



CALL FOR PROPOSALS

“Interdisciplinary Approaches to Integrating Ethics and Sustainability”

32nd Annual Association for Integrative Studies Conference

October 7 – 10, 2010

Kona Kai Spa and Resort

1551 Shelter Island Drive

San Diego, CA 92106-3102

Hosted by San Diego State University's

College of Professional Studies and Fine Arts,

School of Public Affairs

Division of Undergraduate Studies

Center for Regional Sustainability

and

The Ethics Center for Science and Technology (SDSU, UCSD, USD)

As the academic community has become increasingly aware of the need to conserve the world's resources, attention has focused on the core concept of “sustainability.” Sustainability or sustainable development, as defined by the Brundtland Commission, refers to the infinite maintenance of resources: development that "meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs." Sustainability does not simply refer to material resources but includes the ongoing maintenance of economic, social, institutional and environmental dimensions of human society. It also refers to the ways, for example, that educational and academic institutions can be adapted to provide a more collaborative and supportive role to enable sustainability. This involves incorporating social, political, economic and environmental issues into a holistic framework, and developing an interdisciplinary learning model of networking to serve educational and research needs. The aim of such education is to develop a new kind of researcher/practitioner who will be knowledgeable about science and technology and their complex interrelationships with ecology, economics and society. Integrating ethics and sustainability addresses how to integrate sustainability in higher education curriculum, through teaching practices and research.

We welcome proposals for presentations in multiple formats, including, but not limited to, roundtable discussions, integrated panels, papers, and performances that address issues such as:

- Ethics and sustainability
- Ethics across the disciplines
- Ethics and the arts
- Sustainable development
- Environmental sustainability
- Sustainability governance
- Sustainability science
- Sustainability accounting
- Sustainable education

While the program committee welcomes sharing best practices, we are especially interested in presentations, events and conversations that self-consciously consider the complex and dynamic relationship among ethics, sustainability, interdisciplinarity, and integrative learning.

As always, the Association for Integrative Studies welcomes more general presentations that advance its mission to promote the interchange of ideas among scholars and administrators in all of the arts and sciences on intellectual and organizational issues related to advancing integrative and interdisciplinary studies.

All submissions must be made electronically using the proposal submission form. Contact information for presenters and co-presenters, a brief—50-word—bio for each, a proposal of 250 words, an abstract of 75 words, A-V needs, length and type of presentation (paper, panel discussion, roundtable, etc.) will be required. The deadline is April 15, 2010, and we expect to respond to proposal writers by May 15th, 2010.