

**Lighthearted Philosophers' Society**  
6th Annual Conference Program  
October 12-13<sup>th</sup>, 2012  
Thunderbird Beach Resort Hotel  
Treasure Island, FL

**FRIDAY 12th**

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

**9:45-10:00 am: Welcome & begin conference proceedings**

**10:00 – 10:50 am: “The Comic and the Tragic: On the Ambiguity of the Climax in Kierkegaard’s Concluding Unscientific Postscript”**

Hayyim Rothman, *Boston College*

Heckler: Zac Purdue, *University of South Florida*

**11:00-11:50 am: “Plato’s Symposium and the Meaning of Humor in the Speeches of Eryximachus and Aristophanes”**

Sean Petranovich, *Loyola University-Chicago*

Heckler: Darci Doll, *Delta College*

**12:00 – 2:00 pm: Break for Lunch at local restaurants (Each Participant is Responsible for Own Lunch)**

**2:00-2:50 pm: “Bataille’s Philosophy of Laughter: the Laughable Character of Philosophy”**

James Mollison, *Loyola Marymount University*

Heckler: Cyrena Sullivan, *University of Florida*

**3:00-3:50 pm: “A Debate Between a Theist and a Santa Clausist”**

David Kyle Johnson, *Kings College* and Ruth Tallman, *Barry University*

Heckler: Karl Pfeifer, *University of Saskatchewan*

**4:00 pm-4:50 pm: “The Extra-Ethical Status of Sublimely Humorous Jokes”**

Steve Gimbel, *Gettysburg College*

Heckler: Richard Richards, *California Polytechnic-Pomona*

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

*(Each Participant is Responsible for Own Dinner)*

**SATURDAY 13th**

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

**10:00-10:50 am: “Who is Nietzsche’s Übermensch?”**

Sophia Stone, *Purdue University*

Heckler: Mark A. Castricone, *University of South Florida*

**11:00-11:50 am: “Of Coconuts and Beings: Peculiarities of a Diophantine Problem”**

Lou Marinoff, *City College (CUNY)*

Heckler: Steve Gimbel, *Gettysburg College*

**12:00-12:50 pm: “Dark Laughter and Dark Humor”**

Richard C. Richards, *California Polytechnic-Pomona*

Heckler: Eugenio Zaldivar, *Santa Fe College*

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**12:55 pm:** Announcement of the Joseph Ellin award recipient

**1:00-1:30 LPS Business Meeting (Members Only)**