The 2007 SSPP meeting in Atlanta, GA

The Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology will hold its 99th meeting at the Sheraton Midtown Atlanta Hotel at Colony Square from April 5, 2007, to April 7, 2007. Either a single or double room will be $109.00 per night plus 15% tax. The convention rate applies for three days before and three days after the meeting if rooms are available. Parking is $18.00 per day for valet parking and $16.00 per day for self-parking. The hotel is at 188 14th Street, which is about ½ block from Peachtree Street. Additional information about the hotel is available at the hotel’s web site, http://www.starwoodhotels.com/sheraton/search/hotel_detail.html?propertyID=838.

The deadline for making room reservations is March 14, 2007, but I hope that you will make your reservations early. If the room block is over-subscribed early, I perhaps can negotiate a room block increase with the hotel. You may make reservations by accessing a special web site (http://www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/sspp2007) or by calling a toll free number (1-888-627-7217). You should state that you will be attending the meeting of the Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology (SSPP), and you should request the convention rate. The Society is obligated to occupy a block of guest rooms in order to avoid charges to the Society.

Most major airlines serve the Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport in Atlanta. The taxi fare from the airport to the Sheraton Midtown Atlanta Hotel is $32.00 for one person and $2.00 for each additional person. A shuttle from the airport to the hotel is available for $18.50. The MARTA train fare is $1.75, and the Arts Center Station is approximately four blocks from the hotel.

Since the Society last met in Atlanta (2003), some new attractions have opened or will open before the meeting next April. The Georgia Aquarium, the largest aquarium in the world according to their advertisements, is open and is attracting large numbers of people. Next door to the Aquarium is a new version of The World of Coca Cola, and both are near the Olympic Centennial Park. The High Museum of Art, Symphony Hall, and Theater Atlanta are about three blocks from the hotel. Many restaurants are in the mall at Colony Square, which is attached to the hotel, or within easy walking distance of the hotel. More information about the city and its attractions will be provided in a future Newsletter, and information about Atlanta is available at http://www.atlanta.net/visitors/index.html.

If you encounter any difficulties in making a hotel reservation, please contact James L. Pate (404-351-2199, 404-309-0253, or jpate@gsu.edu).
Highlights of the 2006 Program

President’s Invited Address

Saturday Morning
9:00 a.m.

John Searle
University of California, Berkeley

What is Language?
Philosophy Commentator: George Graham, Wake Forest University
Psychology Commentator: Bill Faw, Brewton-Parker College

Presidential Address
Friday, 5:00 p.m.

Nicholas Georgalis,
East Carolina University

First-Person Methodologies: A View From Outside the Phenomenological Tradition

Invited Speakers

Colin McGinn, University of Miami
Consciousness as Knowingness
Thursday, 4:00 p.m.

Henderikus Stam, University of Calgary
We Are All Functionalists Now: Alternatives to Functionalism Past and Present
Thursday, 4:20 p.m.

Invited Symposium:
Intentionality and Phenomenal Representations

Christopher Gauker, University of Cincinnati
Similarity and Seeing-As

John Tienson, University of Memphis
Constraints on Externalism

Pete Mandik, William Paterson University
Beware the Unicorn: Consciousness as Representation and Other Things that Do Not Exist
Thursday 5:15 p.m.
Nancy J. Nersessian, Georgia Institute of Technology  
Model-Based Reasoning in Distributed Cognitive Systems  
Friday, 10:00 a.m.

Invited Symposium: Realization

Carl Gillett, Illinois Wesleyan University,  
and Ken Aizawa Centenary College of Louisiana  
The (Multiple) Realization of Psychological Properties in the Sciences

Gene Witmer, University of Florida  
Realization and the Promise of Explanatory Import

Chase B. Wrenn, University of Alabama  
Realization and Predication

Friday, 1:00 p.m.

Invited Symposium:

Bonnie Purdue and Diann Gaalema, Georgia Institute of Technology  
Animal Cognition Research in Zoos: A New Opportunity for Psychologists

Ursula Anderson, Palm Beach Zoo  
Comparative Studies of Great Ape Cognition

Michael P. Hoff, Dalton College  
Career Collaboration in Animal Behavior Research

Friday, 2:00 p.m.

Terry Maple, Georgia Institute of Technology  
Shaping the Empirical Zoo  
Friday 3:00 p.m.

Invited Symposium: Normative Naturalistic Epistemology

J. D. Trout, Loyola University Chicago, and  
Michael Bishop, Florida State University,  
Naturalism: The Best Hope For A Normative Epistemology

David Rosenthal, New York University  
Consciousness and its Function  
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SSPP OFFICER NOMINATIONS

Your nominations are requested for President-elect from Philosophy, for Secretary, and for two Council members, one from Philosophy and one from Psychology. At least one individual for each office is placed by the Council on the ballot as a direct result of the mail-in nominations. The Council urges you to act on your right to participate in the election of our officers by nominating up to three persons for each office, listing the names in order of preferences from the TOP DOWN.

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Secretary ____________________________
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Council (Psychology) ____________________________
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Prior to the 2007 meeting, please send this form to the Chair of the Nominations Committee: Debra Sue Pate, Department of Psychology, Jackson State University, Jackson, MS 601-979-3379. (E-mail: debra.s.pate@jsums.edu)

SSPP REGISTRATION FORM

NAME _______________________________

AFFILIATION _______________________________

FEE  □ MEMBER OR NON-MEMBER ($25) CASH/CHECK
      □ GRADUATE STUDENT (NO FEE)
      □ DONATION TO STUDENT TRAVEL OR GENERAL FUND $________

Also, please register in advance by mailing the attached form and, if appropriate, a check to:
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