

Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology

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I. Report of the One Hundred and Eighth Annual Meeting

The One Hundred and Eighth Annual SSPP meeting was held March 10-12, 2016 at the Brown Hotel in Louisville, KY. Dr. Theodore Bach (Bowling Green State University) managed local arrangements.

Dr. Heidi L. Maibom (University of Cincinnati) chaired the philosophy program committee. The philosophy program consisted of 50 contributed papers (including 5 contributed symposia), 2 invited speakers, and 3 invited symposia (including 8 speakers). 46 colleges, universities, and other institutions were represented.

Dr. Andrew Kelly (Georgia Gwinnett College) chaired the psychology program committee. The psychology program consisted of 15 contributed papers in 4 sessions, 19 invited papers in 4 sessions, and 3 papers in the Key L. Barkley Symposium on the History of Psychology. There were also three invited speakers. 29 colleges, universities, and other institutions were represented.

The President's Invited Speaker was Dr. Thalia Wheatley, from Dartmouth College. Her talk was entitled "From Avatars to Zombies: What the Sensation of Creepiness Tells us About Personhood." The Society's annual business meeting was a plenary session.

Each year, the SSPP bestows the Richard M. Griffith Memorial Award to members or applicants for membership who are doctoral candidates or have received the doctoral degree within the last five years. The Griffith Award Committee selects the philosopher and the psychologist who give the papers of highest merit. Dr. Berit Brogaard (University of Miami) chaired the Griffith Committee for Philosophy, which recognized Cameron Buckner (University of Houston) for his paper "A Forward-Looking Theory of Content: Five Easy Pieces." Dr. Michael Beran (Georgia State University) chaired the Griffith Committee for Psychology, which recognized Charles A. Van Stockum, Jr. (University of Louisville) for his paper "Working Memory Capacity Mechanisms Differentially Predict Flexibility Versus Mental Set." The award carries a \$300 cash prize and commemorative paperweight.

Graduate Student Travel Awards were given to Lauren Alpert, Trey Boone, Jennifer Johnson, Joseph McCaffrey, and Will Whitham.

Council recommended approval of 5 applicants for full membership and 1 applicant for associate membership in Philosophy. These applications were approved unanimously. Council recommended approval of 5 applicants for full membership and 2 applicants for associate membership in Psychology. These applications were approved unanimously.

Secretary, Treasurer, and Committee Reports were presented. It was announced that the site of the 109th Annual SSPP Meeting in 2017 will be in Savannah, GA, at the Hilton Desoto. The meeting will be held **Wednesday March 22-Friday March 24**.

The following officers were elected at the 2016 business meeting: Dr. Anne Cleary (Colorado State University), President-Elect; Dr. Karin Machluf (Penn State-University Park), Council for Psychology; and Dr. Tadeusz Zawidzki (George Washington University), Council for Philosophy.

Continuing officers are Dr. Amy Kind (Claremont McKenna College), President; Dr. Bennett Schwartz (Florida International University), Past-President; Dr. Lauren Taglialatela (Kennesaw State University), Treasurer; Dr. J. Robert Thompson (Mississippi State University), Secretary; Drs. Guy Dove (University of Louisville) and Shannon Spaulding (Oklahoma State University), Council in Philosophy; Drs. Lisa Heimbauer (Penn State University) and Bonnie Perdue (Agnes Scott College), Council in Psychology. Dr. Kenneth Aizawa (Rutgers University-Newark), philosophy archivist; Dr. James Pate (Georgia State University), psychology archivist. Dr. Michael Beran (Georgia State University) is webmaster.

Retiring officers are Dr. Berit Brogaard (University of Miami) Past-President; Dr. Rik Hine (Texas Christian University), Council for Philosophy, and Dr. Timothy Flemming (Georgia State University), Council for Psychology.

Thomas C. Cadwallader was elected unanimously as an Honorary Lifetime Member of the Society.

II. Announcements

A. The 2017 SSPP meeting in Savannah

The Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology will meet at the Hilton Savannah

DeSoto in Savannah, GA, from March 22 through March 24, 2017. The convention room rate is \$179.00 (3/21-3/23) and \$215.00 (3/24), plus 13% tax and a \$1 per night occupancy fee. Valet parking is \$25. Program sessions will begin in the morning on Wednesday, March 22 and will end Friday afternoon or evening, March 24.

The hotel is on East Liberty Street in historic Savannah, with River Street, the City Market, and Savannah's squares all within easy walking distance.

The deadline for making room reservations is February 21, 2017. You can make reservations by visiting
http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalize/d/S/SAVDHHF-SFP-20170321/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG

The Group/Convention Code is: SFP. You can also call a toll free number (1-877-280-0751) to make reservations. You should state that you will be attending the meeting of the Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology, and you should request the convention rate. Please make your reservations early because the Society is obligated to occupy a block of guest rooms in order to avoid charges to the Society. The Tuesday night room block often is oversubscribed, but if the room block is filled early, we may be able to obtain an increase in the room block.

Many major airlines serve the Savannah/Hilton Head International Airport. Taxi service from the airport is currently \$30.

