

# Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology

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*February 2009*

## ***The 2009 SSPP meeting in Savannah, GA***

The Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology will hold its 101<sup>st</sup> meeting 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 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, we 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](http://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](http://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](mailto:mjberan@yahoo.com) or 404-244-2469).

## ***Nomination Forms for Officers***

Please use the following link to access the Nomination forms. Please mail or email your nominations to:

Dr. Nicholas Georgalis  
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East Carolina University  
A-337 Brewster Hall  
Greenville, NC 27858  
[georgalisn@ecu.edu](mailto:georgalisn@ecu.edu)

<http://www.niu.edu/sspp/Nomination.html>

## Highlights of the 2009 Program

### President's Invited Address

Saturday Morning, 9:00 a.m.

**Paul Bloom**

*Yale University*

Moral Psychology and Moral Progress

Philosophy Commentator: Fred K. Adams,  
*University of Delaware*

Psychology Commentator: Leslee K. Pollina,  
*Southeast Missouri State University*

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### Presidential Address

Friday Afternoon, 5:00 p.m.

**Kenneth Aizawa**

*Central Michigan University*

The Autonomy of Psychology in the Age of  
Neuroscience

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### Invited Speakers

**Scott Lilienfeld**, *Emory University*

The Problem of Pseudoscience in Mental Health  
Practice: Conceptions and Controversies

Thursday, 4:00 p.m.

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**Jason Stanley**, *Rutgers University*  
Knowing How and Knowing That: An Alleged  
Distinction Reconsidered

Thursday, 5:00 p.m.

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**John Heil**, *Washington University at St. Louis*  
Mental Causation

Friday, 8:30 a.m.

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**Alfred Mele**, *Florida State University*  
Timing Conscious Intentions

Friday, 1:00 p.m.

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**Clive Wynne**, *University of Florida*  
Why dogs love us so: Theories, minds and theories  
of mind

Saturday, 9:00 a.m.

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**Valerie Hardcastle**, *University of Cincinnati*  
The Neuroscience of Ethics: Help or Hindrance?

Saturday, 1:00 p.m.

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### Invited Symposia

#### Representing Causality

Chair: **Peter Bradley**, *McDaniel College*

**Carl Craver**, *Washington University in St. Louis*  
**Frederick Eberhardt**, *Washington University in St.  
Louis*

**Phillip Wolff**, *Emory University*

Friday, 9:30 a.m.

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**Saturday, 1:00 p.m.**

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**Invited Symposia**

**Mechanistic Functionalism**

**Chair: Gene Witmer**, *University of Florida*

**Carl Gillet**, *Northern Illinois University*

**Robert Rupert**, *University of Colorado at Boulder*

**Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology  
101st Annual Meeting Registration Form**

Savannah Hilton DeSoto  
Savannah, Georgia  
April 9 – 11, 2009

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

Discipline      Philosophy \_\_\_\_\_ Psychology \_\_\_\_\_

Electronic Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Please check the appropriate item below.

Fee: _____ Member	\$75.00 (includes 2009-2010 membership dues)
_____ Non-Member	\$55.00
_____ Graduate Student	\$15.00

Donation to the Graduate Student Travel Fund \_\_\_\_\_  
Donation to the General Fund \_\_\_\_\_  
Total \_\_\_\_\_

Please send this form and your check to Michael J. Beran, Treasurer, 3401 Panthersville Road, Decatur, GA 30034.

**PLEASE NOTE: You also may pay your registration/dues at the meeting using check or cash only.**

**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**

**DEGREES & YEARS**

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**PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS (current & recent)**

**RANK OR TITLE**

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**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**