

# Lighthearted Philosophers' Society

## 1st Annual Conference Program

October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2007

**Conference Location:** Bishop Tavern,  
260 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. N. St. Petersburg, FL 33701

### **9:30-10:00 am: Registration and Continental breakfast**

#### **10:00 – 10:50 am: “Why Philosophy isn’t Funny”**

Author: Joseph Ellin, *Western Michigan University*

Commentator: Dave Monroe, *St. Petersburg College*

#### **11:00 – 11:50 am: “Valuing Situational Comedy: A Way to the Good Life”**

Author: Elizabeth Victor, *University of South Florida*

Commentator: Danielle Carducci, *University of Texas, Austin*

### **11:50 am – 1:00 pm: Break for Lunch at local restaurants**

#### **1:00 – 1:50 pm: “How to Read Wittgenstein as *x*: An Exercise in Selective Interpretation”**

Author: Thomas J. Brommage, Jr., *University of South Florida*

Commentator: Darci Doll, *Michigan State University*

#### **2:00 – 2:50 pm: “A Figural Theory of Film Comedy”**

Author: Kevin Sweeney, *University of Tampa*

Commentator: Eric Berling, *Michigan State University*

#### **3:00 – 3:50 pm: “Something Funny is Going on at the APA Conference: *Hume’s Fork, A Novel*”**

Author: Ron Cooper, *Central Florida Community College*

#### **6:00 – 8:00 pm: Dinner at *Gratzzi* (at the individual’s expense)**

**Business meeting at dinner to establish Association**

#### **Hotel Information:**

The local hotel associated with the conference is:

#### **The Pier Hotel ([www.thepierhotel.com](http://www.thepierhotel.com))**

253 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue North

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The Pier Hotel has offered a conference rate of \$95/night.