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#### MICROFICHE SUPPLEMENT

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### 34. William O'Meara and Mark Anderson, James Madison University Selective Conscientious Objection

This paper argues: (1) that selective conscientious objection is a moral right inherent in the very nature of moral action, (2) that there are some judicial considerations that could lead to a constitutional right to such exemption (a) because the Constitution limits the war-making powers of the President and makes treaties part of the supreme law of the land and (b) because actions based on religious belief are receiving broader constitutional protection now, and (3) that Congress should provide for selective conscientious objection because of the weak argument of the National Commission on Selective Service against such objection and because of Britain's successful use of such exemptions in World War II.

#### 35. S. Kemal, Pennsylvania State University Medieval Arabic Poetics

The paper concerns the Commentary on Aristotle's Poetics written by Avicenna (Ibn Sina, 980-1037 AD). The paper is divided into two parts, the first of which examines Avicenna's account of poetic imagination and the use he makes of this concept in justifying a "poetic syllogism" that accounts for aesthetic validity. The second part develops this account of the poetic syllogism to show that the completeness of the syllogistic requires us to consider the kind of community and moral validity sustained by poetic validity. To explain the first claim—for poetic syllogisms—the paper examines Avicenna's writings on logic and parts of his commentaries on the Prior and Posterior Analytics, linking these to issues in his commentary on the Poetics. To explain the relation of poetry to community, the paper develops issues from the commentary on the Poetics, especially Avicenna's use of the concept of themes.