

## 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

The Lighthearted Philosophers Society invites interested parties to join the organization. Please direct inquiries to [lighthearted.philosophers@gmail.com](mailto:lighthearted.philosophers@gmail.com).

Conference dues, including membership in LPS, are as follows:

Rich (gainfully employed)	\$125 annual
Poor (not-so-gainfully employed)	\$75
Starving (student membership)	\$50

Sustaining memberships are also available for \$50. Members gain access to updates and information about annual meetings, other events, publications, and the like.

Day-long observation passes for undergraduate students are available for \$10 each day.

To become a member, visit our website at:

<https://www.lightheartedphilosophers.com/>

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## 17th Annual Conference Program

November 10-11, 2023

Glacier National Park, MT

## Friday November 10th

**8:30 – 9:00 AM: Registration, light refreshments, & welcome**

**9:00 – 9:50 AM: “I’m Only Human”: Self-Referential Humor and Meaningful Living**

Drew Chastain (Loyola University, New Orleans)

Heckler: Tom Brommage (Sam Houston State University)

**10:00 – 10:50 AM: Humor and Play: A Critical Interdisciplinary Reevaluation**

B. P. Prakkan (University of Groningen)

Heckler: Mike Cundall (North Carolina A&T State University)

**11:00 – 11:50 AM: The Knowledge Argument, Molyneux’s Problem, and General Artificial Intelligence: Putting It All Together with Synesthesia and Humor**

Chris Kramer (Santa Barbara City College)

Heckler: Liz Victor (William Paterson University)

**12:00 – 1:30 PM: Break for Lunch at Local Restaurants**

*(Each Participant is Responsible for Own Lunch)*

**12:00-1:30 PM: Undergraduate Luncheon**

*(Mike Cundall, North Carolina A&T)*

**2:00 – 2:50 PM: Children’s Comedy**

Sophia Stone (Lynn University)

Heckler: Liz Sills (Northern State University)

**3:00-3:50 PM: Debate: “When in conflict, a person’s right to funny self-expression overrides other people’s right to exist in a community that does not harm them.”**

Moderator: Liz Sills (Northern State University)

Team A: Michael Hoppmann (Northeastern University)

Nessa Voss (Lone Star College)

Team B: Joel Iverson (University of Montana)

Eugenio E. Zaldivar (Santa Fe College)

**4:20 PM: Presidential Redress**

**Exile in 90sville, Hidden Track: Comedy in the 90s**

Peter Westmoreland

Heckler: LPS

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

## Saturday November 11th

**8:30 – 9:00 AM: Registration & light refreshments**

**9:00 – 9:50 AM: Humorous Sex and Masturbation... and Ethics**

Michael Hoppmann (Northeastern University)

Heckler: Nessa Voss (Lone Star College)

**10:00 – 10:50 AM: Humor and the Common Good**

Mike Cundall (North Carolina A&T State University)

Heckler: Sophia Stone (Lynn University)

**11:00 – 11:50 AM: Will the Public Ever Take Philosophy Seriously? Yes, When More People Get Our Jokes!**

Lou Marinoff (City College of New York)

Heckler: George Kassimis (SUNY Albany)

**12:00 – 1:30 PM: Break for Lunch**

*(Each Participant is Responsible for Own Lunch)*

**2:00 – 3:00 PM: Undergraduate Panel**

**An Analysis of Elitism in Online Communities: An Autoethnography**

Dylan Grundstrom (Northern State University)

**What’s So Funny?**

Jacqueline Raegan (US Military Academy at West Point)

Heckler: Eugenio E. Zaldivar (Santa Fe College)

**3:05 PM: Awards Presentation**

**3:15 PM: LPS Business Meeting and Elections (Members Only)**