May 2007

IN THIS NEWSLETTER

I. Report of the Ninety-Ninth Annual Meeting

The Ninety-Eighth Annual SSPP meeting was held April 5-7, 2007, at the Charleston Riverview Hotel in Atlanta, Georgia. Dr. James Pate (Georgia State University) managed local arrangements.

Dr. Chase Wrenn (University of Alabama) chaired the philosophy program committee. The philosophy program consisted of 45 papers, 12 with commentaries, in 18 sessions with five invited sessions. 43 colleges, universities, and other institutions were represented.

Dr. Lisa Osbeck (University of West Georgia) chaired the psychology program committee. The psychology program consisted of 60 papers in 18 sessions with 3 invited sessions and the Key Barkley Symposium on the History of Psychology. 35 colleges, universities, and other institutions were represented.

The President’s Invited Speaker was Dr. John Searle (University of California, Berkeley), who presented “What is Language?” George Graham (Wake Forest University) was the philosophy discussant; Bill Faw (Brewton-Parker College) was the psychology discussant. 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. John Bickle (University of Cincinnati) chaired the Griffith Committee for Philosophy, which recognized Max Deutsch (East Carolina University) for his paper, “The Paderewski Puzzle and the Principle of Substitution.” Debra Pate, chair of the Griffith Committee for psychology, indicated that the award for psychology would be announced at a later date. The award carries a $200 cash prize and commemorative paperweight.

Graduate Student Travel awards of $100 in philosophy were given to Brandon Towl of the Washington University at St. Louis for his paper, “Mind-Brain Correlations, Identity, and Neuroscience” and to Matt Barker of the University of Wisconsin - Madison for his paper, “Biology Expands the Modular Mind.” Graduate Student Travel awards of $100 in psychology were given to Timothy M. Flemming of Georgia State University for his paper (co-authored with Michael J. Beran and David A. Washburn), “Reasoning of Same/Different Size Analogies by Rhesus Monkeys,” Naomi Lee of Georgetown University for her paper “Dialogic Repressions of a Deviant social Identity,” and to Estella Liu of University of Buffalo (SUNY) for her paper (co-authored with
Eduardo Mercado III, Barbara A. Church, and Itzel Orduña) on The Easy-to-Hard Effects in Human and Rat Auditory Identification.”

Council recommended approval of 12 applicants for full membership, 8 applicants for associate membership, and 1 applicant for emeritus membership in Philosophy. These applications were approved unanimously. Council recommended approval of 7 applicants for full membership and 10 applicants for associate membership in Psychology. These applications were approved unanimously. In recognition of his outstanding contributions to academia and to the Society, Joel Warm from psychology was unanimously voted Honorary Life Member of the Society.

Secretary, Treasurer, and Committee Reports were read. James Pate announced that the site of the One Hundredth Annual SSPP Meeting in 2008 will be in New Orleans, Louisiana, at the Monteleone Hotel.

The following officers were elected at the 2007 business meeting: Dr. Ken Aizawa (Centenary College of Louisiana), President-Elect; Dr. Lori Schmied (Maryville College), Secretary, Dr. Bill McDaniel (Georgia College and State University), Council for Psychology, and Dr. Tom Polger (University of Cincinnati), Council for Philosophy.

Continuing officers are Dr Nicholas Georgalis (East Carolina University), Past-President; Dr. Hajime Otani (Central Michigan University), President; Dr. Robert Richardson (University of Cincinnati) and Eddy Nahmias (Georgia State University), Council for Philosophy; Dr. John Monahan (Central Michigan University) and Bill Faw (Brewton-Parker College), Council for Psychology, Dr. Kenneth Aizawa (Centenary College of Louisiana), Philosophy Archivist, and AAAS representative; and Dr. James Pate (Georgia State University), Psychology Archivist, Hotel Negotiator, and AAAS representative. Dr. James Dye continues as Webmaster.

Retiring officers are Dr. Nicholas Georgalis (East Carolina University), Past-President; Dr. Kenneth Aizawa (Centenary College of Louisiana), Secretary; Dr. Charles Early (Roanoke College), Council for Psychology, and Dr. Sanford Goldberg (University of Kentucky), Council for Philosophy.

II. Announcements

A. The 2008 SSPP meeting in New Orleans, LA (from James Pate, SSPP Hotel Negotiator)

The Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology will meet at the Hotel Monteleone in New Orleans, Louisiana, from March 19 through March 23, 2008. A superior king or double/double room for one or two persons will be $129.00 per night plus 13% tax and a $2.00 per room per night occupancy tax. A deluxe king or double/double room will be $139.00 plus 13% tax and a $2.00 per room per night occupancy tax. The convention rate applies for three days after the meeting if rooms are available, but if you plan to remain beyond March 23, 2008, you should make your reservation well before the deadline. The rate for valet parking is $27.00 per day for registered guests. Program sessions will begin at noon on Thursday, March 20 and will end on Saturday afternoon, March 22.

