

**Lighthearted Philosophers' Society
4th Annual Conference Program
October 15-16th, 2010
Thunderbird Beach Resort Hotel
Treasure Island, FL**

FRIDAY 15th

9:30-10:00 am: Registration

10:00 – 10:50 am: “Rationale of the Mathematical Joke”
Author: Andrew Aberdein, Florida Institute of Technology
Commentator: Tom Brommage, University of West Georgia

11:00 – 11:50 am: “What's My Line?: On Joke Identity and Ownership”
Author: Stephen Gimbel, Gettysburg College
Commentator: Joseph Ellin, Western Michigan University

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

1:00 – 1:50 pm: “Kant, Morreal, and Jokes”
Author: Richard C. Richards, California PolyTech-Pomona
Commentator: Nick Plants, Prince George's Community College

2:00 – 2:50 pm: “Usurping the Moral Law through Irony and Humor”
Author: Sophia Stone, Purdue University
Commentator: Brian Dunst, University of South Florida

3:00 – 3:50 pm “The Parallax of Humor: Pragmatics, Staging & Ontology, or
Why Stoppard's Plays are Funny”
Author: Joel David Musser, Louisiana State University
Commentator: Geoff Pfeiffer, University of South Florida

5:00 – 7:00 pm: Conference Dinner at Restaurant TBD
(Each Participant is Responsible for Own Dinner)

SATURDAY 16th

9:30-10:00 am: Registration

10:00 – 10:50 am: “Losers Steal the Show: The Primacy of Play in Life Lived
Humorously”
Author: Nicholas Plants, Prince George's Community College
Commentator: Richard C Richards, Cal Poly Tech, Pomona

11:00 – 11:50 am: “Go F*** Yourself: The Aesthetic Evaluation of Offensive
Humor”
Authors: Ruth Tallman, Barry University

Landon W Schurtz, University of Oklahoma
Commentator: Dave Monroe, Saint Petersburg College

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

1:00 – 1:30 pm: “The Joke’s On You: State of the LPS Address”
President: Dave Monroe, Saint Petersburg College

1:30 – 2:30 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 with Special LPS Rate :

Thunderbird Beach Resort

10700 Gulf Blvd

Treasure Island, FL, 33706

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