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# SHAWNEE TRAIL REGIONAL CONFERENCE

ON AMERICAN POLITICS AND CONSTITUTIONALISM



APRIL 20, 2018 ANTLEERS HOTEL IN COLORADO SPRINGS

IN THE EARLY NINETEENTH CENTURY, THE SHAWNEE CATTLE TRAIL RAN FROM TEXAS TO MISSOURI, PASSING THROUGH OKLAHOMA, KANSAS, AND COLORADO. THE 4TH ANNUAL SHAWNEE TRAIL REGIONAL SEMINAR AIMS TO FOSTER INTELLECTUAL CONNECTIONS BETWEEN INSTITUTIONS IN THIS REGION. THE SEMINAR SERIES WILL ALLOW 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 (THE 2018 MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR COLORADO SPRINGS). A ROUNDTABLE FORMAT IS UTILIZED, WITH PRESENTERS PRE-CIRCULATING PAPERS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING.

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#### COSTS

The Kinder Institute and the Center for Government and the Individual (CSGI) at UCCS will provide lunch and dinner on April 20. There will also be an informal dinner on the evening of April 19 for those whose travel schedule permits them to attend. Participants are responsible for the cost of travel to Colorado Springs and lodging at the Antlers Hotel.

A limited number of travel grants are available for participants who are unable to secure funding from their home institutions. Please direct inquiries about /requests for travel grants to Dr. Steven Pittz at [spittz@uccs.edu](mailto:spittz@uccs.edu). Please state name, institution, rank, and need in an email using “Financial assistance” in the subject line.

#### CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS – JANUARY 12 DEADLINE

We are currently accepting paper submissions to fill presentation slots at the seminar. The seminar is open to faculty and graduate students in departments of political science, history, philosophy and related disciplines. We welcome papers on all aspects of politics and American constitutionalism, broadly defined to encompass political and constitutional development, political thought, and public law. A limited number of conference papers will be selected for inclusion in an edited volume surrounding the theme “The American Contribution to Citizenship and Constitutionalism.” To apply for a spot in the seminar, please send a 200-word abstract of your proposed paper to [spittz@uccs.edu](mailto:spittz@uccs.edu), using ‘Shawnee IV’ in the subject line, by Jan. 12, 2018. A full seminar schedule will be announced in March, and working papers will be distributed in early April.

#### HOTEL INFORMATION

Accommodations have been blocked out for reservations at the Antlers Hotel ([antlers.com](http://antlers.com); 719-955-5600), which is conveniently located in downtown Colorado Springs. Please notify the hotel that you are with the Shawnee Trail Conference to receive a discounted rate. All guests will be required to secure their rooms with a credit card.

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