The hotel is on Royal Street one block from Canal Street. The Monteleone is an historic hotel that has received a $70 million, four-year renovation, but the ambience of the hotel has been maintained. The renovated guest rooms are very nice, and the hotel is near numerous good and well-known restaurants.

The deadline for making room reservations is February 18, 2008. You may call a toll free number (1-800-217-2033) or the hotel directly (1-504-523-3341) to make reservations. Alternatively, you may send a facsimile to 504-528-1019. 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 Wednesday
night room block often is oversubscribed, but if the room block is filled early, I may be able to obtain an increase in the room block.

Many major airlines serve the Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport. The cost of a taxi from the airport to the hotel is approximately $28.00 for two people and $10.00 per person for more than two people. The cost for the airport shuttle is $13.00 each way. Shuttle service can be arranged at a booth in the baggage claim area. The return trip can be arranged through the hotel’s concierge.

Information about New Orleans can be obtained at [www.neworleanscvb.com](http://www.neworleanscvb.com). You may obtain additional information about the hotel at its website ([http://www.hotelmonteleone.com/](http://www.hotelmonteleone.com/)). If you encounter any difficulties in making a reservation, please contact James L. Pate (404-351-2199 or jpate@gsu.edu).

James L. Pate
Hotel Negotiator

**B. The SSPP welcomes these new members**

Applications from the following individuals were reviewed by the membership committee for their respective disciplines, recommended by Council, and unanimously accepted by a vote of the members into the Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology. Applications for membership received at or near the annual meeting are processed during the subsequent year. Contact the Secretary with questions.

**Full Members - Philosophy:** Jennifer Baker, Andrei Buckareff, Mark Couch, Remy Debes, Carrie Figdor, Carole Lee, Andrew Moser, Joseph Pitt, Brook Sadler, Irmgard Scherer, Whit Schönbein, and Anthony Williams.

**Associate Members - Philosophy:** Matthew Barker, Chris Durante, Luke Glowicki, Michele Merritt, Sarah Robins, Franklin Scott, Serife Tekin, and Isaac Wiegman.

**Emeritus Member – John Post**

**Full Members - Psychology:** Hall Beck, Kate Briggs, Sanjay Chandrasekharan, Neill Korobov, Dawn Morales, Kenneth Sufka, and Michael Tissaw.

**Associate Members - Psychology:** Patchouly Banks, Benjamin Guenther, Sarah Haas, Lisa Heimbauer, Ioana Latu, Naomi Lee, Estella Liu, Moumita Mukherjee, Nicolas von Glahn.

### 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 $200 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 2008. The awards are presented at the business meeting which 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. Only papers by one author are eligible. All Griffith Award applicants must be either SSPP members or applicants for membership and must indicate their eligibility on their paper submission forms.

**B. Graduate Student Travel Grants**

Up to six travel grants (up to three in philosophy and up to three in psychology) of $100 each will be awarded to graduate students whose papers are accepted for the 2008 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.
Call for Papers

The Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology announces a call for papers for its One Hundredth Annual Meeting, to be held in New Orleans, Louisiana. SSPP meetings feature concurrent programs in philosophy and psychology, as well as plenary sessions jointly sponsored by the philosophy and psychology program committees. The deadline for all submissions is November 15, 2007 (postmarked, midnight for electronic submissions).

A. PHILOSOPHY: The Philosophy Program Committee encourages submissions of papers in any area of philosophy. The aim of the committee is to present as balanced a program as the quality of submissions in each area permits. **Submissions exceeding 3,000 words will not be considered.** Submission should include a word count and an abstract of no more than 150 words. Self-reference should be deleted to permit blind reviewing; authors should indicate their identity only on the cover sheet that accompanies their submission. All papers submitted and presented should employ gender-neutral language.

Papers may be submitted in electronic or hard copy to:

Dr. D. Gene Witmer
Department of Philosophy
330 Griffin-Floyd Hall
P. O. Box 118545
University of Florida
Gainesville, FL 32611-8545
sspp.philosophy@gmail.com

Certain papers may be selected for commentary depending on overall programmatic considerations. People who wish to comment on a paper or to chair a session may volunteer by sending a short version of their curriculum vitae directly to the program chairperson.

B. PSYCHOLOGY: The Psychology Program Committee encourages submissions in all areas of psychology. All papers submitted and presented should employ gender-inclusive language.

For experimental, correlational, or observational papers, send an electronic copy or three hard copies of an abstract not to exceed two pages. References cited should be added as an additional page. Contributions must be based on methods appropriate to psychology as a natural or social science. Abstracts must be double-spaced with one-inch margins and at least 12-point font. The context, contribution, and importance of the research as well as the hypothesis or question being investigated should be stated clearly. The principal variables and the research design should also be specified.

