

Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology

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I. Report of the One Hundredth Annual Meeting

The One Hundredth Annual SSPP meeting was held March 20-22, 2008, at the Monteleone Hotel in New Orleans, LA. Dr. James Pate (Georgia State University) managed local arrangements.

Dr. Gene Witmer (University of Florida) chaired the philosophy program committee. The philosophy program consisted of 48 papers, 22 with commentaries, in 23 sessions with 5 invited sessions. 53 colleges, universities, and other institutions were represented.

Dr. Lori Schmied (Maryville College) chaired the psychology program committee. The psychology program consisted of 63 papers in 23 sessions with 5 invited sessions and 2 Key Barkley Symposia on the History of Psychology. 40 colleges, universities, and other institutions were represented.

The President's Invited Speaker was Dr. Doug Medin (Northwestern University), who had to cancel due to travel difficulties. Dr. Thomas Carr (Michigan State University) graciously gave a

repeat of his talk "Dealing with Pressure: Performing Well When It Matters the Most." 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 Steven Todd (University of Connecticut) for his paper, "What Psych-Physics Teaches us about Dretske's 'What Change Blindness Teaches about Consciousness.'" Debra Pate, chair of the Griffith Committee for psychology, indicated that there were no submissions for the award in psychology. The award carries a \$200 cash prize and commemorative paperweight.

Graduate Student Travel awards of \$100 in philosophy were given to Adam Schriver of the Washington University at St. Louis for his paper, "Empathy and Rationalism," and Steven Todd of the University of Connecticut for his paper, "What Psych-Physics Teaches us about Dretske's 'What Change Blindness Teaches about Consciousness.'" Graduate Student Travel awards of \$100 in psychology were given to Megan Hoffmann of Georgia State University for her paper (co-authored with Michael J. Beran and David A. Washburn), "What-Where-When memory in Rhesus Monkeys: Presenting Sequential Events to Examine the Role of Relative Familiarity," Natasha Schultz of Georgia State University for her paper "Vigilance Effects on Performance Measures in Shoot/Don't

Soot Task: A Transcranial Doppler Sonography Study,” (co-authored with David Washburn), and to Svyatoslav Guznov of the University of Cincinnati for his paper (co-authored with Gerald Matthews and Gregory Funke) on “Workload and Stress Factors in the RoboFlag Synthetic Task Environment.”

Council recommended approval of 13 applicants for full membership and 6 applicants for associate membership in Philosophy. These applications were approved unanimously. Council recommended approval of 6 applicants for full membership and 2 applicants for associate membership in Psychology. These applications were approved unanimously.

Secretary, Treasurer, and Committee Reports were read. Hajime Otani announced that the site of the 101st Annual SSPP Meeting in 2009 will be in Savannah, GA, at the Hilton Hotel.

The following officers were elected at the 2008 business meeting: Dr. John Monahan (Central Michigan University), President-Elect; Dr. Lauren Tagliatalata (Kennesaw State University), Council for Psychology, and Dr. Chase Wrenn (University of Alabama), Council for Philosophy.

Continuing officers are Dr. Hajime Otani (Central Michigan University), Past-President; Dr. Ken Aizawa (Centenary College of Louisiana), President; Lori Schmied (Maryville College), Secretary; Michael Beran (Georgia State University), Treasurer; Eddy Nahmias (Georgia State University) and Thomas Polger (University of Cincinnati), Council for Philosophy; Dr. William McDaniel (Georgia College and State 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 and AAAS representative. Dr. James Dye continues as Webmaster.

Retiring officers are Dr. Nicholas Georgalis (East Carolina University), Past-President; Dr. Robert Richardson (University of Cincinnati), Council for Philosophy, and Dr. John Monahan (Central Michigan University), Council for Psychology.

II. Announcements

A. The 2009 SSPP meeting in Savannah

The Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology will meet at the Hilton Savannah DeSoto Hotel in Savannah, Georgia, from April 9 through April 11, 2009. Conference rates will be \$132.00 per night plus 13% tax and a \$1.00 per room per night city lodging fee, for a total of \$150.16 per night. The convention rate applies for one day before and after the meeting. The rate for self parking is \$11.00 per day for registered guests. Program sessions will begin at noon on Thursday, April 9 and will end on Saturday afternoon, April 11.

