



UNIVERSITY of DENVER

Department of Economics

AFIT FINAL CALL FOR PAPERS

PLEASE GET YOUR PROPOSALS TO L.R. WRAY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE! IF YOU HAVE ALREADY PROVIDED A PROPOSAL, PLEASE SEND AN ABSTRACT (PREFERABLY ON A DISK IN WP5.1, OR VIA AN ASCII EMAIL FILE) BY DECEMBER 2. PLEASE NOTE THAT THE DATES FOR THE CONFERENCE HAVE BEEN CORRECTED. REGISTRATION AND HOTEL INFORMATION WILL BE MAILED SOON.

Association for Institutional Thought, Annual Conference, held in conjunction with the 39th Annual Conference of the Western Social Science Association

Albuquerque, New Mexico, April 23-26, 1997, Albuquerque Hilton and Holiday Inn

Papers and proposals for panels and roundtable discussions are requested for the Association for Institutional Thought Section of the 39th Annual Conference of the Western Social Science Association. The Western Social Science Association (WSSA) is a professional educational organization committed to interdisciplinary scholarship, service, and collegiality. Membership in the WSSA is not required for participation at the conference although it is strongly encouraged.

The Association for Institutional Thought (AFIT) is an organization that promotes scholarship in the institutionalist tradition of Veblen, Commons, Mitchell, Dewey, Ayres, and Foster. Membership in AFIT of conference participants is expected.

For those who have never attended an AFIT conference, let me assure you that the annual conference is intellectually stimulating, fun, and well-attended. Unlike the case at many conferences, conference participants actually attend the panels and engage in (sometimes heated) discussion with panelists. I will try to avoid concurrent AFIT sessions so that participants will not be split among competing panels. In addition, there are two other attractions: Albuquerque is very nice in April; and participants can sample panel offerings from a wide range of other interdisciplinary WSSA sections.

Please submit panel proposals and paper proposals by November 1, 1996 to L. Randall Wray at the address below. Abstracts for all papers must be submitted by December 2, 1996. Students are particularly encouraged to attend the conference. The WSSA holds an annual student paper competition. In addition, there will be room for student paper presentations on the AFIT program.

The theme for the AFIT conference this year will be "Keynesian and Institutional Thought: Integration, Assimilation, Segregation?" Papers and panels that address the following questions are particularly encouraged.

- *Was Keynes an institutionalist?
 - *Is Keynesian theory institution-specific?
 - *Is a "general theory" possible?
 - *Is institutionalist theory Keynesian?
 - *How has the economy evolved since the General Theory? Is the General Theory still relevant?
 - *Are the Post Keynesians friends of institutionalist thought (as believed by Dillard) or are they the foes?
- In addition, any paper or panel that deals with theory, history of thought, policy, or empirical work on matters related to institutionalist thought will be welcomed.

Proposals should be mailed by November 1, 1996, and should include:

- *name(s)
- *paper title(s)
- *affiliation(s)
- *mailing address(es)
- *phone number(s)
- *fax number(s)
- *email address(es)
- *audio-visual needs for your presentation
- **150-word abstract(s) by Dec. 2

Abstracts should be submitted on a disk, preferably formatted using WP5.1 or Word. Alternatively, abstracts can be sent via email in an ascii text file.

Those who are willing to serve as discussants or panel chairs should send the same information, substituting areas of interest in place of paper title and abstract.

Send proposals to:

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