

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://www.lightheartedphilosophers.com/>

Or send your payment to:

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11th Annual Conference Program
September 29-30, 2017
Dolphin Beach Resort
St. Petersburg, FL

FRIDAY September 29th

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

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

9:00 – 9:50 AM: “A Dual-Axis Model of Humor”

Matthew Childers (University of Iowa)

Heckler: Eugene Zaldivar (Santa Fe College)

10:00 – 10:50 AM: “Why I am a Meat-Eating Philosophical Vegetarian”

David Hershenov (University at Buffalo)

Heckler: Steven Starke (University of South Florida)

11:00 – 11:50 AM: “Jean Paul on Truth in Humorous Poetry”

Mark Alznauer (Northwestern University)

Heckler: Grant Julin (St. Francis University)

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

(Each Participant is Responsible for Own Lunch)

2:00 – 2:50 PM: Author Meets Critics: Steve Gimbel’s

Isn’t That Clever: A Philosophy of Humor and Comedy

Hecklers: Tom Brommage (Sam Houston State University)

Jenn Marra (Marquette University)

Richard Richards (California Polytechnic State Univ, Pomona)

Dave Monroe (St. Petersburg College)

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

(Each Participant is Responsible for Own Dinner)

SATURDAY September 30th

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

9:00 – 9:50 AM: “Funny Punny Logic”

Alan Roberts (University of Sussex)

Heckler: Steve Gimbel (Gettysburg College)

10:00 – 10:50 AM: “A Philosophical Look at the Neurological Research on Laughter”

Christine James (Valdosta State University)

Heckler: Douglas Ficek (University of New Haven)

11:00 – 11:50 AM: “Mirth Management: Applying Humor Studies”

Michael Cundall (North Carolina A&T)

Heckler: Elizabeth Victor (William Paterson University)

12:00 – 1:30 PM: Break for Lunch

(Each Participant is Responsible for Own Lunch)

2 – 2:50pm: Past Presidents’ Panel

Dave Monroe (St. Petersburg College)

Tom Brommage (Sam Houston State University)

Elizabeth Victor (William Paterson University)

Heckler: Liz Sills (Northern State University)

2:55 PM: Voting and announcement of the Joseph Ellin and Richard Richards award recipients. *End of conference.*

3:15 PM: LPS Business Meeting (Members Only)