The **Hilton Savannah Desoto** hotel is situated in the heart of the Historic, dining, shopping and Theatre Districts of Savannah, Georgia and just a short walk to bustling River Street and City Market in Savannah, Georgia. The Hilton Savannah Desoto hotel is situated just 20 minutes from the Savannah International Airport.

The deadline for making room reservations is March 9, 2009. You may call a toll free number (1-800-774-1500) or the hotel directly (1-912-232-9000) to make reservations. Alternatively, you may send a facsimile to 912-232-6018. 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 (Code is SSP). 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.

Most major airlines serve the Savannah/Hilton

Head International Airport. The cost of a taxi from the airport to the hotel is approximately \$20.00.

Information about Savannah can be obtained at www.savannah.com. You may obtain additional information about the hotel at its website www1.hilton.com/en_US/hi/hotel/SAVDHFF-Hilton-Savannah-DeSoto-Georgia/index.do. If you encounter any difficulties in making a reservation, please contact Michael Beran (mjberan@yahoo.com or 404-244-2469).

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 Treasurer with questions.

Full Members - Philosophy: Dave Beisecker, Mason Cash, Matthew Haug, Adam Kovach, Thomas Nadelhoffer, Julinna Oxley, Andrew Pavelich, Douglas Portmore, Nicholas Power, John Sarnecki, Michael Shaffer, Leopold Stubenberg, and Deborah Tollefson.

Associate Members - Philosophy: Douglas Keaton, Peter Langland-Hassan, Craig Roxborough, Jeffrey Snapper, Shannon Spaulding, and Christopher Zarpentine.

Full Members - Psychology: Thomas Carr, Rami Gabriel, Rosalie Kern, Terry Maple, Meg Milligan, and Chad Schrock.

Associate Members - Psychology: Sanford Betz and Jennifer McVay.

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 2009. 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 2009 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 Hundred and First Annual Meeting, to be held in Savannah, Georgia. 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 16, 2008** (postmarked midnight for electronic

submissions).

A. *PHILOSOPHY*: The Philosophy Program Committee encourages the submission of papers and symposium proposals. Their selection will be based on quality and relevance to philosophy, psychology, and other sciences of the mind. The aim of the committee is to present as balanced a program as the quality of submissions in each area permits.

Papers: Submissions exceeding 3,000 words will not be considered. Submissions 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 letter that accompanies their submission. All papers submitted and presented should employ gender-neutral language.

Symposium proposals: Proposals should include: (1) a symposium title, (2) a description of the topic and its current importance to the discipline (about one page), (3) titles and abstracts of all papers, (4) name, institutional affiliation, e-mail address, and a one paragraph biographical description for each participant, (5) contact information for the organizer (who may or may not be a proposed speaker), to be used for communication with the Program Committee.

Papers and symposium proposals must be submitted electronically to:

Gualtiero Piccinini
Department of Philosophy
University of Missouri – St. Louis
piccininig@umsl.edu

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. Titles should clearly indicate the topic of the paper.

For all papers (experimental, correlational, observational, historical, methodological, or issues), send an electronic copy of an abstract not to exceed two pages. References cited should be added as an additional page. Abstracts must be double-spaced with one-inch margins and at least 12-point font. Contributions for reporting empirical studies must be based on methods appropriate to psychology as a natural or social science. 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 other papers, the abstract should indicate 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. Dawn Morales
Department of Psychology
University of South Carolina, Aiken
dawnm@usca.edu

Please specify ‘SSPP Abstract’ in the subject line. If the paper is being submitted in consideration of a Graduate Student Travel Award, please specify ‘SSPP Abstract – GSTA.’

For psychology papers to be considered for the Griffith prize, complete papers must be submitted as MS Word files to the psychology program chair by March 2, 2009. In the subject line, please specify ‘SSPP Abstract - Griffith.’

SSPP Submission Form for the 2009 Meeting

Savannah, Georgia

April 9-11, 2009

Deadline for submissions: **November 16, 2008** (postmarked by midnight)

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 electronically to the program chair by March 1, 2009.)

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 _____

LCD PROJECTORS WILL BE PROVIDED. LAPTOP COMPUTERS WILL NOT.

ARE YOU WILLING TO CHAIR or COMMENT AT THE 2009 MEETING? Yes _____ No _____

This form 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.

