

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.

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.

Day-long observation passes for undergraduate students are available for \$10 each day.

To become a member, visit our website at:

<https://sites.google.com/site/lightheartedphilosophers/>

Or send your payment to:

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12th Annual Conference Program

October 12-13, 2018

Santa Barbara City College

Friday October 12th

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

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

9:00 – 9:50 AM: “On Joke Sophistication and Sophisticated Jokes”

Sophia Stone (Lynn University)

Heckler: Dana Fritz (Marquette University)

10:00 – 10:50 AM: “Death for Dummies: Functional Communication about Death and Loss Using Recent Research and Theory”

Heather Smith (Santa Monica College)

Juliana Kirschner (University of Southern California)

Heckler: Andrew Richmond (Columbia University)

11:00 – 11:50 AM: “I was Failing Super Hard...: A Story about Teaching Philosophy to Kindergarteners”

Peter Westmoreland (University of Florida)

Heckler: Grant Julin (Saint Francis University)

12:00 – 1:30 PM: Break for Lunch at local restaurants

(Each Participant is Responsible for Own Lunch)

2:00 – 2:50 PM: “The Curious Case of Milo Yiannopoulos: Subversive Humorist, Sycophantic Troll, or Some Other Thing Altogether”

Chris A. Kramer (Santa Barbara City College)

Heckler: David Monroe (St. Petersburg College)

3:00-3:50pm: “Climate Change is Destroying the Earth, But We Cannot Go from LOL to SOL”

Jacob Miller (Kansas State University)

Heckler: Liz Sills (Northern State University)

6:00 – 8:00 PM: Conference Dinner at Restaurant TBD

(Each Participant is Responsible for Own Dinner)

Saturday October 13th

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

9:00 – 9:50 AM: “Humour is a Funny Thing”

Alan Roberts (University of Sussex)

Heckler: Thomas Brommage (Sam Houston State University)

10:00 – 10:50 AM: “Humor in Protest”

Jennifer Marra (Marquette University)

Heckler: Eugene Zaldivar (Santa Fe College)

11:00 – 11:50 AM: “Offense and Forgiveness”

Michael Cundall (North Carolina A&T)

Heckler: Sam Welbaum (California Baptist University)

12:00 – 1:30 PM: Break for Lunch

(Each Participant is Responsible for Own Lunch)

2 – 2:50pm: “Praxis, Poems, and Punchlines: Essays in Honor of Richard C. Richards”

Elizabeth Victor (William Paterson University)

Mike Cundall (North Carolina A&T)

Steven Gimbel (Gettysburg College)

Heckler: Richard C. Richards (California State Polytechnic - Pomona)

2:55 PM: Voting and announcement of the Joseph Ellin and Richard Richards award recipients. *End of conference.*

3:15 PM: LPS Business Meeting (Members Only)