For historical, methodological, and issues papers, send either an electronic copy or three hard copies of the complete manuscript. The text should not exceed 7 pages. References cited should be added as additional pages. Papers must be typed, double-spaced, with one-inch margins and at least 12-point font. Include an abstract of 100 words or less that indicates clearly the context, contribution, and importance of the paper.

Submission of symposia, panel discussions, and debates is also encouraged. In particular, sessions are encouraged that include participation by psychologists and philosophers or that focus on topics of interdisciplinary interest. For symposia or sessions, the organizer should prepare a session abstract, not to exceed two pages, describing the session's or symposium's theme, content, and importance. The organizer may also choose to have each contributor prepare an abstract that summarizes his or her own contribution. All symposium materials should be collected by the organizer and submitted together. Organizers are encouraged to contact the psychology program.
chair to discuss ideas for symposia and similar sessions.

Submissions may be sent to:

Dr. Lori Schmied
Department of Psychology
Maryville College

For psychology papers to be considered for the Griffith prize, complete papers must be submitted as PDF files or three hard copies to the psychology program chair by March 1, 2008.

SSPP Submission Form for the 2008 Meeting
New Orleans, Louisiana
March 20-22, 2008

Deadline for submissions: November 15, 2007 (postmarked)

TITLE OF PAPER OR SYMPOSIUM:

__________________________________________________________

__________________________________________________________

AUTHOR(S) AND AFFILIATION:

1st Author ____________________________  Affiliation ______________________________
2nd Author ____________________________  Affiliation ______________________________
3rd Author ____________________________  Affiliation ______________________________
4th Author ____________________________  Affiliation ______________________________
5th Author ____________________________  Affiliation ______________________________

NAME AND ADDRESS OF SUBMITTER:

__________________________________________________________________

__________________________________________________________________

HOME PHONE ____________________________  OFFICE PHONE ____________________________

E-MAIL ADDRESS _________________________________________________________

SSPP STATUS OF SUBMITTER: Full, Emeritus, or Honorary Life Member __________
Associate Member ____ Applicant for Membership ____

FIELD OF SUBMISSION: Philosophy _______  Psychology _______
General Area________________________________________

ARE YOU ELIGIBLE AND SUBMITTING THIS PAPER FOR THE RICHARD M. GRIFFITH MEMORIAL AWARD? (Only papers by one author who has either received the Ph.D. within the last five years or is a current Ph.D. candidate and who is an SSPP member or applicant for membership are eligible. In psychology, complete papers must be submitted as PDF files or three hard copies to the program chair by March 1, 2008.)

Yes ______ Date or anticipated date of Ph.D. __________________

ARE YOU ELIGIBLE AND SUBMITTING THIS PAPER FOR A GRADUATE STUDENT TRAVEL GRANT? (All graduate students whose submission to the program conforms to the SSPP submission
requirements relevant to their discipline are eligible, provided they are members or applicants for membership. They may be either the sole or joint author of the paper or abstract they submit.)
Yes _______

OVERHEAD AND LCD PROJECTORS WILL BE PROVIDED. LAPTOP COMPUTERS WILL NOT.

ARE YOU WILLING TO CHAIR or COMMENT AT THE 2008 MEETING? Yes ____ No ____

This form, or a reproduction, must be submitted with each paper, together with an abstract and/or manuscript, according to the instructions in the Call for Papers. Check the above information very carefully as it will appear in the program exactly as you have written it.
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 John Searle (2007), James L. McClelland (2006), Kenneth Shaffner (2005), Stephen Kosslyn (2004), Cynthia Willett (2003), and Frank Farley (2002).

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 $200 cash prize presented at the business meeting that concludes the annual conference, plus a commemorative paperweight.

**APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP:**  
- Full  
- Associate  
- Emeritus  
- New Application  
- Change of Status  
- Philosophy  
- Psychology  

Name: ____________________________________________  
Preferred Title: ________________________________

Address:  
___________________________________________________________________________  
___________________________________________________________________________

City_________________________________________State__________Zip_________________

Home Phone: __________________________  Office Phone: _________________________________

E-Mail Address:  
___________________________________________________________________________

**COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES ATTENDED DATES**  
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>College/University</th>
<th>Dates</th>
<th>Degrees &amp; Years</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS (current & recent)**  
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Position</th>
<th>Rank or Title</th>
<th>Institution</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**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. Dues will be credited for the year which begins on the day of the business session of the next annual meeting, at which time applications for membership will be officially reviewed. Meanwhile applicants will receive all mailings of the society. In the event of unfavorable action on this application, the dues will be refunded. Checks may be made payable to The Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology.

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

**SEND APPLICATION AND CHECK TO:** Dr. Michael J. Beran, Treasurer, 3401 Panthersville Rd, Decatur, GA 30034