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Dear colleagues,

With great pleasure, I invite you to [register](#) for the **2018 Annual Meeting of the Society of Jewish Ethics (SJE) in Portland, Oregon, January 4-7**. As always, the SJE Annual Meeting is held concurrently with the Annual Meetings of both Society of Christian Ethics (SCE) and the Society for the Study of Muslim Ethics (SSME), affording SJE members the opportunity to attend SCE and SSME sessions as well as SJE sessions.

This year the SJE has six full sessions in addition to a roundtable discussion of “Gender in Jewish Institutions”, a workshop featuring member works in progress, a book session, and—an opportunity we have only once every two years—a plenary session attended by all three societies. While SCE programming starts Thursday night, the first SJE session will begin Friday morning.

Be sure not to miss the SJE-hosted plenary featuring [Dr. Julie Cooper](#) from Tel Aviv University’s Political Science Department from 2:00-3:30 on Saturday after Shabbat Lunch (12:30-2:00). Dr. Cooper will also chair one of our six sessions, “**Jewish Political Ethics Inside and Outside the State**,” featuring presentations by Shaul Magid (Indiana University) and Daniel Way (Princeton).

Our other sessions include:

- “**Human, Animal, Nature: Ethics of and Beyond the Human Being**” featuring Dustin Atlas (University of Dayton) and Mira Wasserman (Reconstructionist Rabbinical College)
- “**Interpreting Human Suffering: Biblical, Rabbinic, Modern**” featuring Keenan Davis (Emory University) and Alex Green (SUNY Buffalo)
- “**Laws in Ethics, Ethics in Law**” featuring Deborah Barer (Towson University) and Jason Rubenstein (Hadar)
- “**The Meaning and End of Work: Jewish Perspectives on the 21st Century Economy**” featuring Sam Brody (University of Kansas) and Zalman Rothschild (Harvard Law)
- “**Charity and Responsibility: Classical and Contemporary Approaches**” featuring Gregg Gardner (University of British Columbia) and Elliot Ratzman (Lawrence University)

As always, our sessions feature respondents and ample time for genuine discussion.

SJE member Jennifer Thompson (California State University, Northridge) will also present on a tri-society joint panel of the Pedagogy Interest Group on the topic “Can Ethics be Taught Online? A Panel Discussion.”

Please go to the [SJE website](#) for a detailed program featuring times and paper titles. To get the best rate, join or renew your membership at the site, and then register for the annual conference at the reduced member rate. The best rates are available now, so register as soon as possible.

As valuable as our formal sessions are, the informal opportunities for networking, discussion, and collegiality are what have made so many of us regular attendees. **I especially encourage all attendees to register for our deeply subsidized Shabbat dinner (Friday) and lunch (Saturday)**. All are welcome regardless whether you are Jewish or regularly observe Shabbat.

The SJE has a limited number of **scholarships available** to assist with the costs of attending the conference, and you may apply online at http://societyofjewishethics.org/scholarships_info. **The deadline for scholarship applications has been extended to October 15.** We are delighted that this year we will again be able to honor one graduate student as the Adrienne Asch Memorial Fellow. Graduate students interested in the Asch scholarship should follow the special instructions on our scholarship application page.

We are grateful to all who can make a donation to help support these scholarships and graduate students attending the conference. We hope that, while you register for the conference, you will also make a donation to the SJE or to our Adrienne Asch scholarship fund. More information about donations is available at http://societyofjewishethics.org/support_sje.

I look forward to seeing you in Portland! Further details on the hotel are below and can also be found on the SJE [website](#).

Sincerely,

Aaron Gross

SJE President

Please book your hotel room at the **Doubletree by Hilton Portland located at [1000 NE Multnomah Street Portland, OR, 97232](#)** by December 10th in order to guarantee the following conference rate.

- \$129 per night plus tax: single, double, triple, or quad

There is no paper form to reserve your hotel room. **Attendees have until December 10, 2017, to make their hotel reservations.** After December 10th, if the room block is sold out, you will need to pay non-negotiated rates. Rooms are limited so book early. Rates apply to the dates of the conference and the 3 days prior to and following the meeting. If you wish to extend your stay outside of these dates, you will need to book a separate reservation on the Web site or contact the hotel directly.

Hotel reservations in the SCE/SJE/SSME ROOM BLOCK may be made in one of the following ways:

- Call Reservations Toll Free [1-800-996-0510](tel:1-800-996-0510); Hotel directly: [503-281-6111](tel:503-281-6111) – follow prompts for reservations. Please identify yourself with the SCE-SJE-SSME Annual Conference or Ethics Conference
- Online at <http://doubletree.hilton.com/en/dt/groups/personalized/R/RLLC-DT-E1A-20180104/index.jhtml>

Please know that we were again able to negotiate complimentary internet in guest rooms, complimentary access to the fitness center and outdoor pool. The Fitness Center is open 24 hours.

If you experience a problem with making your reservation, please email Linda at sce@scethics.org and she will assist you. If you get a message that the hotel is sold out, please contact Linda with the dates you desire, and type of room needed (king vs 2 beds) and she will contact the hotel to clarify the issue.

If the reserved block of rooms fills early, we may be able to add more rooms at the conference rate, but our negotiating leverage diminishes rapidly as we approach the December deadline. So book early!