

The Student Caucus Invites All Graduate Students to the 2011 SCE Meeting in New Orleans!

The Student Caucus will host a **roundtable lunch session** and business meeting on Friday, January 7th from 12:45-2:00 p.m. in *Grand Ballroom D*. We invite you to come and meet fellow graduate students as we gather to share thoughts and questions on graduate school life. Those who are interested can purchase a lunch for \$11.00. Details are included on the registration form. Please note that it will not be possible to bring food into the meeting.

* * * * STUDENT ONLY OPPORTUNITY! * * * *

On Saturday morning, January 8th (during the Breakfast with an Author time slot, 7:30-8:45 a.m.), we will be hosting our second **student-only Breakfast with a Scholar** in the *Astor Gallery*. Two or more established scholars will join us for roundtable discussions on general themes within the body of their work. This breakfast event is generously subsidized by the Society, costing only \$9.00! (In order to avoid food waste, we ask for an initial payment of \$24, and we will refund you \$15 when you arrive at the breakfast.) Please sign-up on the registration form to join us for this fabulous opportunity!

* * * STUDENT and JUNIOR FACULTY OPPORTUNITY! * * * *

This year the SCE is again offering a program that you might find of interest if you are thinking of proposing a paper for the meeting in Washington DC in 2012. As you know, such proposals will be requested shortly after the New Orleans meeting, and will be reviewed by the program committee in March.

Whether you have tried submitting a proposal or not, you may be aware that it is selective; only about half of proposals are accepted. SCE staff is currently recruiting senior members who have served on the program committee to serve as advisors. They will be paired with junior scholars/students and, either over the phone or by email, will offer suggestions as to how proposals might be improved. These consultations occur between the call for papers (late January) and the deadline for submitting proposals (usually early March), but you must register your interest by October 31.

If you would be interested in participating in this program, send Linda Schreiber (sce@scethics.org) your name and a brief description of the direction your proposal might take. They will use that description solely for the purpose of matching you with the most suitable mentor. The description need be only a short paragraph--a few sentences at most. Without a description, a match will not be made. Please remember that to be eligible to submit a proposal, a student member must have completed their qualifying exams prior to the date of submission.

Liabilities? Note that last year they were not able to match all the advisees with advisors. But an effort will be made to match your proto-proposal (which should be only a few sentences long at most) with the interests and expertise of a member experienced with the program committee.

Sending in your proposal does not mean that you are yet obligated to follow through; that commitment will be asked of you once a possible advisor has been found. The goal is for pairings to be announced to both parties prior to New Orleans, so that the parties might meet during the annual meeting.

If you have any questions about this new program, please contact Linda (sce@scethics.org) at or Stewart Herman at herman@cord.edu.

\$ \$ SUGGESTIONS FOR A STUDENT BUDGET \$ \$

We encourage you to plan ahead so that you can find the best travel deals and save some money.

1. Roommate Matching: We will help connect persons looking for a roommate to share the costs of the conference stay in the Astor Crowne Plaza. The refundable room rate is \$129 for single, double, \$139 for triple or quad. As we have done in the past, we simply put you in contact with another student participant in need of a roommate; we are not responsible for making your room reservations. If you are looking for a roommate, please see the website at <http://scethics.org/groups/student-caucus> or email Erica Kierulf at Erica.Kierulf@UPSem.edu and provide your name, contact # and email, and any applicable roommate preferences (gender, smoking/non, arrival/departure days, # roommates you're willing to share with, etc.). Matches requested before December 1 will be coordinated by Dec 1. We will try to help with requests made after Dec 1, however many people will already have made their plans by then and matches are harder to find.

2. Hotels: The **Astor Crowne Plaza**, Official Conference Hotel: One great thing that the SCE has negotiated for us this year is a GREAT deal on the hotel. It's only \$115 per night for singles/doubles, \$125 for triples/quads if you reserve at a prepaid non-refundable rate.

Interested student members can also **volunteer** at the registration desk. After completing your shift, part of your conference registration fee will be refunded. Please see the volunteer form online. There are limited number of positions available.

If we can be of further assistance in any way, please let us know. We look forward to seeing you in New Orleans, January 2011!

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