

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:

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| 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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15th Annual Conference

Program

October 8-9, 2021

St. Petersburg, FL

St. Petersburg College

SPC

Friday October 8th

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

8:45 – 9:00 AM: Welcome

9:00 – 9:50 AM: “Something Better Than Comedy”

David F. Hoinski (West Virginia University)

Heckler: Tom Brommage (Sam Houston State University)

10:00 – 10:50 AM: “Cognitive Development Accounts of Humor – In Social Context”

Adrian Bardon (Wake Forest University)

Heckler: Grant Julin (Saint Francis University)

11:00 – 11:50 AM: “I Come to Bury Gimbel, and Then Praise Him as He Rises From the Dead to Eat Our Souls or Eat Our Brains, But I Repeat Myself”

Eugenio E. Zaldivar (Santa Fe College)

Heckler: Steve Gimbel (Gettysburg College)

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: “Funny People: A Retrospective in the Ethics of Praxis”

Liz Sills (Northern State University)

Heckler: Dave Monroe (St. Petersburg College)

3:00-3:50pm: “Authors & Editor Discuss Cases on Applied & Therapeutic Humor”

Mike Cundall (North Carolina A&T State University)

Elizabeth Victor (William Paterson University)

Eugenio E. Zaldivar (Santa Fe College)

Steve Gimbel (Gettysburg College)

Nessa Voss (Lone Star College)

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

(Each Participant is Responsible for Own Dinner)

Saturday October 9th

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

9:00 – 9:50 AM: “Is it Reasonable to Make People Laugh?”

Michael Hoppmann (Northeastern University)

Heckler: Peter Westmoreland (University of Tampa)

10:00 – 10:50 AM: “They’re Gonna Kill That Poor Woman: Men, Women, and Political Philia in *The Big Lebowski*”

Peter S. Fosl (Transylvania University)

Heckler: Sophia Stone (Lynn University)

11:00 – 11:50 AM: “Philosophy Through Memes: Significant Teaching Tool or ‘Suspension of Seriousness?’”

Chris A. Kramer (Santa Barbara City College)

Heckler: TBA

12:00 – 1:30 PM: Break for Lunch

(Each Participant is Responsible for Own Lunch)

2 – 2:50pm: Undergraduate Spotlight Panel

Lora Kim (Texas A&M University)

Heckler: Eugenio E. Zaldivar (Santa Fe College)

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

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