



Association for Institutional Thought [AFIT]

2009 CALL FOR PAPERS

The annual meeting and 30th anniversary of AFIT will be held
April 15-18, 2009
Albuquerque, New Mexico
Hyatt Regency, Downtown
In conjunction with the Western Social Science Association
(WSSA) 51st Annual Conference

Theme for the 2009 Conference: Economics When People Matter

Institutionalism distinguishes itself from mainstream economics through its emphasis on people and the role that culture and institutions play in bettering the human condition. As the advancement of human welfare and its distributive implications are seen as an objective of economic inquiry by Institutionalists, this year's AFIT theme focuses on what economics – the questions asked, the modes of analysis employed, and the policies advocated – looks like when “people matter.” Papers and panels that explore such topics as Fiscal and Monetary Policy When People Matter; Labor Economics When People Matter; Distribution When People Matter, Welfare Reform When People Matter, Resolving the Home Loan Crisis When People Matter, Environmental Economics When People Matter, etc. are encouraged.

In addition to the above topics, AFIT welcomes papers reflecting the tradition and analytical perspective of Institutional economics and applications of Institutional analysis to current policy issues. Cooperative and integrative modes of analysis and policy application between Institutionalists and economists working from alternative paradigms are especially encouraged. 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. In addition, AFIT will continue to sponsor prizes for outstanding student papers. A formal announcement of this year's competition is forthcoming.

AFIT will continue the tradition of having one or more roundtables that explores ideas, experiences, and materials to advance economic education, from Institutional and other heterodox perspectives. Participants in these roundtables are encouraged to submit their materials for posting on the AFIT web site. Past contributions can be found at http://www.orgs.bucknell.edu/afee/afit/teaching_institutionalism.htm

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/>. Conference registration information can be found at the WSSA web site <http://wssa.asu.edu>.

You must be a member of AFIT to present a paper at the conference. Annual dues are \$25. Contact Mary Wrenn, Secretary-Treasurer of AFIT, (MaryWrenn@weber.edu).

Submitting a Proposal

How to submit a proposal: please follow instructions precisely. Proposals submitted in an incorrect form will be returned and the author will be asked to resubmit in the proper form.

Individual Paper Proposals. Proposals must be sent in electronic form as a Microsoft Word attachment in Times New Roman, 12 point font, single-spaced, without any italics, bolding, or underlining. It must include the following information:

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

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

Double space

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 (abstracts are truncated at the 200 word limit)

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.

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. Thus, late requests are unlikely to be fulfilled. Please plan ahead!

Send proposals by E-mail (with the subject line AFIT 2009 Proposal Last name and file attachment in Microsoft Word) to the Vice President of AFIT:

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Deadline for proposal submission: November 17, 2008