

# **Lighthearted Philosophers' Society**

## **3rd Annual Conference Program**

October 16-17<sup>th</sup>, 2009

**Conference Location:** Holiday Inn SunSpree Resort Marina Cove

6800 Sunshine Skyway Lane

St. Petersburg, FL 33711

### **FRIDAY 16th**

#### **9:30-10:00 am: Registration**

#### **10:00 – 10:50 am: “Stephen Colbert: *Conservative Comedic Genius?!*”**

Author: Andrew Terjesen, *Rhodes College*

Commentator: Elizabeth Victor, *University of South Florida*

#### **11:00 – 11:50 am: “Truth and Funniness in ‘It’s Funny Because it’s True’ Humor”**

Author: Avrum Blaker, *Temple University*

Commentator: Richard C Richards, *Cali State Polytechnic Univ*

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

#### **1:30 – 2:20 pm: “Strange Bedfellows: The Interpenetration of Philosophy and Pornography”**

Author: Andrew Aberdein, *Florida Institute of Technology*

Commentator: Andrew Terjesen, *Rhodes College*

#### **2:30 – 3:20 pm: “A Philosophical Joke Book?: Wittgenstein and The Onion”**

Author: Thomas J. Brommage, *University of West Georgia*

Commentator: Darci Doll, *Michigan State University*

#### **3:30 – 4:20 pm: “Laughter, Humor, and Incongruity”**

Author: Richard C Richards, *California State Polytechnic Univ*

Commentator: Tom Wilk, *George Mason University*

#### **5:00 – 7:00 pm: Conference Dinner at Restaurant TBD**

*(Each Participant is Financially Responsible for Dinner)*

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**SATURDAY 18th**

**9:30-10:00 am: Registration**

**10:00 – 10:50 am: “Rejecting Theodicy: From *Candide* to *The Onion*”**

Author: Douglas Ficek, *John Jay College of Criminal Justice*

Commentator: Avrum Blaker, *Temple University*

**11:00 – 11:50 am: “Jokes as Speech Acts: Exploring the Richly Linguistic Character of Some Jokes”**

Author: Tom Wilk, *West Chester University*

Commentator: Thomas Brommage, *University of West Georgia*

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

**1:30 – 2:40 pm: “Quantum Andy: Postmodern Comedic Theory & the Enigma of Andy Kaufman”**

Author: Peter H. Steeves, *DePaul University*

Commentator: Joseph Ellin, *Western Michigan University*

**3:00 – 3:30 pm: “State of the LPS Address”**

President: Dave Monroe, *Saint Petersburg College*

**3:30 – 4:30 pm: LPS Business Meeting (Members Only)**

**LPS Dues:**

Conference: *Free*

Undergraduates: *\$5 annual membership*

Graduate Students: *\$10 annual membership*

Professionals: *\$15 annual membership*

**Conference Hotel Special Rate:**

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Special Conference Rate: \$89/night