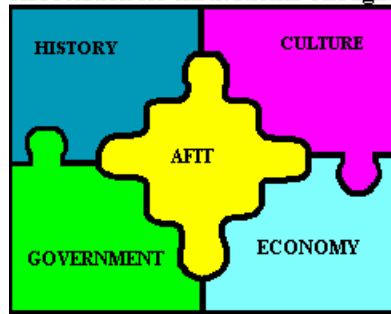


Association for Institutional Thought



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2008 CALL FOR PAPERS

The annual meeting of AFIT will be held

April 23-26, 2008

Denver, Colorado

Hyatt Regency Hotel 800 233 1234

In conjunction with the Western Social Science Association (WSSA)

50th Annual Conference

Theme for the 2008 Conference:

New Directions in Economics: The Emerging Conversation within Heterodox Economics

With recognition of the role of culture in organizing economic activity, institutional work draws its inspiration from messy reality-- the overlap of disciplinary boundaries, the interaction between diverse intellectual traditions, and the conflict and cooperation between social classes and other social groups within and between societies.

AFIT welcomes papers reflecting the tradition and analytical perspective of institutional economics and applications of institutional analysis to current policy issues. Submissions from economists of other heterodox schools of thought are also welcome.

AFIT encourages proposals from graduate students, and it is anticipated that at least one and possibly more panels of graduate student papers will be included in the program this year. This year AFIT will sponsor its third annual student scholar competition with a cash prize for outstanding student papers. Faculty are encouraged to nominate students and assist them in submitting their papers. Details will be provided in an additional announcement.

AFIT hopes to continue the tradition of having one or more roundtables on ideas, experiences, and materials helpful for incorporating institutionalism and heterodox economics into our teaching. Geoff Schneider of Bucknell University will coordinate these sessions; please email Geoff at gschnedr@bucknell as well as Vice President Chris Niggle if you are interested in participating in the teaching roundtables. Participants in these roundtables are encouraged to submit their materials for posting on the AFIT web site.

Anyone interested in attending the AFIT Conference or in finding out more about the organization may visit the AFIT web site at <http://www.orgs.bucknell.edu/afee/afit/>. The WSSA web site can be found at <http://wssa.asu.edu>.

Send proposals by E-mail with the subject line AFIT 2008 Proposal Lastname and file attachment in Microsoft Word or RTF format to the Vice President of AFIT:

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Deadline for proposals: November 15, 2007

Please include the following information in your proposal:

Section: AFIT
Contact Author:
Affiliation:
Mailing Address:
Telephone:
Fax:
E-mail:

Willing to serve as discussant/moderator (y/n):
Overhead projector (y/n):
Other equipment request:

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Line 1: Author
Line 2: Affiliation
(repeat lines 1 and 2 as necessary)
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Line 3: Title (place title within quotation marks: "Institutionalist Theory")
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Abstract: Not to exceed 200 words

Complete Panel Proposals. Complete panel proposals are invited. Panel proposals should include 3-4 papers, 1-2 discussants and a panel chair. Panel organizers should send a brief letter with the following information: 1) Title of panel; 2) List of Participants; 3) E-mail addresses for all panel participants. Each participant in the panel should also submit an individual proposal with the information listed above.

Please note: Abstracts of papers presented at AFIT will be included in the WSSA published abstract disk (available at the conference). WSSA requires that abstracts not exceed 200 words. *Excessively long abstracts will be truncated at the word limit.*

Audiovisual or other equipment needs: Individual and panel proposals should include requests for any equipment (WSSA does not provide computer projectors). It is difficult (and expensive) to arrange for equipment at the last minute. Please plan ahead!

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