

## About Us

The Lighthearted Philosophers' Society (LPS) is an organization for philosophers who approach their work with a sense of humor. We strive to create a venue for professional philosophy that is welcoming, enjoyable, and engaging. Please join us in our merry ruminations!

## Membership Information

Please direct inquiries to [lighthearted.philosophers@gmail.com](mailto:lighthearted.philosophers@gmail.com).

The Lighthearted Philosophers Society invites interested parties to join the organization. The dues schedule is as follows:

Rich (gainfully employed)	\$75 annual
Poor (not-so-gainfully employed)	\$50
Starving (student membership)	\$25

Conference registration is discounted for members (\$25 instead of \$50). Members are also included in our email list, to keep you informed of updates and information about the annual meetings.

To become a member, visit our website at:

<http://www.lightheartedphilosophers.com/>

Or send your payment to:

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# Lighthearted Philosophers' Society

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10th Annual Conference Program

March 31-April 1, 2016

Hilton Garden Inn

St. Augustine Beach, FL

**FRIDAY March 31<sup>st</sup>**

**8:30 – 9:00 AM: Registration & continental breakfast**

**8:45 – 9:00 AM: Welcome & begin conference proceedings**

**9:00 – 9:50 AM: “You Want Nuance?! I’ll Give You Your F%^\$@in’ Nuance!”**

Michael Cundall (North Carolina A&T)

Heckler: Dana Fritz (Marquette University)

**10:00 – 10:50 AM: “The Funny in the Original Position”**

Liz Sills (Northern State University)

Heckler: Steven Starke (University of South Florida)

**11:00 – 11:50 AM: “Plato’s Theory of Humor Revisited”**

Kimberly Maslin (Hendrix College)

Heckler: Thomas Brommage (Sam Houston State University)

**12:00 – 1:50 PM: Break for Lunch at local restaurants**

*(Each Participant is Responsible for Own Lunch)*

**2:00 – 2:50 PM: “Philosophy and/as Toxic Masculinity: Critical Reflections on How Philosophers Pick Up”**

Douglas Ficek (University of New Haven)

Heckler: Jennifer Marra (Marquette University)

**3:00 – 3:50 PM: “Ambivalent Abuse When Satire Becomes Hate: A Bakhtinian Analysis ”**

Grant Julin (St. Francis University)

Heckler: Liz Sills (Northern State University)

**4:00 – 4:50 PM: “The Single Greatest And Best Critiques Of Christianity God Has Given Man In The History Of The Planet: Mark Twain’s Letters From The Earth, What Is Man, Mark Twain’s Helpful Hints for Good Living: A Handbook for the Damned Human Race, The Mysterious Stranger, Little Bessie, And Mark Twain’s Autobiography Volumes 1 and 2: A Somewhat Critical Appraisal And An Extraordinarily Unabashed Fawning Over Twain’s Serious Humor Employed To Undermine Peculiar . . . ”**

Chris Kramer (Rock Valley College)

Heckler: Eugene Zaldivar (Santa Fe College)

**6:00 – 8:30 PM: Dinner at local restaurants**

*(Each Participant is Responsible for Own Dinner)*

**SATURDAY April 1<sup>st</sup>**

**8:30 – 9:00 AM: Registration & continental breakfast**

**9:00 – 9:50 AM: “Why We Need to Stop Telling Jokes about Trump’s Tiny Hands”**

Jennifer Marra (Marquette University)

Heckler: Chris Kramer (Rock Valley College)

**10:00 – 10:50 AM: “What Feminism Can Do For Smuts”**

Shane J. George (University of Nebraska-Lincoln)

C.L. Richardson (University of Nebraska-Lincoln)

Clare Lafrance (Independent Scholar)

Heckler: Elizabeth Victor (William Paterson University)

**11:00 – 11:50 AM: “Not So Golden Ticket: Exposing Disability Prejudice South Park Style”**

Dana Fritz (Marquette University)

Heckler: Michael Cundall (North Carolina A&T)

**12:00 – 12:50 PM: “‘Humor: Seriously’ A one woman cabaret performance on The Virtue of Humor”**

Shanti (Independent Scholar)

**1:00 – 2:00 Lunch and Awards:**

Voting and announcement of the Joseph Ellin and Richard Richards award recipients.

(Lunch included for all attendees)

**2:15 PM: Business Meeting (members only)**

**4:00 – 8:00 PM: LPS 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Banquet**

Salt Life Food Shack

(Buffet and drinks included in registration fee)