



Call for Papers

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The Society picks conference themes to encourage faculty from the relevant areas to submit papers, panels, or other standard forms of presentation, but submissions may speak to any issue regarding ethics across the curriculum. Questions about possible submissions should be sent to the directors.

Conference Theme: The Ethics of the Family

What is a family? What are "family values"? Is marriage a civil contract or something more? Should persons of the same sex be allowed to marry or raise children? Is there a natural right to have children? Is there a right to have as many children as one chooses? What is child abuse? Should we license parents? What are the rights and responsibilities of children (if any)? Is adultery always wrong? Is voluntary no-fault divorce always justified? How do family relationships differ between cultures or across times? These and other questions prompt The Society for Ethics Across the Curriculum to invite paper submissions from scholars and practitioners in Philosophy, Family Studies, Public Policy & Law, Sociology, Psychology, Social Work, History, and other related fields dealing with ethical issues connected to the definition of a family, the rights and responsibilities of parents and children, the ethical and/or legal relationship between the family and the state, intergenerational justice, gay marriage, adultery, divorce, family violence, etc.

Submissions (either papers or abstracts) should be formatted for blind review and sent by September 1st 2008 to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Society, Donna Wer-

ner, DWerner@stlcc.edu or by hard copy to Dr. Donna Werner, Department of Philosophy, St. Louis Community College, Meramec, 11333 Big Bend Boulevard, St. Louis MO 63122-5799. Phone: 314.984.7934.

We will make decisions about papers as soon as we can after they arrive. So the sooner you submit your abstract or paper or panel suggestion, the sooner you will hear from us regarding its suitability for the conference.

The Society publishes *Teaching Ethics*, and papers for conferences may be considered for publication either in that journal or in a possible anthology on the ethics of family life.

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