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Dear Colleagues,

Please join us for the 32nd Association for Integrative Studies annual conference in October 2010. The School of Public Affairs and the Division of Undergraduate Studies at San Diego State University, together with the Ethics Center for Science and Technology, will be co-hosting the conference, which will take place Thursday, October 7, through Sunday, October 10, 2010, at the Kona Kai Resort and Spa. Kona Kai is located on eleven acres of tropical gardens situated at the tip of Shelter Island in the dramatic San Diego Bay. The location is three miles from San Diego International Airport and just five miles from downtown.



The 2010 theme will be “Interdisciplinary Approaches to Integrating Ethics and Sustainability.” Sustainability refers to the infinite maintenance of resources; sustainable development, as originally defined by the Brundtland Commission, addresses how to serve present needs “without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.” The scope of sustainability also includes ongoing maintenance of economic, social, institutional and environmental dimensions of human society and the ways educational and academic institutions can be adapted to provide a more collaborative and supportive role to enable sustainability. Sustainability carries an ethical imperative but also raises ethical questions. How ethics and sustainability can be integrated will be a key theme of the conference.

San Diego State’s School of Public Affairs (SPA) is an interdisciplinary applied social science school housing degree programs in criminal justice, public administration, and city planning. It is 42 years old and has 1000 majors in undergraduate and graduate degree programs; SDSU’s Division of Undergraduate Studies (DUS) houses not only the Interdisciplinary Honors Program (Honors without Borders) and the university’s faculty association for study abroad (Scholars without Borders), but also an Interdisciplinary Major through three Departments and the Center for Regional Sustainability. Faculty of both SPA and DUS have participated in AIS conferences for several years, and Dr. Stuart Henry and Dr. Chris Frost have both played significant roles in AIS. We welcome you here to talk about designing and teaching interdisciplinary classes, administering and sustaining interdisciplinary programs, and thinking and writing about interdisciplinarity and integration.

We’re planning an exciting, engaging and timely conference in an idyllic location. You’ll fly into San Diego’s user-friendly Lindbergh Field International Airport, take a free shuttle, and be at the beautiful Kona Kai conference resort on the San Diego Bay in ten minutes. Alternatively, West Coasters might choose to take the train to downtown Spanish mission-style Santa Fe Depot Station and take complimentary transportation to Shelter Island. Given San Diego’s resort qualities as “America’s finest city,” you’ll be able to mingle with colleagues in this idyllic setting for the duration of the conference.

You can also blend into the beach culture and visit local attractions if you arrive before the conference starts or stay after it ends. The Kona Kai Resort is just a very short drive from both Sea World and the San Diego Zoo. Within an hour’s drive, you can spend the day at San Diego Wild Animal Park. Many other great places to visit include Cabrillo National Monument, Historic Old Town, Downtown including Gaslamp District and Seaport Village, Balboa Park Museums, Palomar Observatory and the Del Mar Race Track. Tijuana, Mexico, is accessible on the Trolley some 40 minutes ride from downtown San Diego.

My conference planning team and I look forward to greeting you here in San Diego in October 2010!

Warm regards,

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CALL FOR PROPOSALS
“Interdisciplinary Approaches to Integrating Ethics and Sustainability”

32nd Annual Association for Integrative Studies Conference

October 7-10, 2010

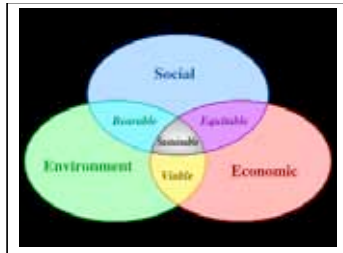
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College of Professional Studies and Fine Arts, School of Public Affairs

Division of Undergraduate Studies

Ethics Center for Science and Technology

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 integrative and interdisciplinary studies.

The Proposal Submission Form for the 2010 AIS Conference will be available on the AIS Conference website by January 1, 2010, and all submissions must be made electronically. 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 1, 2010, and we expect to respond to proposal writers by May 15th, 2010.