, the Governance Committee, working with the 2006 Program Committee Co-Chairs, developed an "Officers' Master Calendar," which has now been published on the Association's website under "About APT." In addition, Program Committee Co-Chairs Rob Martin and Liz Markovits, along with Executive Co-Director Dennis McEnnerney, have compiled an archive of letter templates for use by the various officers and committees of the Association throughout the calendar year. Their hope is that these changes not only will help the Association's officers keep on schedule, but also will make their jobs easier to complete.

To see the Association's master calendar, click on "About APT" on the Association's home page and follow the links.

PEDAGOGY AND OTHER RESOURCES PLANNED

For some time now, officers and members have been discussing various ways in which APT might be able to offer professional support to political theorists and

philosophers. At the 2005 and 2006 conferences, Executive Co-Director Emily Hauptmann solicited input from attendees about the kinds of support activities the Association might undertake. One result of those discussions was the very successful roundtable on teaching political theory held at the Indiana conference.

That roundtable stimulated an on-going discussion, which the Association hopes will lead eventually to the establishment of a collection of pedagogical materials on the APT Gateway website. A small collection of materials gathered by Liz Markovits and Bill Simmons (who was not able to attend, unfortunately) may now be found on the conference archive page. After the holidays, Liz and Alisa Rosenthal plan to write a report on the session for the next issue of the *APT Newsletter* and begin work, with Executive Co-Director Dennis McEnnerney and perhaps other volunteers, on developing some kind of an archive of pedagogy resources on the APT website.

In addition, Emily Hauptmann announced at the Business Meeting that she will be asking for volunteers to join her on a committee dedicated to developing other sorts of professional support for members. Among the kinds of support she thought the Association might offer are lists of experienced and willing outside reviewers for departments and programs under review.

Look to future *APT Newsletters* for more information on these initiatives.

APT MEMBERSHIP APPROACHES 650

Membership in the Association continues to grow! At present, the Association has enrolled just under 650 members, with new applications rolling in regularly. We hope to expand our membership both among philosophers and throughout Canada in the coming year. Log onto "Member Resources" and visit the Membership Directory to see who has joined recently.

THANKS AGAIN TO ALL WHO ORGANIZED THE IU CONFERENCE

The Association would like to acknowledge the great work that went into organizing and managing the 2006 conference at Indiana University. Our host, Jeff Isaac of the Department of Political Science at Indiana University, deserves many thanks from the Association for welcoming us to Bloomington with style. His several assistants, including especially Program Committee member Margot Morgan of Rutgers University and Political Science departmental staff members Scott Feickert and Rochelle Picou, all made significant contributions essential to the development and unfolding of conference events. Their work, in addition, was supplemented by the assistance of many capable Indiana University graduate students.

The conference also could not have come off without the institutional support of SUNY Oneonta, which has generously developed, hosted, and maintained the APT Gateway website. Thanks are especially due to Diana Moseman, Instructional Design Technician at the Teaching, Learning and Technology Center at Milne Library of SUNY Oneonta. In addition, APT's ability to collect and disperse funds has been made possible by the support of The Colorado College, which maintains the Association's financial accounts.

Finally, thanks are due to the many officers and members of the Association who put together the program, especially Secretary-Treasurer Johnny Goldfinger, who collected and organized registration materials and fees from all conferees; Program Committee Co-Chairs, Liz Markovits and Rob Martin; and all the other members of the Program and Chairs and Discussants committees:

Program Committee

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Robert Martin, Associate Professor, Government, Hamilton College

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