

## 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.

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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# 13th Annual Conference Program

November 8-9, 2019

San Antonio, TX

## Friday November 8th

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

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

**9:00 – 9:50 AM: “On Cliché: It is What It Is – Stupidity Masquerading as Wisdom – Or *Is It?*”**

Chris A. Kramer (Santa Barbara City College)

Heckler: Liz Victor (William Paterson University)

**10:00 – 10:50 AM: “I’ve Heard This Joke Before... Am I Going to Hell?”**

Connor Kianpour (Georgia State University)

Heckler: Dave Monroe (St. Petersburg College)

**11:00 – 11:50 AM: “Redemptive Derision: Luther’s Pastoral Use of Insult in Light of the Command to Love the Neighbor”**

Sam Welbaum (California Baptist University)

Heckler: Grant Julin (Saint Francis University)

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

*(Each Participant is Responsible for Own Lunch)*

**12:00-1:30PM: Undergraduate Luncheon**

*(Mike Cundall, North Carolina A&T)*

**2:00 – 2:50 PM: “Conceptual Tensions with Self-Deprecatory Humor”**

Mike Cundall (North Carolina A&T)

Heckler: Vanessa Voss (Lone Star College – University Park)

**3:00-3:50pm: “A Rhetorical Philosophy on Intercultural Humor: Research, Case Studies, and Experiences Abroad”**

David Tarvin (Texas A&M University)

Elizabeth Earle (California State University, Sacramento)

Andrea Calland (Morehead State University)

E. Paige Klohn (University of North Texas)

Clara Duggan (Texas A&M University)

Nancy Serpas (Texas A&M University)

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

*(Each Participant is Responsible for Own Dinner)*

## Saturday November 9th

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

**9:00 – 9:50 AM: “That’s Not Funny: Quietism About Humor”**

Frank Boardman (Worcester State University)

Heckler: Thomas Brommage (Sam Houston State University)

**10:00 – 10:50 AM: “Laughing on Your Deathbed: To See Sisyphus Laughing”**

Jeff Wasch (West Chester University of Pennsylvania)

Heckler: West Gurley (Blinn College)

**11:00 – 11:50 AM: “Is Humor Moral In the College Classroom?”**

Jack Musselman (St. Edward’s University)

Heckler: Liz Sills (Northern State University)

**12:00 – 1:30 PM: Break for Lunch**

*(Each Participant is Responsible for Own Lunch)*

**2 – 2:50pm: Undergraduate Spotlight Panel**

“What is Funny: A Great Metaphor,” Harrison Bruns (Northern State University)

“Why the Hollywood Foreign Press Thinks *Get Out* is a Comedy,”

Tyra Harris (Texas A&M University)

“Puns and Punning,” Milan Mossé (Stanford University)

Heckler: Eugene Zaldivar (Santa Fe College)

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

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