#### Lighthearted Philosophers' Society

7th Annual Conference Program October 11-12<sup>th</sup>, 2013 Thunderbird Beach Resort Hotel Treasure Island, FL

#### <u>FRIDAY 11th</u> 8:30-9:00 am: Registration 8:45-9:00 am: Welcome & begin conference proceedings

# 9:00 - 9:50 AM: "Judging Superior Jokes and Humor"

Richard C. Richards (Cal State PolyTech-Pomona) Heckler: Steve Gimbel (Gettysburg College)

10:00 – 10:50 AM: "The Laughter of the Multitude: A Bakhtinian Reading of Spinoza" Hayyim Rothman, Boston College Heckler: Thomas Brommage (Sam Houston State University)

# 11:00 - 11:50 AM: "Subversive Humor against the Spirit of Seriousness"

Chris Kramer (Marquette University) Heckler: Whitney Mutch (Florida State University)

**12:00 – 1:30 PM: Break for Lunch at local restaurants** (Each Participant is Responsible for Own Lunch)

### 2:00 – 2:50 PM: "Deception and Practical Jokes"

Eugenio Zaldivar (Santa Fe College) Heckler: Eva Kort (Coastal Carolina University)

# 3:00 – 3:50 PM: "Self-Deprecation and Irony vs. Sarcasm and Snark: Or, When Is A Joke Not a Joke?"

Camille Atkinson (Independent Scholar) Heckler: Jennifer Marra (Marquette University)

**4:00 – 4:30 PM:** Interlude: "Hating, Hating, Hating—*Hating Perfection*" Sophia Stone (Purdue University) Heckler: Lou Marinoff (City College-CUNY)

# 4:30 – 6:00 PM: Author-Meets-Critics session on Richard Richards' recently published book: *A Philosopher Looks at The Sense of Humor*

Hecklers: Thomas Brommage (Sam Hosuton State University) Steve Gimbel (Gettysburg College) Euguenio Zaldivar (Santa Fe College)

6:00 – 8:00 pm: Conference Dinner at Restaurant TBD (Each Participant is Responsible for Own Dinner)

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# SATURDAY 12th

### 8:30 - 9:00 AM: Registration

9:00 – 9:50 AM: "Last Laughs and Dead Ends: How to Put the 'Yin' Back in Dying" Lou Marinoff (City College-CUNY) Heckler: Gerald Erion (Medaille College)

10:00 - 10:50 AM: "Humor, Offense, and Proper Responses"

Michael Cundall (North Carolina A&T) Heckler: Elizabeth Victor (Grand Valley State University)

# 11:00 - 11:50 AM: "Heckler Ethics"

Steve Gimbel (Gettysburg College) Heckler: Andrew Aberdein (Florida Institute of Technology)

# **12:00 – 12:50 PM: "A Debate Between a Theist and a Santa Clausist, Act II"** David Kyle Johnson (Kings College) and Ruth Tallman (Barry University)

Heckler: Andrew M. Winters (University of South Florida)

12:55 PM: Announcement of the Joseph Ellin award recipient

# 1:00 – 2:00 LPS Business Meeting (Members Only)