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6TH ANNUAL

SHAWNEE TRAIL REGIONAL CONFERENCE

ON AMERICAN POLITICS AND CONSTITUTIONALISM



WACO, TEXAS APRIL 3, 2020

IN THE EARLY NINETEENTH CENTURY, THE SHAWNEE TRAIL CONVEYED CATTLE FROM TEXAS PASTURE-LANDS TO MISSOURI RAILHEADS AND THENCE THE NATION. OVER THE PAST FIVE YEARS, THE SHAWNEE TRAIL CONFERENCE HAS PROVIDED A SERIOUS BUT CONVIVIAL SETTING FOR SCHOLARS WORKING ON ANY TOPIC RELATED TO AMERICAN POLITICS OR CONSTITUTIONALISM TO EXCHANGE IDEAS WITH COLLEAGUES. THE SIXTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE AIMS TO FOSTER INTELLECTUAL CONNECTIONS BETWEEN INSTITUTIONS IN THIS REGION AND BEYOND. SCHOLARS INTERESTED IN AMERICAN CONSTITUTIONAL AND POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT AND/OR AMERICAN POLITICAL THOUGHT ARE PARTICULARLY ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE. A ROUNDTABLE FORMAT WILL BE UTILIZED, WITH PRESENTERS CIRCULATING PAPERS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING. THIS YEAR'S CONFERENCE WILL BE HOSTED AT BAYLOR UNIVERSITY IN WACO, TX.

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CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS – DECEMBER 31 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. To apply, please send a 250-word abstract of your proposed paper to Dr. Connor Ewing (connor.ewing@utoronto.ca), using “Shawnee Trail Abstract” in the subject line, by December 31, 2019. Acceptances will be announced in early January, with a full schedule and working papers to follow in March.

COSTS

The Kinder Institute will provide lunch and dinner on April 3. There will also be an informal dinner on the evening of April 2 for those whose travel schedule permits them to attend. Participants are responsible for the cost of travel to Waco, TX and lodging during their stay.

A limited number of travel grants are available for participants who are unable to secure funding from their home institutions. Please direct inquiries about and requests for travel grants to Dr. Connor Ewing (connor.ewing@utoronto.ca). Please include your name, institution, rank, and need in an email with “Shawnee Trail Financial Assistance” as the subject.

HOTEL INFORMATION

Participants are responsible for the cost of travel to Waco, TX and lodging during their stay, though information about discounted hotel options will be provided upon acceptance to the conference.

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