

Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology

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I. Report of the One Hundred and First Annual Meeting

The One Hundred and First Annual SSPP meeting was held April 9-11, 2009, at the Hilton DeSoto Savannah hotel in Savannah, GA. Dr. Michael Beran (Georgia State University) managed local arrangements.

Dr. Gualtiero Piccinini (University of Missouri, St. Louis) chaired the philosophy program committee. The philosophy program consisted of 60 papers, 41 with commentaries, in 25 sessions with 6 invited sessions. 71 colleges, universities, and other institutions were represented.

Dr. Dawn Morales (University of South Carolina, Aiken) chaired the psychology program committee. The psychology program consisted of 41 papers in 14 sessions with 2 invited sessions and 2 Key Barkley Symposia on the History of Psychology. 29

colleges, universities, and other institutions were represented.

The President's Invited Speaker was Dr. Paul Bloom (Yale University). His talk was "Moral Psychology and Moral Progress." 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. Nicholas Georgalis (Eastern Carolina University) chaired the Griffith Committee for Philosophy, which recognized Justin Tiehen (University of Puget Sound) for his paper, "Explaining Causal Closure." Dr. Hajime Otani (Central Michigan University) chaired the Griffith Committee for Psychology, which recognized Joshua Redford (University of Buffalo, SUNY) for his paper "Study Time Allocation by Humans and Monkeys (*Macaca mulatta*) in a Perceptual Categorization Task." The award carries a \$300 cash prize and commemorative paperweight.

Graduate Student Travel awards of \$100 in philosophy were given to Douglas Keaton of the University of Cincinnati for his paper, "Property Instances and Realization," Corey Maley of Princeton University for his paper, "Analog and Digital, Continuous and Discrete," and Ana-Maria Andrei of the University of Florida for her paper, "Privileged Access and the Explanatory Gap." Graduate Student Travel awards of \$100 in psychology were given to Sarah Cavrak of Georgia Southern University for her paper (co-authored with

Heather Kleider), "Crime Scene Typicality: Shifting Attention and the Criminal Stereotype," Sheila Holmes of Jackson State University for her paper "Are They Trying? Validity of Psychological Testing of Children" (co-authored with Debra Sue Pate), and Svyatoslav Guznov of the University of Cincinnati for his paper (co-authored with Gerald Matthews), on "Teamwork in a Multiple Unmanned Vehicle Task."

Council recommended approval of 27 applicants for full membership, 1 emeritus, and 15 applicants for associate membership in Philosophy. These applications were approved unanimously. Council recommended approval of 9 applicants for full membership and 2 applicants for associate membership in Psychology. These applications were approved unanimously.

Secretary, Treasurer, and Committee Reports were presented. Ken Aizawa announced that the site of the 102nd Annual SSPP Meeting in 2010 will be in Atlanta, GA, at the Westin Peachtree Plaza hotel.

The following officers were elected at the 2009 business meeting: Dr. Thomas Polger (University of Cincinnati), President-Elect; Dr. Michael Beran (Georgia State University), Treasurer; Dr. Leslee Pollina (Southeast Missouri State University), Council for Psychology, and Dr. Gualtiero Piccinini (University of Missouri, St. Louis), Council for Philosophy. Dr. Carl Gillet was later appointed by incoming President Monahan to fill the vacancy on Council left by Dr. Polger.

Continuing officers are Dr. Ken Aizawa (Centenary College of Louisiana), Past-President; Dr. John Monahan (Central Michigan University), President; Dr. Lori Schmied (Maryville College), Secretary; Dr. Chase Wrenn (University of Alabama), Council for Philosophy; Dr. William McDaniel (Georgia College and State University) and Lauren Tagliatalata (Kennesaw State University), 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. Michael Beran is now assuming the duties as Webmaster. Dr. James Dye was thanked for his many years of excellent service as the Society's Webmaster.

Retiring officers are Dr. Hajime Otani (Central Michigan University), Past-President; Dr. Eddy Nahmias (Georgia State University), Council for Philosophy, and Dr. Bill Faw (Brewton-Parker College), Council for Psychology.

II. Announcements

A. The 2010 SSPP meeting in Atlanta

The Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology will meet at the **Westin Peachtree Plaza** in Atlanta, Georgia, from April 15 through April 17, 2010. Conference rates will be \$149.00 per night plus 15% tax, for a total of \$171.35 per night. The convention rate applies for one day before and after the meeting. Program sessions will begin Thursday morning, April 15 and will end on Saturday evening, April 17, 2010.

The **Westin Peachtree Plaza** is located within blocks of Centennial Park, not far from the campus of Georgia State University. It is conveniently located one block from the MARTA Peachtree Center Station. The fare is \$2.25. The standard taxi fare is \$35. Self-parking at the hotel is \$22/day; valet parking is \$26/day. You may call a toll free number (1-800-WESTIN1) or the hotel directly (1-404-659-1400) to make reservations. Alternatively, you may send a facsimile to 404-589-7424. The deadline for making room reservations is March 15, 2010.

