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Baylor University's Institute for Studies of Religion Announces

Call for Participants

Graduate Workshop on Religion, Economics, and Politics

This call is open to Ph.D. students in the fields of economics and political science. Students need not have advanced to Ph.D. candidacy.

The Workshop is sponsored by Baylor University's Institute for Studies of Religion (ISR) and George Mason University's Center for the Economic Study of Religion. It is funded by the John Templeton Foundation and Baylor's ISR.

What: an intensive two-day series of seminars centered on student research on religion from the fields of economics and political science. Each paper will be presented by a student other than the author and then discussed by another graduate student. Faculty members will also offer critiques of the papers presented. The emphasis will be on developing student research that applies the rational choice and economic approaches to the study of religion.

There will be six student participants from economics and six student participants from political science. For each field, three students will write papers, and three different students will present those papers. The authors will serve as discussants for the other papers from their field. All students are expected to attend all sessions.

Faculty:

William R. Clark, Associate Professor of Political Science, University of Michigan
Anthony Gill, Associate Professor of Political Science, University of Washington (tentative)
Laurence R. Iannaccone, Koch Professor of Economics, George Mason University
Charles M. North, Associate Professor of Economics, Baylor University
Gary Richardson, Associate Professor of Economics, University of California – Irvine (tentative)
Carolyn M. Warner, Associate Professor of Political Science, Arizona State University

Why: to train and to provide useful contacts for promising political science and economics Ph.D. students in the social scientific study of religion.

Where and When: The Morrison House Hotel, Old Town Alexandria, Virginia, June 19-22, 2008. Lodging and two meals will be provided for all participants. Participants will be reimbursed for airfare and ground transportation and will receive a stipend for additional meals.

How: Ph.D. students (need not be advanced to candidacy) in Economics or Political Science are eligible. There are no residency or citizenship restrictions, though we are unable to make visa arrangements.

Students may apply as author/discussants or as non-author presenters. All applicants who submit a paper will also be considered for slots as non-author presenters.

Economics Ph.D. students should submit their materials to Charles North at charles_north@baylor.edu.

Political Science Ph.D. students should submit their materials to Carolyn Warner at carolyn.warner@asu.edu

To submit a paper: Submit an abstract of no more than 250 words of your proposed paper, a short letter of describing your interest in the social scientific study of religion, and a CV (with your contact information) in Word, RTF, or PDF by April 18, 2008. Please also arrange to have a letter of recommendation sent from your primary advisor by April 18, 2008. All letters will be confidential. Notification of acceptance will be April 30, 2008.

To apply as a non-author presenter: Please submit a CV and a short letter of interest in Word, RTF, or PDF by April 18, 2008. Notification of acceptance will be April 30, 2008.

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