



Lighthearted Philosophers' Society  
5<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference  
October 14-15, 2011

Thunderbird Resort  
10700 Gulf Blvd  
Treasure Island, Florida 33706  
(727) 367-1961

**Friday, October 14**

9:30 - 9:55 am: **Registration**

10:00 - 10:50 am: **"Leibniz and the Behavioral Economic Approach to Confusing a Law Review Editor"**

Author: Richard Junnier, Independent Scholar  
Heckler: Elizabeth Victor, University of South Florida/Georgetown University

11:00 - 11:50 am: **"Happiness and Humor"**

Author: Richard C. Richards, Cal State Polytechnic University  
Heckler: Karl Pfeifer, University of Saskatchewan

12:00 - 1:50 pm: **Break for Lunch at local restaurants**

2:00 - 2:50 pm: **"The Importance of Humor in Teaching Philosophy"**

Author: Al Gini, Loyola University-Chicago  
Heckler: Eugenio E. Zaldivar, Santa Fe College

3:00 - 3:50 pm: **"The Judo Principle and the Logic of Jokes"**

Author: Andrew Aberdein, Florida Institute of Technology  
Heckler: Darci Doll, Delta College

4:00 - 4:50 pm: **"Reflections on the Biological Oddity of a Particular Former Male Resident of the Island of Nantucket: Congruity Theory and Forms of Non-Joking Humor"**

Author: Steve Gimbel, Gettysburg College  
Heckler: Richard Richards, Cal State Polytechnic University

5:00 - 7:00 pm: **Reception Dinner** at Middle Grounds Grill, 10925 Gulf Blvd Treasure Island, FL 33706 (727) 360-4253  
(Each Participant is Responsible for Own Dinner)

**Saturday, October 15**

9:30 - 9:55: **Registration**

10:00 - 10:50: **"Self-Referential Musings on Humor and Philosophy"**

Author: Gordon Pettit, Western Illinois University  
Heckler: Steve Gimbel, Gettysburg College

11:00 - 11:50: **"Acting 'As-If' for American Buddenbrooks: What I Learned from My James Ancestors"**

Author: Christine James, Valdosta State University  
Heckler: Thomas Brommage, University of West Georgia

12:00 - 12:50: **"Defining Values"**

Timothy McMynne, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven  
Heckler: Dave Monroe, St. Petersburg College

1:00: **LPS Presidential Address** followed by lunch  
Dedication of the Joseph Ellin Award

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This year at the LPS we will celebrate the life of Joseph S. Ellin, one of our founding (grand)fathers, who passed away this year after a heroic struggle with leukemia. Joe was a tireless supporter of the LPS who contributed time, energy, and money to the organization—not to mention shameless promotion at other conferences he'd attend! Those of us who've been with the LPS for a while will remember his cantankerous sarcasm, incisive comments, dedication to rigorous philosophy and scruples about conference decorum, as well as his delightful sense of humor. In honor of his lasting contributions we will award the first Joseph S. Ellin Memorial Essay Prize (\$100) to the paper voted best by the conference attendees.