

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:

Rich (gainfully employed)	\$75 annual
Poor (not-so-gainfully employed)	\$50
Starving (student membership)	\$25

Conference registration is discounted for members. Members are also included in our email list, to keep you informed of updates and information about the annual meetings.

To become a member, visit our website at:

<https://sites.google.com/site/lightheartedphilosophers/>

Or send your payment to:

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Lighthearted Philosophers' Society

8th Annual Conference Program

October 10-11th, 2014

Hilton Galveston Island Resort Hotel

Galveston, TX

FRIDAY October 10th

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

8:45 – 9:00 AM: Welcome & begin conference proceedings

9:00 – 9:50 AM: “The Phenomenological Funny”

Elizabeth Sills (Louisiana State University)

Heckler: Mike Cundall (North Carolina A&T)

10:00 – 10:50 AM: “Humor as a Symbolic Form: Cassirer and the Culture of Comedy”

Jennifer Marra (Marquette University)

Heckler: Thomas Brommage (Sam Houston State University)

11:00 – 11:50 AM: “The Mean Beer: Lifting the Veil of Ignorance Regarding Beer and Philosophy”

Jeff McLaughlin (Thompson Rivers University)

Heckler: Sophia Stone (Lynn University)

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

(Each Participant is Responsible for Own Lunch)

2:00 – 2:50 PM: “Moralism and Funniness: Five Avoidable Pratsfalls”

Benjamin Chan (St. Norbert College)

Heckler: Brandon Williams (Rice University)

3:00 – 3:50 PM: “The Argument from Good”

John Collins (East Carolina University)

Heckler: Sandeep Dhillon (Independent Scholar)

4:00 – 5:00 PM “Philosophy of Laughter and Philosophy of Humor”

Richard C. Richards (California Poly Tech-Pomona)

Heckler: Jennifer Marra (Marquette University)

5:00 – 6:15 PM: *Panel Discussion: Laughter, Order and Disorder*

Sarah Jansen (Carleton College)

Charles Taliaferro (St.Olaf College)

Anna Moltchanova (Carleton College)

6:30 – 8:00 pm: Conference Dinner at Restaurant TBD

(Each Participant is Responsible for Own Dinner)

SATURDAY October 11th

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

9:00 – 9:50 AM: “How to be Happy on Mondays”

Lou Marinoff (City College, CUNY)

Heckler: Kevin Aho (Florida Gulf Coast University)

10:00 – 10:50 AM: “Tweaking our Mirth Addiction: Humor as Imaginative Thought Experiment”

Chris Kramer (Rock Valley College)

Heckler: Raquel Robvais (Louisiana State University)

11:00 – 11:50 AM: “The Elusive Objectivity of Humor Research”

Sophia Stone (Lynn University)

Heckler: Elizabeth Victor (William Paterson University)

12:00 – 12:50 PM: “On the Nature of Belief in *Blason Populaire* Humor”

Michael Cundall (North Carolina A&T)

Heckler: Chris Kramer (Rock Valley College)

12:55 PM: Voting and announcement of the Joseph Ellin and Richard Richards award recipients.

1:00 – 2:00 LPS Business Meeting (Members Only)