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# SHAWNEE TRAIL REGIONAL CONFERENCE

## ON AMERICAN POLITICS AND CONSTITUTIONALISM



PROPOSALS DUE OCT 16, 2016

IN THE EARLY NINETEENTH CENTURY, THE SHAWNEE CATTLE TRAIL RAN FROM TEXAS TO MISSOURI, PASSING THROUGH OR SKIRTING OKLAHOMA, KANSAS, AND ARKANSAS. THE SHAWNEE TRAIL REGIONAL CONFERENCE AIMS TO FOSTER INTELLECTUAL CONNECTIONS BETWEEN SCHOLARS IN THIS REGION. THE CONFERENCE SERIES ALLOWS SCHOLARS WORKING ON ANY TOPIC RELATED TO AMERICAN POLITICS OR CONSTITUTIONALISM TO EXCHANGE IDEAS WITH COLLEAGUES IN A SERIOUS BUT CONVIVIAL SETTING. SCHOLARS INTERESTED IN AMERICAN CONSTITUTIONAL AND POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT AND / OR AMERICAN POLITICAL THOUGHT ARE PARTICULARLY ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE. MEETINGS TAKE PLACE ANNUALLY, ROTATING BETWEEN COLUMBIA, MO AND OTHER LOCATIONS. A SEQUENTIAL PANEL FORMAT IS UTILIZED (WE'LL HAVE OUR OWN ROOM FOR THE WHOLE DAY), WITH PRESENTERS PRE-CIRCULATING PAPERS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING.

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THE KINDER INSTITUTE ON CONSTITUTIONAL DEMOCRACY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE THIRD ANNUAL SHAWNEE TRAIL REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON AMERICAN POLITICS AND CONSTITUTIONALISM. THIS ITERATION WILL BE HELD, AS MINI-CONFERENCE WITHIN THE 98TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SOUTHWESTERN SOCIAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION (SSSA), ON THURSDAY APRIL 13TH, 2017 AT THE HYATT REGENCY IN AUSTIN, TX.

**CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS - OCTOBER 16, 2016 DEADLINE**

WE ARE CURRENTLY ACCEPTING PROPOSALS FOR PAPERS. THE CONFERENCE IS OPEN TO FACULTY AND GRADUATE STUDENTS IN DEPARTMENTS OF POLITICAL SCIENCE, HISTORY, PHILOSOPHY AND RELATED DISCIPLINES FROM THE SHAWNEE TRAIL REGION. WE WELCOME PAPERS ON ALL ASPECTS OF POLITICS AND AMERICAN CONSTITUTIONALISM, BROADLY DEFINED TO ENCOMPASS POLITICAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT, POLITICAL THOUGHT, AND PUBLIC LAW.

SSSA POLICY REQUIRES THAT PROPOSALS INCLUDE A COMPLETE ABSTRACT AND **MUST** BE SENT THROUGH THEIR SUBMISSION WEBSITE: [HTTP://CONVENTION2.ALLACADEMIC.COM/ONE/SSSA/SSSA17/](http://convention2.allacademic.com/one/sssa/sssa17/)

SUBMITTING A PROPOSAL REQUIRES THAT ALL AUTHORS HAVE A COMPLETE PROFILE ON THE SUBMISSION WEBSITE AT TIME OF SUBMISSION. (IN OTHER WORDS, STEP ONE IS TO COMPLETE AN AUTHOR PROFILE BEFORE SUBMISSION IS ALLOWED.) PLEASE INCLUDE THE WORDS “SHAWNEE TRAIL REGIONAL CONFERENCE” AT THE TOP OF YOUR PROPOSAL.

**VERY IMPORTANTLY**, ALL PROPOSALS FOR THE SHAWNEE TRAIL REGIONAL CONFERENCE SHOULD BE ROUTED THROUGH THE POLITICAL SCIENCE SUBMISSION OPTION (DR. JENNIFER HORAN FIELD CHAIR). IT MAY BE PRUDENT TO ALSO INFORM DR. CURT NICHOLS (CURT\_NICHOLS@BAYLOR.EDU) WHEN YOU HAVE SUBMITTED YOUR PROPOSAL. HE IS THE MINI-CONFERENCE CHAIR AND WILL HAVE ACCESS TO ALL SHAWNEE TRAIL PROPOSALS IN THE SSSA SYSTEM.

A FULL MINI-CONFERENCE SCHEDULE WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE SSSA’S, AND INSTRUCTION FOR DISTRIBUTION OF PAPERS WILL FOLLOW.

**CONTACT**

DR. CURT NICHOLS, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF POLITICAL SCIENCE AT BAYLOR UNIVERSITY, AND DR. JUSTIN DYER, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF POLITICAL SCIENCE AND DIRECTOR OF THE KINDER INSTITUTE ON CONSTITUTIONAL DEMOCRACY, ARE THE CONVENERS. ALLISON SMYTHE, KINDER INSTITUTE PROGRAM COORDINATOR, IS GURU OF – AMONG MANY OTHER THINGS – TRAVEL, LOGISTICS, DESIGN, AND MULTIMEDIA PRODUCTION.

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