Information about Savannah can be obtained at www.savannahvisit.com. You may obtain additional information about the hotel at its website www.desotohilton.com (If you encounter any difficulties in making a reservation, please contact Theodore Bach (theodorebach@gmail.com))

B. The SSPP welcomes these new members

Applications from the following individuals for membership in SSPP were reviewed and unanimously accepted by Council. Please contact the Treasurer about membership.

Full Members - Philosophy: Jeff Wisdom, Clifford Sosis, Joseph Neisser, and Cecilea Mun.

Associate Member - Philosophy: Lacey Davidson.

Full Members - Psychology: Dennis McBride, Marci DeCaro, Mariana V.C. Coutinho, Hillary R. Rodman, and Thomas Ridick.

Associate Members - Psychology: Charles A. Van Stockum, Jr. and Mark S. LaCour.

III. Calls for Papers

A. Richard M. Griffith Awards

This is the first call for papers for the Richard M. Griffith Memorial Awards. Two cash awards of \$300 each plus engraved paperweights will be made for the papers of greatest excellence, one in philosophy and one in psychology, presented at the annual conference in 2017. The awards are presented at the business meeting that concludes the conference. The rules for this competition state that applicants must either have received their Ph.D. no more than five years prior to the date of the annual meeting at which the paper is presented or must be current candidates for the Ph.D. Applicants must be sole or first author of the submission, be present at the meeting to deliver the paper, and not have previously won the award. All Griffith Award applicants must be either SSPP members or applicants for membership and must indicate their eligibility and whether they are submitting for the philosophy or psychology award when they submit their papers.

B. Graduate Student Travel Grants

Up to six travel grants (up to three in philosophy and up to three in psychology) will be awarded to graduate students whose papers are accepted for the 2017 program. Students can apply for these grants simply by indicating their eligibility on their SSPP submission form. To be eligible for a travel grant, the applicant must be a member or applicant for membership in SSPP and a graduate student in a doctoral program in philosophy or psychology. Applicants may be either the sole or joint authors of the paper or abstract they submit. The travel grants will be awarded on a competitive basis by the Program Committee of each discipline, whose chair will notify recipients at the same time they are sent their acceptance notices for the program.

C. Call for Papers for the 109th Annual Meeting

The program chair for psychology for the 109th meeting will be Dr. Lisa Heimbauer (SUNY-Delhi). The program chair for philosophy will be Dr. Dimitria Gatzia (University of Akron). Details about deadlines for papers and abstracts for this meeting will appear in the August 2016 newsletter.

Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology

Founded in 1904

The Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology has approximately 600 members consisting of both philosophers and psychologists. The purpose of the society is to promote philosophy and psychology in the southern section of the United States by encouraging new research, facilitating the exchange of ideas, fostering the educational foundation of philosophy and psychology, and improving the academic status of these subjects.

The primary activities of the society are its annual conferences. These annual meetings consist of concurrent programs in philosophy and psychology as well as joint, plenary sessions of mutual interest to philosophers and psychologists. Each annual meeting features a distinguished speaker invited by the President, alternating between a philosopher and a psychologist. Recent President's Invited Speakers have been Thalia Wheatley (2016) Susanna Siegel (2015), Dan Ariely (2014), Susan Schneider (2013), Marcia Johnson (2012), Elliott Sober (2011), Lisa Feldman Barrett (2010), and Paul Bloom (2009).

Each year the Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology presents the Richard M. Griffith Memorial Award for papers of greatest excellence, one in philosophy and one in psychology. Members or applicants for membership who have received their Ph.D. during the past five years or who are Ph.D. candidates are eligible to compete for the award. The award carries a \$300 cash prize presented at the business meeting that concludes the annual conference, plus a commemorative paperweight.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP (PLEASE CHECK ONE FOR EACH ROW):

____ Philosophy ____ Psychology
____ New Application ____ Change of Status
____ Full ____ Associate ____ Emeritus

Name: _____ Title: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone: _____ Office Phone: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES ATTENDED	DATES	DEGREES & YEARS
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS (current & recent) RANK OR TITLE

QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP: Full membership in the Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology usually requires a Ph.D. in philosophy or psychology and professional involvement in either teaching or research in the relevant discipline. Those who do not have a Ph.D. but are actively involved in teaching or research are eligible for associate membership. Applicants for associate membership should submit a copy of their curriculum vitae with their application. Full members who have retired are eligible for emeritus membership, for which no dues are charged. **DUES:** New applicants, including those applying for a change of status from associate to full, are required to pay their dues in advance of consideration of their applications. In the event of unfavorable action on this application, the dues will be refunded.

Dues Enclosed: ____\$35.00 (one-year full membership) ____\$15.00 (associate membership for up to three years)

Send application and check (payable to SSPP) to: *Dr. Lauren A. Tagliatela, Treasurer, Department of Psychology, Kennesaw State University, 1000 Chastain Road, MD 2202, Kennesaw, GA 30144.* Alternately, you can pay online at the SSPP website using the payment page (www.southernsociety.org/payment.htm).