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 is often oversubscribed, but if the room block is filled early,

I may be able to obtain an increase in the room block.

All major airlines serve the Atlanta Hartsfield International Airport. The cost of a taxi from the airport to the hotel is approximately \$35.00. Information about Atlanta can be obtained at www.atlanta.net. You may obtain additional information about the hotel at its website <http://www.starwoodhotels.com/westin/property/overview/index.html?propertyID=1023>. If you encounter any difficulties in making a reservation, please contact Ken Aizawa (ken.aizawa@gmail.com).

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: Fred Adams, Emil Badici, Robert Barnard, Gary Bartlett, Stephan Blatti, Peter Bradley, Anthony Dardis, Emily Esch, Daniel Farnham, Adam Feltz, Justin Fisher, Bryan Hall, Gary Hatfield, Bryce Huebner, Scott Kimbrough, Robert Lane, Keya Maitra, Alfred Mele, Alex Morgan, Joe Neisser, Gualtiero Piccinini, Eric Saidel, John Spackman, Jon Tresan, Cory Walcutt, Daniel Weiskopf, Mark Young.

Emeritus Members – Donald Ross

Associate Members - Philosophy: Ana Maria Andrei, Theodore Bach, Adam Cureton, Lisa Damm, Vanessa Gorley, Daniel Hartner, Benjamin Kozuch, Mark Phelan, Matt Sayball, Benjamin Sheredos, Adam Shriver, Jack Simmons, Justin Sytsma, Brandon Towl, Chia-Lin Tu.

Full Members - Psychology: Phillip Ackerman, Gary Biel, Kent Bodily, Emily Elliott, Michelle Hernandez-Perez, Karl Hunt, Joshua Redford, Nicholas Von Glahn, Richard Williams.

Associate Members - Psychology: Jessica Bramlett, Sheila Holmes.

C. Request from the Psychology Archivist regarding the History of the Richard M. Griffith Award: Junior Award and Griffith Award Winners

I am writing a history of awards given in the Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology (SSPP), and I need some information from winners of those awards. I have the names of the winners of the Junior Award and the Griffith Award and the titles of their papers. For the last few years, I also have been collecting the winning papers for the SSPP archives. However, I do not have other information about the winners, and I do not have winning papers for early years. Thus, I hope that each winner will submit the information listed below to me. In addition to using the information to create a database of SSPP award winners, I will place the documents that are submitted in the SSPP archives.

Birth date and birth place
Universities or colleges from which degrees were received
Years in which the degrees were received
Mentors (undergraduate and graduate)
Dissertation director
Dissertation title
Current vita
Photograph (current and from the award year)
Paper, if not already submitted
Autobiographical sketch if you wish to provide one

You may send the information electronically to jpate@gsu.edu or by regular mail to James L. Pate, 1015 Wadsworth Drive, N.W., Atlanta, GA 30318-1655. If you have questions about this project, I will be happy to answer them. I hope that you will contribute to the SSPP archives and to this

particular project by providing the requested information.

James L. Pate, Ph.D., Co-Archivist

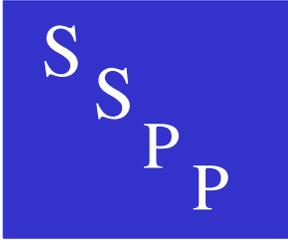
III. Calls for Papers

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 2010. 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 and be present at the meeting to deliver the paper. 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 2010 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 Second Annual Meeting, to be held in Atlanta, 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, 2009** (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, along with the submission form, should be submitted electronically to:

Dr. Daniel Weiskopf
Department of Philosophy
Georgia State University
dweiskopf@gsu.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.

Proposals and the Submission forms should be sent electronically to:

Dr. Lauren Taglialatela
Department of Psychology

Kennesaw State University
ltaglial@kennesaw.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 papers to be considered for the Griffith prize, *complete* papers must be submitted as MS Word files to the appropriate program chair by March 1, 2010. In the subject line, please specify 'SSPP Abstract - Griffith.'

SSPP Submission Form for the 2010 Meeting

Atlanta, Georgia

April 15-17, 2010

Deadline for submissions: **November 16, 2009**(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?

(Applicants must be sole or first author, have either received the Ph.D. within the last five years or is a current Ph.D. candidate, and be an SSPP member or applicant for membership to be eligible. Complete papers must be submitted electronically to the program chair by March 1, 2010.)

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 and laptop computers for presentations will be provided.

ARE YOU WILLING TO CHAIR or COMMENT AT THE 2010 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.

