

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 (\$25 instead of \$50). 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

9th Annual Conference Program

October 9-10th, 2015

Embassy Suites Resort & Spa

Deerfield Beach, FL

FRIDAY October 9th

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

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

9:00 – 9:50 AM: “How to Enjoy the Most Boring Book in the History of Philosophy”

Stuart Dalton (Western Connecticut State University)

Heckler: Chris Kramer (Rock Valley College)

10:00 – 10:50 AM: “Humor Dichotomy”

Michael Cundall (North Carolina A&T)

Heckler: Steven Starke (University of South Florida)

11:00 – 11:50 AM: “The Perfect Joke”

Sophia Stone (Lynn University)

Heckler: Tom Brommage (Sam Houston State University)

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

(Each Participant is Responsible for Own Lunch)

2:00 – 2:50 PM: “The Irony of Jonathan Swift--Socratic or Dickish”

Chris Kramer (Rock Valley College)

Heckler: Marcus Arvan (University of Tampa)

3:00 – 4:15 PM: Teaching Philosophy of Humour/Comedy

Panelists: Michael Cundall (North Carolina A&T)

Jennifer Marra (Marquette University)

Thomas Brommage (Sam Houston State University)

4-6 PM: Happy Hour (Embassy Suites)/Job Market Q & A

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

(Each Participant is Responsible for Own Dinner)

SATURDAY October 10th

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

9:00 – 9:50 AM: “Why Materialists are Committed to Perversion”

David Hershenov (The University at Buffalo)

Adam Taylor (North Dakota State University)

Heckler: Emre Keskin (William Paterson University)

10:00 – 10:50 AM: “Empedocles to Sedaris”

Elizabeth Sills (Louisiana State University)

Heckler: Sophia Stone (Lynn University)

11:00 – 11:50 AM: “In Defense of Kind of Being an Asshole”

Marcus Arvan (University of Tampa)

Heckler: Elizabeth Victor (William Paterson University)

12:00 – 12:50 PM: “A Husserlian Function of Humor”

Jennifer Marra (Marquette University)

Heckler: Elizabeth Sills (Louisiana State University)

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

1:00 PM: LPS Business Meeting (Members Only)

Over Lunch at local restaurants

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